

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
August 12, 2019

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, Andrea McBurney, Chris Olson, and Jason Thomas. Also present were Paul Deters; Superintendent, Jennifer McCoy; Junior High/ High School Principal, Julie Strating; Elementary Principal, and Patti Thomas; recording secretary. There were no visitors.

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 July 18, 2019 Regular board meeting
- B.) Lexington's August 2019, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in July 2019, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for July 2019.
- C.) District Finances; July 31, 2019, Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Set September 19th at 6:55 pm as the hearing for the FY 20 Budget.
- E.) Approval of Paul Deters as Chief Investment Officer.

Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The board held a discussion on the minimum wage law and how to get all our non-certification staff in compliance fairly.

The board also discussed the Annual School Board Convention that is held in Chicago during the month of November.

Athletic Director/ Dean of Students, Isaac Steidinger, arrived at 7:14 pm.

Superintendent Paul Deters, reported on the following:

- Our Evidence Base Funding will increase slightly for 2019-20. We will see an increase of approximately \$17,000 for FY20.
- We have been notified that our Personal Property Replacement Taxes will increase by \$32,000 for FY20
- The work is complete around the vestibule entrance. However, we noticed a leak yesterday that McLean County Glass will be coming in to look at and correct.
- The Band room carpet is completed. The room looks great and sounds completely different.
- The custodians made some minor improvements to the girl's locker room to accommodate larger softball bags/ security.

- Our playground asphalt has some large cracks. I had McLean County Asphalt come out today to discuss addressing these areas. The cost to resurface the cracks should come in less than \$1,500. Grant and I don't feel this is an area that can be left alone as the cracks are significant safety concerns. We are working on setting a date to get this addressed ASAP.
- I have contacted Jon Devore to come and take a look at some brick issues on our building that is in need of some tuck pointing.
- The governor has signed a bill that alleviates some red tape for teaching candidates. This new law should help a little in the issue of the teacher shortage.
- I have set up a meeting with the President of Bushue Human Resources to learn more about the services that they can offer school districts. Currently, we utilize Bushue for assisting us with our commercial/ liability/ workers compensation plans. I believe the services that Bushue could offer such as updating our job descriptions, applications, human resource compliancy, are warranted to keep the school protected.
- Today and tomorrow are teacher institute days. Everyone seems energetic and ready to go for the school year. Open house is tonight from 5:30-7:30 pm.
- I have been asked to serve on the McLean County Planning Board subcommittee for Census 2020 in an attempt to get an accurate count of our rural areas.
- We are entering into a new phase of social media with the school district and we are wanting to get events, pictures, and videos posted out there for all to see. We are wanting to use the #LEXGO to show what all is happening at Lexington Schools.

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

- The Junior High/ High School enrollment as of 8/12/19 is as follows:
 - 6th Grade- 43
 - 7th Grade- 48
 - 8th Grade- 38
 - Total JH- 129
 - 9th Grade- 42
 - 10th Grade- 34
 - 11th Grade- 39
 - 12th Grade- 29
 - Total HS- 144
 - Total JH/ HS-273
- Tomorrow at the Teacher Institute we will be having an all staff Teambuilding event.

Elementary School Principal, Julie Strating, reported on the following:

- All staff attended today's in-service. Lunch was provided by the Council of Churches.
- Playground updates:
 - Paul is working with Mclean County Asphalt to fill in our dangerous cracks.
 - New basketball hoops are in and we are attempting to lock them in place at the height we want.
 - PTO purchased a playground equipment storage shed. Mr. Wiltz and some FFA students built it. Our custodians will be moving it to the blacktop tomorrow. It will have a lock on it.
 - PTO is working with Mrs. Long-Ingram to create some functional activities painted on the blacktop. Look for more to come this fall after the cracks are repaired.
 - Watt's garden-concrete is poured, and the rocks and a bench are there to start the year. More updates will come this fall.

Elementary Enrollment as of 8/12/19 is as follows:

- Pre-K- 16
- Kindergarten- 29
- 1st Grade- 29
- 2nd Grade- 45
- 3rd Grade- 40
- 4th Grade- 35
- 5th Grade- 35
- Off site- 2
 - Total 231
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Athletic Director/ Dean of Students, Isaac Steidinger, reported on the following:

- The projected athletic number for fall:
 - Junior High Softball-26
 - Junior High Baseball- 25
 - High School Volleyball- 34
 - High School Football- 27 for Lexington
 - Football Cheerleading- 13
- Isaac presented the NFHS School Broadcast Program with Pixellot which is a video broadcast program to be able to stream all home sporting events along with concerts for the community and other communities to view online.

Mike Beard made the motion to approve the district's property/casualty/liability insurance bid with EMC Insurance for the 2019-20 school year. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson made the motion to hire Jill Mohr as a bus monitor. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve Darrin Frye's irrevocable retirement letter with his last year being 2022-23. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andrea McBurney made the motion to approve Melissa King as Key Club Sponsor beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins made the motion to approve Michael Armitage's resignation letter dated August 9, 2019. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to adjourn at 8:39 pm. Seconded by Mike Beard. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Andrea McBurney, Secretary