

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
April 19, 2007

President Debbie Barnard called the regular meeting to order in the District Office at 7:03 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Debbie Barnard, Steve Brown, Tony Dietsch, Ben Kahle, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, and Lori Leake. Also present were Dr. Brent J. McArdle, Superintendent; Rick Baker, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and, one visitor, Curt Nettles.

Lori Leake moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) March 15, 2007 regular session minutes.
- B.) Lexington April 19, 2007, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in March, 2007, and, ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills.
- C.) Treasurer's Report; Financial Statement, including interfund loan transactions; Investment Schedule; and, authorize the superintendent to direct the treasurer to conduct further investment transactions at the superintendent's discretion.

Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

Barnard	- yes	Killian	- yes
Brown	- yes	Klein	- yes
Dietsch	- yes	Leake	- yes
Kahle	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Brent McArdle reported on the following items:

- A spreadsheet showing special education costs and revenues was discussed.
- Costs for computer replacements for next year will exceed \$65,000.
- The IASB Corn Belt Division Governing Committee meeting will be held May 1.
- Policy Manual updates were made available.

Elementary School Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items:

- The vacancy created by Heather Hoffman's one-year leave for 2007-08 has been advertised.
- The new dishwasher for the cafeteria has been ordered and will be installed over the summer. It will be necessary to replace some of the original kitchen equipment each year.
- There are 26 kindergarten students in the pre-registration for 2007-08.
- Mr. Heidbreder reviewed the procedure used for creating class lists.
- The elementary Student Council has two projects slated: ACES / "All Children Exercising Simultaneously" on May 1; and, refurbishing the "Jacob's Garden" area of the elementary playground in the coming weeks.

Junior High / High School Principal Rick Baker reported on the following items:

- The high school Math Team will compete in the ICTM State Math Contest at the University of Illinois on Saturday, April 28.
- Scheduling of high school classes for 2007-08 is nearly complete.
- There is a significant increase in the number of students wanting to enroll in the Area Vocational Center.

- The Prairie State Achievement Examination will be administered to high school juniors next week.
- Mr. Baker recommended Mike Castleman for the position of social studies teacher / football coach, with seven years of experience.
- Mr. Baker also recommended Christina Wright, a first time teacher for the high school special education position.
- Mr. Baker recommended increasing the credit for Physical Education from $\frac{1}{4}$ credit to $\frac{1}{2}$ credit per semester. This will increase the credits required for graduation from 22.5 to 25 credits.

Due to the necessary certification of board election results, Bruce Klein moved to reschedule the May board meeting to Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Tony Dietsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to approve the following personnel action items:

1. Employ Mike Castleman to teach high school social studies for the 2007-08 school year.
2. Employ Christina Wright to teach high special education for the 2007-08 school year.

Seconded by Tony Dietsch. Roll call vote:

Brown	- yes	Klein	- yes
Dietsch	- yes	Leake	- yes
Kahle	- yes	Barnard	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Tony Dietsch moved to approve the increase from $\frac{1}{4}$ credit to $\frac{1}{2}$ credit per semester for Physical Education, increasing the required number of credits for high school graduation from 22.5 to 25 credits. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Motion carried unanimously.

In Old Business, board vice-president Steve Brown honored outgoing board president Debbie Barnard, expressing high praise for her sixteen years of service on the board. She is respected by parents, teachers and administrators as a true advocate for kids, as leader and spokesperson for the Lexington School District. Debbie responded graciously, briefly recalling times that stand out among the years she has served on the board. Board secretary Bruce Klein gave Mrs. Barnard a token of appreciation from the entire board, and Dr. McArdle presented her with a parting gift on behalf of the district.

Steve Brown moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Motion carried unanimously.