

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
November 12, 2019

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, Patti Thomas; recording secretary. There were no visitors present.

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

Karin Atkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the October 17, 2019 Special Board Meeting
- B.) Minutes from the October 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- C.) Lexington November 2019, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in October, 2019, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for October, 2019.
- D.) District Finances: October 31, 2019, Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. 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:

- Financial:
 - As I have mentioned before, we will be pulling cash from our investments for the next seven-eight months to make sure that we have enough cash flow until next spring's early tax receipts start coming in. After three months, our FDIC investment has resulted in \$12,703 of interest.
 - The HOIC superintendents have begun meeting and comparing resources that we all purchase/ lease in our respective districts. The objective is for all of us to become more informed consumers and in doing so, we can use our knowledge and resources to get the best deals for our districts. I recently locked in contracts for electricity (2024) and natural gas (2022) that should provide our district cost savings if our usage remains steady.
 - I have requested Midwest Transit to supply me with the cost to purchase our lift bus and activity bus whose leases are both up at the end of the year.
- Facilities:
 - Architect Paul Lunsford conducted a review of the property a few weeks ago. We reviewed the board goals and the remaining items on the Health-Life Safety Plan.

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

Enrollment as of 11/12/19 for 6th-12th Grades: 273

- 6th Grade: 43
 - 7th Grade: 49
 - 8th Grade: 39
 - 9th Grade: 41
 - 10th Grade: 34
 - 11th Grade: 38
 - 12th Grade: 29
 - Offsite: 1
- Ms. Duffee was a guest speaker for our Veteran's Day ceremony yesterday, and she did a fantastic job! The entire event was impressive and moving. I'm so proud of all of our students' behavior and how they showed respect for our attending veterans.
 - We will be adjusting our finals to extend over three days to allow 90 minutes for examination periods. This change will allow teachers more flexibility in how they assess students as well as give students more time with the classroom to demonstrate their understanding. Feedback from the teachers reported that their finals were not reflective of what an assessment should look like in their content and that many students felt rushed to complete their test within the allotted 45 minutes. Improving our finals' schedule- and how we assess students- is one more way to help make our students ready for college and career assessments.

Elementary Principal Julie Strating reported on the following:

- Pre-K- 5th Enrollment 233
 - Preschool: 18
 - Kindergarten: 28
 - 1st Grade: 31
 - 2nd Grade: 45
 - 3rd Grade: 39
 - 4th Grade: 35
 - 5th Grade: 35
 - Offsite: 2
- We are thrilled to be recognized as exemplary for our elementary school once again this year. We are planning celebrations for both staff and students.
- Kindergarten Be-A-Star reading program took place on November 1st. The students enjoyed bringing a guest to the school for the afternoon to celebrate and promote literacy. 96% had at least one guest join them for this event.
- Staff, students, community and our American Legion participated once again in a very successful Veterans Day ceremony yesterday.

The Curriculum/ Policy committee reported that they met this past week and review some new policies that are coming in regularly and gave examples of a few of those policies.

The Finance/ Personnel committee reported that they are preparing for the upcoming negotiations.

A discussion was held on Policy 8:20 Community use of School Facilities. The board discussed on whether or not to update the policy going forward.

Mike Beard made the motion to authorize the display of the 2019 tentative tax levy.

Seconded by Jamie Farrell. 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 Paul Peacock as 6th grade boys' basketball coach for the 2019-20 season. 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 accept Jonny Meints' resignation as Assistant High School Boys' Baseball Coach. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andrea McBurney made the motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3:40, Checklist For Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiation Process. Seconded by Jamie Farrell

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard made the motion to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. (Section 2 (c) (1)) and Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees for their representative or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes for employees (Section 2 (c) (2)). Seconded by Andy Killian.

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins made the motion to go into open session at 8:32 p.m. Seconded by Andy Killian.

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Seconded by Andy Killian. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Andrea McBurney, Secretary