

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
March 19, 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 no visitors present.

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

There was no public participation.

Jamie Farrell moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the February 19, 2020 Regular and Closed Session Board Meeting
- B.) Lexington March 2020, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in February, 2020, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for February, 2020.
- C.) District Finances: February 29, 2020 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Approve the transfer of \$15,883.33 from Working Cash to IMRF/ Social Security Fund.
- E.) Approve the IHSA membership for 2020-2021.
- F.) Approve the resignation of Emily Miller as 3rd Grade Teacher effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- G.) Approve the resignation of Emily Miller as Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach effective immediately.
- H.) Approve the re-employment of the following non-tenure staff for 2020-2021 school year:
 - Ashley Fox – 2nd year
 - Wendy Bachman- 3rd year
 - Corey Brown- 3rd year
 - Amanda Carter- 3rd year
 - Natacha Jilek- 3rd year
 - Sara Killian- 3rd year
 - Jessica Romersberger- 3rd year
 - Brain Wiltz- 3rd year
 - Ashley Bolin- 4th year
 - Emma Havrilka- 4th year

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:

- The financial summary through February was presented to board. The figures are on track as predicted earlier this year.
- We are instructed by the governor to pay all employees as they would normally work throughout this COVID-19 shutdown. The state has informed us that they are still planning on making their payments to us.
- The tax computation spreadsheet was presented with a 1.45% EAV increase for 2020.
- We have been informed that we were approved for the \$50,000 matching maintenance grant.
- Through the COVID-19 shutdown we have been providing food boxes to our students and their families, along with providing families with the technology that their children may need to keep up with communication from the school.

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

- Enrollment as of 03/19/2020 for 6th-12th Grades: 271
- 6th Grade: 42
 - 7th Grade: 48
 - 8th Grade: 38
 - 9th Grade: 42
 - 10th Grade: 34
 - 11th Grade: 38
 - 12th Grade: 29
 - Offsite: 1
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- Since the school closure due to COVID-19, we have issued 10 hotspots and 43 Chromebooks to families in our community. We are scheduled to issue 13 more tomorrow.
 - Congratulations to Jayden Standish and Clayton Haase who are finalists for the HOIC Athlete and Academic Scholarships, respectively.

Elementary Principal Julie Strating reported on the following:

- Pre-K- 5th Enrollment 237
 - Preschool: 19
 - Kindergarten: 29
 - 1st Grade: 31
 - 2nd Grade: 45
 - 3rd Grade: 39
 - 4th Grade: 36
 - 5th Grade: 36
 - Offsite: 2

- Thanks to Mr. Steidinger's help we have launched an online google drive shared folder with documents for parents and students to access organized by grade level. This makes for a much smoother and efficient process and we have received positive feedback on this improvement.
- Although we will most likely have to change the dates, we are all set for kindergarten parent registration and preschool screening to help us prepare for next year. We look forward to meeting these families after the COVID-19 crisis ends.
- Molly and the cafeteria staff deserve a huge shout-out for all of their efforts with food service this week. They have embraced the changes and led the charge. Several of our staff members (almost 30 each day) have volunteered their time and talents to assist in this process and for that we are thankful.

Mike Beard made the motion to go into executive session at 7:39 pm to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. [Section 2 (c) (1)] Seconded by Karin Atkins.
Motion carries.

Jamie Farrell made the motion to go into open session at 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Andy Killian
Motion carries

Karin Atkins made the motion to hire Joshua Weier as JH/HS Physical Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 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 Jill Stutzman as JH/HS Special Education Teacher for 2020-21 school year. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. 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 a one- year contract for Julie Strating for the 2020-21 school year. Seconded by Chris Olson.

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 contract extension for Jennifer McCoy through the 2021-22 school year. Seconded by Mike Beard.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Chris Olson made the motion to approve the contract extension for Isaac Steidinger through the 2021-22 school year. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andrea McBurney made the motion to approve Justin Bratcher as volunteer assistant softball coach for the 2019-20 season. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. 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 approve IHSA Bass Fishing as a high school activity for the 2019-20 school year. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Killian made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of the following policies:

- a) 5:50 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace, E-Cigarette, Tobacco and Cannabis Prohibition.
- b) 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- c) 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- d) 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews
- e) 6:60 Curriculum Content
- f) 6:300 Graduation Requirements
- g) 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students

Seconded by Andrea McBurney.
Motion carries

Chris Olson moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Andrea McBurney, Secretary