

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
June 18, 2015

President Jason Thomas called the regular meeting to order in the District Office at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Mike Beard, Andrea Hoggins, Chris Olson, Andy Schuler and Jason Thomas. Also present were: Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Paul Deters, Elementary Principal; Jim Allen, Junior High / High School Principal; Patti Thomas, recording secretary. There were two visitors present.

President Jason Thomas opened the hearing on the amended budget at 7:00 p.m. Superintendent Curt Nettles reviewed the amended budget figures and explained that the budget needed to be amended for auditing purposes. President Jason Thomas closed the budget hearing at 7:05 p.m.

President Jason Thomas administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed board member, Andrea Hoggins.

Chris Olson moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) May 21, 2015, regular session minutes and closed session minutes,
- B.) Lexington June 18, 2015 regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in May, 2015 and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for May, 2015
- C.) District Finances:
  - May 31, 2015 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution.
- E.) Approve the updated board policies: 2:250 (option 1-C), 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:45, 5:40, 5:120, 5:270, 5:290, 5:330, 6:15, 6:40
- F.) Adopt the amended budget for the year ending June 30, 2015
- G.) Approve keeping minutes from closed sessions from the past six months closed.
- H.) Accept the resignation of Jennifer Armstrong as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher.
- I.) Accept the resignation of Donita Duffee as Jr. High Dean of Students.

Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hoggins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Olson	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Nettles reported on the following:

- It still looks as though the fourth categorical payment will not come from the state. That will mean a \$69,813 hit to the Education Fund. Early tax receipts have been coming in with two payments having hit the schools account at the time of this writing. These are in the amounts and the timing that was expected.

- We are being told that General State Aid is being projected at a 92% proration for the fiscal year 2016. It is still unknown how much of a funding increase K-12 education will receive before districts can definitively say how much GSA amounts will be. However, the latest draft shows Lexington being down over \$66,000 for next year compared to this year. Since the EAV went up, that will cause GSA to go down. The higher proration will not make up the difference in the GSA formula.
- There are no major issues with the facilities as this time. The crew is well underway with the summer clean up and maintenance.
- The legislative session is being projected to play out until July. No one knows for sure what will happen come July 1 if a budget agreement has not been made in Springfield. The latest information is that the governor and the leaders are negotiating over the items the governor wants as part of his reform package.

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- We had a great finish to the school year on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We would like to thank the Key Club members by coming in during this past week and helping the custodians with some summer cleaning projects.

Jim Allen, Junior High / High School Principal reported the following:

- I would like to thank Mr. Thomas and Mr. Olson for their help with the high school graduation and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion respectively.
- I have been working on completing mandatory state reports.
- We have also been working on updating registration materials to increase online access for parents.
- We have been drafting the Athletic Coaches Handbook & Evaluation Plan.
- I have developed Guiding Principles for cooperative agreements.

Chris Olson moved to table the decision on the pay increase for the Non-certified staff for FY 15-16 until July. Seconded by Mike Beard. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to approve the one year contract extension with Illinois Central Bus Company with a 2.5% increase. Seconded by Andrea Hoggins.

Hoggins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Schuler moved employ Lois Thompson as part time cafeteria employee at 2.5 hours per day beginning with the 2015-16 school year. Seconded by Chris Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to replace the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teaching position vacated by Jennifer Armstrong. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Olson	- yes	Beard	- no
Schuler	- yes	Hoggins	- yes
Thomas	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously

Mike Beard moved to indefinitely postpone the decision to allow free tuition waivers for students of staff members until further research. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held about the development of a Coaching Evaluation/ Athletic handbook. The board also discussed the formation of five separate committees among the board members to specialize in specific areas of interest. The five committees consist of the Community Connections Committee, The Finance Committee, the District Sharing Committee, Building & Technology Committee, and the Personnel Committee.

Jason Thomas, speaking for the Lexington Board of Education, wanted to thank Superintendent, Curt Nettles, for his past eight years of service to the Lexington School District and wished him well.

Andy Schuler moved to adjourn at 8:35. Seconded by Mike Beard. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jason Thomas, President

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Michael F. Hawkins, Secretary