

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
June 30, 2020

President Jason Thomas opened the regular meeting at 7:10 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, Isaac Steidinger, Athletic Director/ Dean of Students, and Patti Thomas; recording secretary. There was one visitor present.

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

Shane Little addressed the board about the school district providing the softball teams with their own field that is managed and maintained by the school and not the park district.

Andrea McBurney moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the May 18, 2020 Regular and Closed Session Board Meeting
- B.) Lexington June 2020, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in May, 2020, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for May, 2020.
- C.) District Finances: May 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Approval of Sharon Goodwin's irrevocable letter of retirement at the completion of the 23-24 school year.
- E.) Approval of Board Policy: 8:80, 7:130, 4:50, 2:125, 2:160, 5:150, 5:280, 5:60, 6:135, 6:280, 7:70, 7:90, 8:10, 8:110, 8:30.
- F.) Approval of the transfer of \$47,764.50 from IMRF/ SS to working cash.
- G.) Approval of the transfer of \$17,927.61 from tort to working cash.
- H.) Approval of the transfer of \$36,000 from working cash to the education fund.

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:

- The General Assembly passed a budget in which schools are to be held harmless for the 2020-21 school year with state funding. The plan is to freeze districts with the Evidence Based Funding and fully provide for state categorical payments. However, in the past, this plan has led to not receiving all the categorical payments or seeing a proration in the payments that we're supposed to see.
- To date, we have reached just over \$40,000 in CARES money. This money was used to purchase 180 new Chromebooks to help with instruction, whether it be faced to face or remote instruction for the next year and beyond.

- Application was submitted for the \$285,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. If approved, money from this grant would go towards a three story elevator to make our building ADA accessible and compliant for years to come. The rough estimate of this project from Lunsford Architects comes in at around \$480,000.
- The gym floors refinishing has been completed and are available for use if we enter into Phase 4 of IHSA Return to Play.
- The new library windows have been installed.
- Weatherproofing of the roof and bat remediation has been completed.
- The new wall sign for the junior high/ high school has been installed. A new digital sign is set to be installed in mid to late August.

Elementary Principal Julie Strating reported on the following:

- The 2020 Pre-School screening has been completed with 31 children being screened. A big thank you to Nurse Pam, Tara McGraw, Amanda Carter and Shannon Peters for working along with Tri-County personnel to complete the screenings. The screenings resulted in 6 children being enrolled in the morning program and 5 children in the afternoon program at this time.

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

- The graduation ceremony was that held on Friday, May 22nd and was a huge success under the CDC guidelines that we were given.
- We are working on moving Mr. Peacock's classroom upstairs to Mrs. Pacha's room to provide a space for the Stem Lab.

The financial committee reported that they have been meeting with some financial institutions about some of our bonds that will be coming callable later this year with some refinancing options.

The board held a discussion on plans for the 20-21 school year. They have set up seven different committees that cover Instruction, Technology, Health and Student Services, Transportation, Extra/ Co- Curricular, Personnel Human Resources, and Operations, Maintenance, Food Service. Each committee consists of some administrators, district personnel, parents and school board members. These committees will be meeting the next few weeks to help come up with a plan for the 20-21 school year.

Isaac Steidinger, Athletic Director, presented the board with the plans IHSA has released for Stage 2 (Phase 4) of the Return to Play. The Illinois Department of Public Health has not yet approved the plan but when (if) they do we will be ready to implement it.

The board discussed some recent requests for the facility usage during Phase 4 and decided that the baseball field will be open for usage with a need from the organization to share their social distancing plan and their assurance for the plan.

The board also discussed a recent request from a parent to review the attendance policy on excusable absences. The board decided to table the discussion for now.

The board held the first reading of board policy 7:325; Student Fundraising Activities.

Mike Beard made the motion to go into executive session at 6:50 pm to discuss the Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees [Section 2 (c) (1)] Seconded by Andy Killian.
Motion carries.

Jamie Farrell made the motion to go into open session at 7:06 p.m. Seconded by Karin Atkins.
Motion carried.

Andrea McBurney made the motion to approve the 2019-20 amended budget as presented. Seconded by Andy Killian. 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 2020-21 handbooks for the elementary, junior high, high school, and coaches. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. 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 district providing behind the wheel instruction this summer for students not able to complete their hours during the spring semester of 2020 which affected 16 students. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Karin Atkins made the motion to approve the purchase of new curriculums for high school science and high school foreign language. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andy Killian made the motion to approve Rob Haslett as the behind the wheel instructor for the summer of 2020 at \$20 per hour. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Chris Olson made the motion to hire Doug Yoder as varsity boys' basketball coach for the 2020-21 season. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Karin Atkins made the motion to hire Ratasha Garbes as the junior varsity volleyball coach for the 2020-21 season. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andrea McBurney made the motion to hire Rob Haslett as an additional assistant football coach for the 2020-21 season. Seconded by Karin Atkins. 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 hire Jeff Doll Sr. as assistant junior high softball coach for the 2020-21 season. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Karin Atkins made the motion to hire Ashley Fox as additional junior high softball coach for the 2020-21 season. Seconded by Andrea McBurney.

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

Motion carried unanimously

Mike Beard made the motion to hire Jonathan Meints as additional junior high baseball coach for the 2020-21 season. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andy Killian made the motion to hire Jonathan Olson as auxiliary high school boys' basketball coach for the 2020-21 season. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Jamie Farrell made the motion to approve all the returning coaches for the 20-21 school year. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andrea McBurney moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Andy Killian. Motion carried unanimously.