

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular and Special Board Meeting
September 17, 2020

President Jason Thomas opened the budget hearing at 6:55 p.m.

President Jason Thomas led the board with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called with the following members present: Karin Atkins, Mike Beard, Jamie Farrell, Andy Killian, Andrea McBurney, and Jason Thomas. Also present were Paul Deters; Superintendent, Jennifer McCoy; Junior High/High School Principal, Julie Strating; Elementary Principal, Patti Thomas recording secretary. There were no visitors present.

Chris Olson arrived at the meeting at 6:57 pm

Superintendent Deters presented and reviewed the FY21 proposed budget.

Mike Beard made the motion to close the budget hearing at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Andrea McBurney.

Motion carries.

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Andrea McBurney moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the August 17, 2020, Regular Board Meeting and Minutes from the September 1, 2020, Special Board Meeting.
- B.) Lexington September 2020, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in August, 2020, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for August, 2020.
- C.) District Finances: August 31, 2020, Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Approval to adjust substitute pay for Lexington CUSD #7 retired teachers from the stair step pay rate to a flat pay rate of \$120/ per day.
- E.) Approval of the policy updates: 4:180, 7:40, 7:20, 7:185,7:10, 5:20, 5:100, 5:10, 2:260, 7:340, 7:190, 5:330, 5:220

Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent, Paul Deters, reported on the following:

- “Gov. Pritzker says his administration has advised all cabinet directors to prepare for the possibility of cuts of at least 5% for the current fiscal year, as well as to submit a potential fiscal year 2022 spending outline that would reflect a 10% reduction in appropriations.”
- The Notice of Opportunity for Funding grant is in the beginning stages of “merit review”. Rep. Brady and I are in contact and maintaining a watchful eye on this opportunity.
- September is typically our best month for cash flow in the district with two tax distributions this month. As a result, a \$1.4 million investment was made to the FDIC cash this week.
- We had a sewer/ drain backup in our basement storage last Friday afternoon. We have since identified and rectified the problem, filed a property claim and had that area professionally cleaned and sanitized.
- New access door technology has been installed and is up and running. Both offices report that they are very thankful to have it to improve security and efficiency. I have already received a handful of thank you emails from our parents.
- Brian Wiltz and Rob Haslett have both completed the bus driver training course this past weekend. It’s the first step towards earning their school bus driver’s license.
- The remote learning plan that the teachers and administration have been working on is 85-90% complete.
- We currently have two staff members who has tested positive with COVID-19. After contact tracing was completed it was decided that there was no need to quarantine any students from these cases. The teachers have been working hard on social the distancing rules in their classrooms.

Junior High/ High School Principal Jennifer McCoy reported on the following:

Enrollment as of 9/17/20 for 6th-12th Grades: 269

- 6th Grade: 34
- 7th Grade: 39
- 8th Grade: 44
- 9th Grade: 34
- 10th Grade: 40
- 11th Grade: 31
- 12th Grade: 34
- Virtual Academy: 13
- We currently have 26 students enrolled in Life Success course and 21 students enrolled in the Sociology course through Heartland Community College.
- Mrs. King is hosting high school senior college night this evening, September 17th, to review a number of topics ranging from applying to colleges as well as scholarships and financial aid.

- We currently have 66 Chromebooks checked out by high school students along with 2 that have been checked out for “special circumstances” to junior high students. Two Chromebooks have been turned in for damage, district wide and five have been turned in for not working.
- The emergency drills are scheduled (Fire, Shelter-in-Place).
- SAT testing is set for Wednesday, October 14th for seniors only (due to missing it in April)

Elementary Principal Julie Strating reported on the following:

- Pre-K- 5th Enrollment 223
 - Preschool: 12
 - Kindergarten: 37
 - 1st Grade: 27
 - 2nd Grade: 29
 - 3rd Grade: 39
 - 4th Grade: 31
 - 5th Grade: 35
 - Virtual Academy: 13
- The Mclean County Health Department inspected our cafeteria last Friday (September 11th) and we passed with flying colors! They only found one item to correct, and Molly was able to make that adjustment immediately. Congratulations to Molly, Ashley, and Lois for their hard work day in and day out to earn this level of cleanliness.
- Shannon Peters worked tirelessly to get the Calvert program up and running for our Virtual Academy students which was not an easy process. Her perseverance to learn the program, troubleshoot our issues, provide additional materials, and communicate all of this to the families in the program has been outstanding and I applaud her efforts.
- The school pictures have been taken last week and the proofs are online for the parents to approve.
- The bus evacuation drill was completed last week with all the students.

A discussion was held on the bonds that are callable this year.

Jamie Farrell made the motion to go into executive session at 7:43 pm. to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of its employees (section 2 (c) (2)) Seconded by Andy Killian.

Motion carries unanimously

Karin Atkins made the motion to go into open session at 7:53 pm. Seconded by Andy Killian. Motion carries unanimously

Andy Killian made the motion to approve the FY 21 proposed budget. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the LEA for the 2020-21 school year. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

The board had the first reading of the new policy 7:345: Use of Educational Technologies: Student Data Privacy and Security.

The board had the first reading of the new policy 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure.

Karin Atkins made the motion to approve the increase for the junior high basketball officials pay to \$65/ night for 20-21 school year and \$70/night for the 21-22 school year. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Chris Olson moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Andy Killian. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Andrea McBurney, Secretary