

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting  
April 13, 2010

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 8:02 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Steve Brown, Mike Kelley, Ben Kahle, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, Andy Schuler, and Randy Winterland. Also present were: Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Sean Berry, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and five visitors (Laurie Schleeter reporting for the Pontiac Daily Leader; students Grant Pestka and Ross Miller; and, Sarah Coffey and Whitney Fryer of United Way.)

Lexington High School Students Grant Pestka and Ross Miller, supported by United Way representatives Sarah Coffey and Whitney Fryer, gave a presentation on their involvement in a leadership program, Teens United. The boys' participation will benefit the community with the addition of a "Born Learning" trail in Keller Park in 2011. Mr. Berry commended the students for their work.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) March 18, 2010, regular session minutes.
- B.) Lexington April 13, 2010, regular bills, and due to the early date of this meeting, any necessary additional bills received in the next 10 days, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in March, 2010, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for March, 2010.
- C.) March, 2010, 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.) Reemployment of Eleanor Hess for fifth year/tenure for 2010-11.
- E.) Resignation of Ralph Whitsitt effective at the end of 2009-10.
- F.) Hearing date for amended budget, June 17, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

Brown	- yes	Klein	- yes
Kahle	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Winterland	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

In addition to his written report, Superintendent Nettles reported on the following:

- Interviews for a custodian will begin the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> and the successful candidate will begin no later than May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- It is necessary to transfer money between funds in order to maintain positive cash flow in each fund, because of the growing shortfall of funds due from the state.
- Mr. Nettles will meet with First Midstate regarding future needs for working cash to meet operating expenses over the next few years.
- Health / Life Safety money will be used to complete projects, not working cash.

In addition to his written report, Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following:

- The *Young Author* event on April 1st was a great success, with Gabby Freed selected as the winner. She will compete on May 15 at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Young Authors' Conference at ISU.
- A new reading textbook series is being purchased for the elementary grades.
- The *Response to Intervention* program has had a successful first year.
- The first round of interviews for a new band director has been completed.

In addition to his written report, Junior High / High school Principal Sean Berry reported on the following:

- Minutemen of the Month winners for March are Caitlin Kelley (underclassman) and Matthew Peterson (upperclassman). The theme was diligence / perseverance.
- Prom will be held April 17.
- Class scheduling for 2010-11 is complete. Mr. Berry commended Mrs. White on her first year as guidance counselor.
- The reading and writing skills modules of the COMPASS Test were administered to all sophomores and the juniors interested in taking the Heartland classes next year. The test was given here at our school, rather than the students going to the Heartland campus for the test. The test will provide another set of data on the group of sophomores that took the test. The math module of the COMPASS test was not used because it does not relate to the Heartland classes we offer, but it is being reviewed for possible use in the future.
- The HOIC Art Festival was held at Blue Ridge on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen students attended along with Ms. Mullison.

Bruce Klein moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Christina Frederick as high school girls' basketball coach. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote.

Kahle	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Winterland	- yes
Killian	- yes	Brown	- yes
Klein	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Marsha Killian moved to approve the payment of \$2,430 over two years, as the district's share of the capital investment for the *Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network* grant. Seconded by Randy Winterland. Roll call vote:

Kelley	- yes	Winterland	- yes
Killian	- yes	Brown	- yes
Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Schuler	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve the final calendar for 2009-10, with an ending date of May 28, 2010. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Motion carried unanimously.

Marsha Killian moved to approve a 3.5% increase for non-certified employees for 2010-11. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Killian	- yes	Brown	- yes
Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Schuler	- yes	Kelley	- yes
Winterland	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve appointment of Dave Leake as head of maintenance for 2010-11 at an annual salary of \$48,300. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote.

Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Schuler	- yes	Kelley	- yes
Winterland	- yes	Killian	- yes
Brown	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.

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Steven K. Brown, President

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Marsha M. Killian, Secretary