

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
April 17, 2008

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the Learning Center at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Steve Brown, Ben Kahle, Mike Kelley, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, Lori Leake, and Kregg Ummel. Also present were Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Rick Baker, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Sean Berry, Administrative Assistant; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and approximately 40 visitors, including district teachers, parents and members of the community.

President Steve Brown recognized the visitors and allowed those who had indicated a desire, to address the board. Eight individuals spoke to the board, regarding the high school athletic code. A recent incident of underage drinking resulted in a one-year suspension from all extra-curricular activities for two students. The decision had been appealed by the parents of the two students, but was upheld by the superintendent. The parents of one of the students were scheduled to address the Board in closed session later in the evening to further appeal the suspension.

President Steve Brown and other board members responded to the group, affirming the athletic code as it is presently written.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) March 18, 2008, regular and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington April 17, 2008, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in March, 2008, and, ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills.
- C.) Treasurer's Report; Financial Statement; and, Investment Schedule and authorize the superintendent to direct the treasurer to conduct further investment transactions at the superintendent's discretion.
- D.) Set hearing for the amended budget on June 19, 2008, at 6:45 p.m.

Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

Brown	- yes	Klein	- yes
Kahle	- yes	Leake	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Ummel	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Curt Nettles reported on the following items:

- The Illinois Association of School Boards has sent each board member a survey to complete.
- It has been rumored throughout Illinois that the government might not disburse to school districts their last two state aid payments or fourth quarter grant payments before the end of the fiscal year. That would mean the district would not receive approximately \$253,700 before June 30.
- There is legislation being proposed that would force the government to make all state aid payments prior to the end of the fiscal year.
- Mr. Nettles had met with the Johnson Controls representative in regard to the condition of the boilers and the elementary building chiller. The district will need to replace these items in the next few years.

Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items.

- Substitute teacher Jenny Heitzmann is available to finish the school year for Michelle Hayes' maternity leave.
- The recent "Young Authors" event was a great success. The student winner of the writing competition was Kasey Heitzmann. Professional author Deborah Ruddell was the guest presenter, featuring her book, *Today at the Blue Bird Café*. Mr. Heidbreder expressed thanks to the three teachers who coordinated the event and the four local sponsors.

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

- The Math Team who will compete at the state contest on April 26.
- Spring sports are well underway.
- High school class scheduling for 2008-09 is nearly completed.
- Juniors will take the PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Examination) next week.
- The schedule for semester exams and end-of-year activities was handed out to board members and will be posted on the district's website in the high school information section.

In new business, high school principal Rick Baker recommended an addition to the student handbook for driver education. Regarding the athletic code, minor changes are needed to a few lines, in that student appeals are to go to the superintendent rather than the athletic director. Lori Leake moved to incorporate the above items into the athletic code, with no other changes to be made. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Roll call vote:

Kahle	- yes	Leake	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Ummel	- yes
Killian	- yes	Brown	- yes
Klein	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve Francois Associates Architects to fulfill the district's architectural needs. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

Kelley	- yes	Ummel	- yes
Killian	- yes	Brown	- yes
Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Leake	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Marsha Killian moved to approve employment of Jenny Heitzmann to finish the school year for Michelle Hayes' maternity leave. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

Killian	- yes	Brown	- yes
Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Leake	- yes	Kelley	- yes
Ummel	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Brown moved to go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss a student disciplinary case. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Roll call vote:

Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Leake	- yes	Kelley	- yes
Ummel	- yes	Killian	- yes
Brown	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to go into open session at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Ben Kahle. Roll call vote:

Brown	- yes	Klein	- yes
Kahle	- yes	Leake	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Ummel	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to uphold the superintendent's decision on the appeal of student "A." Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

Kelley	- yes	Ummel	- yes
Killian	- yes	Brown	- yes
Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Leake	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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| Leake | - yes | Kelley | - yes |
| Ummel | - yes | Killian | - yes |
| Brown | - yes | Klein | - yes |
| Kahle | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Steven K. Brown, President

Bruce A. Klein, Secretary