

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Special Board Meeting  
July 28, 2020

President Jason Thomas opened the special meeting at 5:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Karin Atkins, 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 junior high softball and some other options on what they could do with the girls now that IESA has cancelled their season. He would still like to hold practices five days a week with some scrimmages amongst themselves.

Shane Little also addressed the board about junior high softball and what other schools are trying to implement.

Jamie Farrell moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

A.) Approval of Board Policy 7:325; Student Fundraising Activities.

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Superintendent, Paul Deters, reported on the following:

- After doing some research on the additional federal funding that the governor has decided to release I have found out that we will not be eligible to receive any of those additional funds.
- We are currently planning on honoring our last spring retirees and milestone employees on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> during our remote learning planning day. We haven't worked all the details out yet but we will be getting together with the staff while following the CDC regulations of social distancing.

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

- At the end of June, the district decided to cancel the junior/ senior prom for 2020 but the after-prom committee decided to do something special for the kids and held a drive by block party where they offered drinks, slushies and other goodies. They also gave out gift bags with several prizes for the kids. I think the kids had a great time with the party.

Elementary Principal Julie Strating reported on the following:

- Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Emma Long-Ingram for being named the Illinois Art Education Association's 2020 recipient of the Elementary Art Educator Award Way to go, Emma!
- We are currently interviewing some candidates for the paraprofessional positions that have become available for the 20-21 school year. We are also interviewing for the Nurse's assistant position that we are adding to cover the added COVID-19 issues that may arise.

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

- At this time IESA has decided to cancel all fall sports. We are currently researching all of our options on what we can actually do with the athletes to keep them busy and active while following all the regulations put into place. IHSA will be meeting tomorrow, July 29<sup>th</sup> to make their decision on high school fall sports.

The board held a discussion on the updates to the Return to Learn Plan. With registration beginning we are currently trending at 6.5% of the parents choosing the Virtual Academy for their child(ren). The website has been updated to include more Q/A about the Virtual Academy and a FAQ document along with the IESA decision has also been added.

The board also held a discussion on some options for door security. We are looking at a couple of companies to install door security on some of our exterior doors.

Andrea McBurney made the motion to go into executive session at 6:20 pm. to discuss 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)) Seconded by Chris Olson.

Motion carries unanimously.

Karin Atkins made the motion to go into open session at 7:14 pm. Seconded by Andy Killian.

Motion carries unanimously.

Jamie Farrell made the motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Chris Olson. Motion carried unanimously.