

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 17, 2020

President Jason Thomas opened the regular meeting 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 Paul Deters; Superintendent, Julie Strating; Elementary Principal, Jennifer McCoy; Junior High/High School Principal, and Patti Thomas; recording secretary. There were 3 visitors present.

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

Julie McArdle representing the LEAF organization along with Don Cavallini presented a plaque in honor of Ivy Trimmer to be placed on the Lexington Legends Wall of Fame. The Trimmer estate's monetary donations for classroom field trips has touched many students over the years and will continue to touch many more for years to come.

Andrea McBurney moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from July 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, and July 28, 2020 Special and Closed Session Board Meeting.
- B.) Minutes from the August 4, 2020 Special Board Meeting and August 11, 2020 Special Board Meeting.
- C.) Lexington's August 2020, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in July, 2020, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for July, 2020.
- D.) District Finances: July 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report.
- E.) Approve the resignation of Jessica Noland as Nurse's Assistant effective immediately.
- F.) Approve Paul Deters as Chief Investment Officer and FOIA Officer for FY21.
- G.) Approve to renew district property/casualty/liability insurance through Ramza Insurance Group for 2020-21 school year.

Seconded by Jamie Farrell. 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:

- Today we had the first day of teachers in the building. Many things look and feel the same but many things are different this year. The staff displayed a very positive attitude today and hope to pass that on to our parents tonight at the Open House.

- We hosted our first junior high baseball and softball games this past weekend. For the first time in a while things felt pretty normal.
- Our new LED digital sign was put into place outside the high school today thanks to the donations for the Tom Vincent memorial. We would like so send a huge thank you to Jason Birkenbeil along with Mike Beard for helping get that sign up and running.
- I would also like to thank our summer staff and administrators here for all their hard work this past summer getting the building ready and plans in place to welcome back our students and staff for the 2020-21 school year.

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

- The Enrollment for the 2020-21 School year as of 8/17/2020 is as follows:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 33                      Virtual Academy: 0
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 38                      Virtual Academy: 4
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 42                      Virtual Academy: 5
    - Total for Junior High: 122, In-Person: 113 Virtual Academy: 9
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 33                      Virtual Academy: 1
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 40                      Virtual Academy: 0
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: 31                      Virtual Academy: 1
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 33                      Virtual Academy: 3
    - Total for High School: 142, In-Person: 137 Virtual Academy: 5
- We were excited to see the staff back in the building today. We had a welcome back game of Family Feud as a teambuilding and morale boosting activity.
- The paraprofessionals have been working hard on labeling the Chromebooks and getting them distributed out to the classrooms for the students to use on Wednesday.

Elementary Principal Julie Strating reported on the following:

- The Enrollment for the 2020-21 School year as of 8/17/2020 is as follows:
  - Pre-K Grade: 12                      Virtual Academy: N/A
  - Kindergarten: 35                      Virtual Academy: 5
  - 1st Grade: 26                      Virtual Academy: 2
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 27                      Virtual Academy: 4
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 39                      Virtual Academy: 3
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 28                      Virtual Academy: 7
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 33                      Virtual Academy: 3
    - Total for Junior High: 224- In-Person: 200 Virtual Academy: 24
- Our elementary virtual academy is getting prepared for Calvert Learning
- Our elementary in-person teachers created a new procedures video we shared with families

- We conducting our open house tonight.
- Special thanks to our PTO for providing recess bags for each student and art supplies for each student.
- Special thanks to Mrs. Long-Ingram, PTO, and HS art students for adding painted activities to our playground.

Superintendent, Paul Deters presented a tentative budget for FY21 to the board. The budget is set to be approved at the September special board meeting.

Paul also updated the board on the “Return to Learn Plan”. New guidelines came out from the health department last Thursday with several major changes. This now makes us very concerned about the sustainability of remaining in-person with these new guidelines.

No action will need to be taken on the Memorandum of Understanding with the LEA tonight as we are still working through some things. Please strike that from our action items.

Karin Atkins made the motion to hire Melissa Meints as a full-time paraprofessional for the 2020-21 school year. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andy Killian made the motion to hire Brittany Freed as a full-time Nurse’s Assistant for the 2020-21 school year. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Jamie Farrell made the motion to approve the bid of \$7451.53 from Heart Technologies to install new Aiphone Door Answering Systems for the main entrances at the Elementary and JH/HS. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Isaac Steidinger, Athletic Director/ Dean of Students arrived at the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and reported on the following:

- This past weekend we hosted our first junior high baseball and softball games of the season. We were complimented by the umpires on our preparedness for the games and supplying the girls with gators for their faces. We do have some concerns about the fan groupings and not social distancing very well. We may have to address this issue if it continues.

Karin Atkins moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Seconded by Mike Beard. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jason Thomas, President

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Andrea McBurney, Secretary