

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular and Special Board Meeting
September 21, 2017

President Jason Thomas opened the budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Karin Atkins, Mike Beard, Jamie Farrell, Andy Killian, Andrea McBurney, Chris Olson, and Jason Thomas. Also present were Dwight Stricklin; Superintendent/ High School Principal, Paul Deters; Elementary/Junior High School Principal, Patti Thomas recording secretary; and one visitor.

Superintendent Stricklin reviewed the proposed budget.

Chris Olson moved to close the budget hearing at 7:02. Seconded by Mike Beard Motion carries.

President Jason Thomas opened the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Karin Atkins, Mike Beard, Jamie Farrell, Andy Killian, Andrea McBurney, Chris Olson, and Jason Thomas. Also present were Dwight Stricklin; Superintendent/ High School Principal, Paul Deters; Elementary/ Junior High Principal, and Patti Thomas recording secretary. There was one visitor present.

There was no public participation.

Chris Olson moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the August 14, 2017, Regular Board Meeting
- B.) Minutes from the August 31, 2017, Special Board Meeting
- C.) Lexington September 2017, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in August, 2017, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for August, 2017.
- D.) District Finances: August 31, 2017, Treasurer's Report.
- E.) Approved the Risk Management Plan
- F.) Approved the letter of resignation from Christina Bissey effective at the end of the school year.

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

Atkins	- yes	McBurney	- yes
Beard	- yes	Olson	- yes
Farrell	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Will Glass, from First Midstate Bank, presented the board with some options on refunding our 2009 Life Safety Bond that will be callable on December 1, 2017.

Superintendent/ High School Principal Dwight Stricklin reported on the following:

- Our Fiscal Year 2018 Budget figures that are up for approval tonight are looking good with at least a \$300,000 surplus in the Education Fund.

- The old boys locker room should be completed by the beginning of October. The hallway leading into the locker room should also be completed by October 1st.
 - Upcoming Events/ Dates
 - Oct 3rd and 5th- Parent/ Teacher Conference 4:00-8:00 pm
 - October 5th – Homecoming Parade 1:00 pm
 - October 6th – Teachers Institute (No School)
 - October 6th – Homecoming Football Game 7:00 pm
 - October 7th—Homecoming Dance 8:00 pm
 - October 9th—Columbus Day (No School)
 - Enrollment as of 9/21/17
 - 9th- 37
 - 10th- 31
 - 11th- 29
 - 12th- 42
- Total 139 Total District 508 End of last school year 491**

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K- 8th Enrollment 367
 - Preschool: 18
 - Kindergarten: 41
 - 1st Grade: 36
 - 2nd Grade: 37
 - 3rd Grade: 32
 - 4th Grade: 41
 - 5th Grade: 50
 - 6th Grade: 36
 - 7th Grade: 41
 - 8th Grade: 32
- Offsite: 3
- Athletics:
 - Junior High Baseball: Season ended in semifinals of the Regionals. Record 9-9 overall.
 - Junior High Softball: Season ended in the semifinals of the Regional 6-12 overall.
 - Junior High Girls' Basketball season has begun with 8- 6th graders, 4- 7th Graders, and 10- 8th Graders.
 - Junior High Boys' Basketball will be starting soon.
- Mrs. King hosted "New Students Breakfast" for the three different grade levels early in the year. Mrs. King reported things went well and she will plan to do it again. She is planning to meet with them again to follow up on how things are going for them.
- Elementary students were entertained at an assembly today by Dr. Bob, The Animal Guy.

- We are hosting the first of our Parent Night tonight. The topic is “Love and Logic”—an approach to raising kids that provides loving support from parents while at the same time expecting kids to be respectful and responsible. We are utilizing LEAP after school staff to provide free childcare for families that attend. We have 33 signed up for tonight. (This also meets one of the requirements to attend our Preschool Program.)
- We are going to begin utilizing Natasha Jilek to provide RTI support to our JH students in literacy. We are targeting those students who could use extra support. Students will be pulled from classes such as PE or exploratory classes to get this support. We will be working with parents/ students to make the best decisions for these students.
- Before School Survey was sent out last week to our elementary families. Early returns show a considerable interest in supporting a before school program.

- The Cafeteria scored a 97% on the most recent health inspections.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Sept 25th and 26th—Dental Clinic
 - Sept 27th and 28th—School Pictures
 - Sept 28th—JH Fall Sports Awards Banquet 6:00 pm
 - Sept 29th—Purple Pride 9:15 am
 - Oct 2nd-6th—Homecoming week
 - Oct 3rd and 5th—Parent- Teacher Conference
 - Oct 6th—Teacher In-Service
 - Oct 13th—End of 1st quarter

The personnel committee reported on their meeting with the Travis Shock from the Unland Company and the LEA representatives to talk about other options for health care coverage.

The athletic committee reported on their meeting with the Ridgeview administration and the Lexington administration on how the current co-ops are doing and what can do to add more options for our students.

Jamie Farrell motioned to approve the fiscal year 2018 proposed budget. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

Beard	- yes	Olson	- yes
Farrell	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
McBurney	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to hire Jill Stutzman as JH girls' basketball coach beginning with the 2017-18 season. Seconded by Andrea McBurney.

Roll call vote:

Farrell	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
McBurney	- yes	Beard	- yes
Olson	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously

Andrea McBurney moved to approve hiring Jonathan Olson as 6th grade boys' basketball coach beginning with the 2017-18 season. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
McBurney	- yes	Beard	- yes
Olson	- abstain	Farrell	- yes
Thomas	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously

Jamie Farrell moved to approve changing the November board meeting to Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 pm, and the December board meeting to Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to authorize the construction of a restroom to be added to the current JH locker room up to \$10,000. Roll call vote:

McBurney	- yes	Beard	- yes
Olson	- yes	Farrell	- yes
Thomas	- yes	Killian	- yes
Atkins	- yes		

Mike Beard moved to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Andrea McBurney, Secretary