

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Special Board Meeting
August 4, 2020

President Jason Thomas opened the special meeting at 5:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: 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 were 3 visitors present.

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

Jeff Doll addressed the board about his concerns that the coaches may be paid on a sliding scale this year depending on how long their seasons are. If they are not going to be paid the full amount or not at all could that go towards their respective programs instead.

Jamie Farrell moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Approval of the resignation of paraprofessional Sara Emberton effective immediately.
- B.) Approval of the resignation of paraprofessional Jessica Miller effective immediately.

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

- The Enrollment as of 8/4/2020 with the registration is:
 - 6th Grade: 32 In-Person, 0 Virtual Academy
 - 7th Grade: 37 In-Person, 4 Virtual Academy
 - 8th Grade: 42 In-Person, 4 Virtual Academy
 - Total for the Junior High: 111 In-Person and 8 Virtual Academy
 - 9th Grade: 31 In-Person, 1 Virtual Academy
 - 10th Grade: 34 In-Person, 0 Virtual Academy
 - 11th Grade: 26 In-Person, 1 Virtual Academy
 - 12th Grade: 30 In-Person, 2 Virtual Academy
 - Total for the High School: 121 In-Person and 4 Virtual Academy
- The Tech committee has met and have decided that we will be assigning Chromebooks to all 6th thru 12th graders to use this year. They will not be sharing them with other students. The high school students will be piloting a new program that will allow them to take their Chromebook home each night. We are in the process of purchasing new sleeves for the Chromebooks to help protect them during transport. We will assess this program later in the school year to see if we will then offer the junior high students to begin taking them home.

Elementary Principal Julie Strating reported on the following:

- The Enrollment for the Elementary as of 8/4/2020 with the registration is:
 - Pre-K: 11 In-Person, 0 Virtual Academy
 - Kindergarten: 37 In-Person, 5 Virtual Academy
 - 1st Grade: 27 In-Person, 3 Virtual Academy
 - 2nd Grade: 29 In-Person, 3 Virtual Academy
 - 3rd Grade: 42 In-Person, 3 Virtual Academy
 - 4th Grade: 33 In-Person, 7 Virtual Academy
 - 5th Grade: 36 In-Person, 1 Virtual Academy
 - Total for the High School: 215 In-Person and 22 Virtual Academy
- The open house plan has been created with each students and immediate family will be limited to 15 minutes in their classroom on a scheduled basis. We will be sharing the plan with the parents ASAP.
- The new door drop-off map has been created and will be shared with the parents during open house.
- The cafeteria will look a little different this year with using both gyms in order to be able to social distance during lunchtime.

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

- The IHSA has decided to proceed with some lower risk fall sports beginning in August like girls swimming and diving, golf and cross country. The higher risk sports like Football and Volleyball have been moved to the spring. The HOIC will be meeting tomorrow to discuss schedules. With all the state's COVID-19 regulations put in place it will affect the schedules.
- We currently have one high school student interested in swimming with our Pontiac Co-op.
- Fall contact practices will be allowed for most sports to begin in September. Past policy has been if an athlete is participating in a sport that is in season they cannot participate in these contact practices for other sports. With that in mind, we will be looking into waiving that policy this year with all the changing of the seasons.
- The IESA has reversed their decision to allow boys baseball and girls softball to be played this fall. The practices for these sports began on Monday, August 3rd. 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 we are looking into dividing the teams up for each sport into two different teams so we will be able to get twice as many games in.
- Junior High girls basketball will be played from February thru May and this will be the same time as track. We will discuss how this will work later in the school year.
- I will be meeting with the conference tomorrow morning to discuss whether or not to allow fans at the baseball and softball games.

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 been able to meet and vote on it. Please strike that from our agenda.
- We are conducting the custodial interviews this week. I should be able to bring a name to the board next week to hire.
- I have met with Heart Technology about adding some security devises to our exterior doors nearest to our offices. These doors will remain locked during the day for each person to be buzzed in. This will help reduce traffic coming and going in the school building.

The board held a discussion on the updates to the “Return to Learn Plan”. With registration coming to a close, we are currently trending between 7-10% of the parents choosing the Virtual Academy for their child(ren).

Andrea McBurney made the motion to hire Jessica Noland as Nurse’s Assistant for the 20-21 school year. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andrea McBurney made the motion to approve Justin Bratcher as volunteer junior high softball coach for the 20-21 season. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andy Killian made the motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Seconded by Mike Beard. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Andrea McBurney, Secretary