

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Special Board Meeting
August 11, 2020

President Jason Thomas opened the special meeting at 5:00 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, 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.

There was no public participation

Karin Atkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

A.) Approval of the resignation from 6th Grade Volleyball Coach, Ashtin Edwards.

Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

Atkins	- yes	Mc Burney	- yes
Beard	- yes	Olson	- yes
Farrell	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously

Elementary Principal Julie Strating reported on the following:

- The student drop-off plan was presented with 5 access doors.
 - Each grade level be assigned a specific door.
 - Drivers are asked to move into and out of our traffic patten as efficiently as possible once drop-offs are completed.
 - Students should be completely ready to exit the vehicle prior to the drop-off point so that they only need to unbuckle and exit as soon as it is their turn.
 - Doors will become unlocked at 8:10 and attendance will be taken to start the day at 8:40
 - Our staff working each door will have duties promptly at 8:40 so if you are arriving late you should drop-off at the office door (door #17 for GS and door #1 for HS)
 - If a student wishes to eat breakfast at school, the student must enter their grade level door for check-in and then go directly to the cafeteria for breakfast.
- Bus times have been sent out and the parents should be able to view that information on Teacherease.
- The Open House is planned for Monday, August 17th. The sign up time slots are filling up fast.

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

- Most of the teachers have been in the building over the last two days working on Remote Learning. The upper grade level teachers have been training on Google Classroom and all of its features and the lower grade level teachers have been getting trained on the Seesaw software.
- The new teacher orientation took place on Monday, August 10th with all four new teachers to the district.

Athletic Director/ Dean of Students, Isaac Steidinger reported on the following:

- The IHSA and the IESA have issued a proposal for what the seasons will look like for the 2020-21 school year.
- We currently have two high school student interested in swimming with our Pontiac Co-op but have yet to attend any practices.
- We currently have 28 boys out for baseball and 29 girls out for softball. The IESA is only allowing 2 dates or 3 events per week to be played for each team so for the most part they are going to be conference games.
- At this time all but one conference school will be allowing fans to attend the baseball and softball games assuming social distancing will be practiced.

Superintendent, Paul Deters, reported on the following:

- No action will need to be taken on the Memorandum of Understanding with the LEA because they have not come to us with anything yet. Please strike that from our action items.
- I am currently working on the FY20-21 budget. I will have it ready for viewing by the next regular board meeting on August 17th.

The board held a discussion on the updates to the “Return to Learn Plan”. With registration coming to a close, we are currently near 7% of the parents choosing the Virtual Academy for their child(ren). A few changes were highlighted on the plan and are as follows:

- We are now offering a 2-week period for students choosing the Virtual Academy at the beginning of the school term to opt back into in-person instruction, if they choose to do so. After the 2-week period, the students who remain in the Virtual Academy will do so for the remainder of the grading period (K-5: 9 weeks) (6-12: semester)
- The outdoor playground will not be used. K-5 will be using recess bags to have equipment to play with.
- Each student will have an assigned Chromebook with 9-12 trialing taking the devices out of the building.
- The CDC has given us a new list of symptom to watch for
 - Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
 - Sore throat
 - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
 - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

The board also held a discussion about having a special board meeting next month to have Kevin Heid from Stifel come in to present some options we have for our bonds that are coming callable this year.

Jamie Farrell made the motion to go into executive session at 5:43 to discuss the following matters.

A. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of its employees (Section 2 (c) (2))

B. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (Section 2 (c) (1)) Seconded by Mike Beard.

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Killian made the motion to go into open session at 6:51. Seconded by Mike Beard. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson made the motion to hire Saige Cramer as full time custodian. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Karin Atkins made the motion to hire Amanda Wiltz as full time paraprofessional. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andrea McBurney made the motion to hire Staci Hohulin as full time paraprofessional. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Jamie Farrell made the motion to hire Tricia Lambert as full time paraprofessional.
Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Mike Beard made the motion to set a date for a Special Board Meeting for Tuesday, September 1st at 5:00 pm. Seconded by Jamie Farrell
Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Killian made the motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Seconded by Jamie Farrell.
Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Andrea McBurney, Secretary