

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting  
August 16, 2007

Vice-president Ben Kahle called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Tony Dietsch, Ben Kahle, Mike Kelley, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, and Lori Leake. Also present were Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Rick Baker, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Sean Berry Administrative Assistant; and, Toni Wilken, recording secretary.

Bruce Klein moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) July 19, 2007, regular session minutes.
- B.) Lexington August 16, 2007, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in July, 2007, 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.) Regarding the notice received from the ISBE that the amended budget indicates administrative costs for 2006-07 would increase 11%, exceeding the limit of 5%, and determining that the budget figure for package insurance had been entered incorrectly (Administrative costs actually decreased for 2006-07.), Mr. Nettles pursued this with the ISBE as to how to get the item corrected. A motion will be made under *New Business* to that effect.
- E.) Consulting services contract with Dr. Brent McArdle.

Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

Dietsch	- yes	Killian	- yes
Kahle	- yes	Klein	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Leake	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Curt Nettles reported on the following items:

- Preliminary information from the state shows that Lexington Schools made adequate yearly progress based on test scores from the spring of 2007. More information will be shared when the state issues official results.
- The district audit for June 30, 2007, was recently completed, and it went well with only minor changes to be made. A full report will be made at the September board meeting.
- Since the state budget is still not final, revenue figures are uncertain, therefore the tentative district budget is based on best estimates.
- Teacher institute days on August 20 and 21 will begin the school year. The facilities are in great shape and ready for teachers and students.
- The discussion with the City regarding the street along Keller Park is ongoing.
- The Citizens' Advisory Committee will meet this fall and at least two more times during the school year.
- The Technology Committee will also meet this fall and once in the spring.
- The Open House for the district will be August 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Elementary School Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items:

- Mr. Heidbreder recommended Peggy Huston and Wendy Ummel for teacher aide positions.
- Elementary enrollment figures as of August 16 show a total of 288 students in preschool through grade six.
- Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) results indicate elementary students scored above the state average in all areas.
- Gradual replacement of cafeteria equipment will continue each year. The ice machine may be next, or the ovens.
- The playground equipment, which is constructed of logs, is showing deterioration. Mr. Heidbreder will look into possible grants for replacement.
- A week of professional development at the district was well attended by teachers. Technologies for the classroom and teacher web page design were offered, as well as curriculum development.

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

- Junior high enrollment figures show a total of 84 in grades seven and eight. The high school enrollment is 199 in grades nine through twelve.
- Preliminary test results for juniors who took the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) show a decline from the previous year's group.
- Seventh and eighth grade scores on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) show results above the state average in all areas.
- Mr. Baker concurred that the teacher workshops were well attended. Teachers will give presentations at the institute on material they covered in the workshops.
- Sports participation in the Jr./Sr. High School is going well for fall sports. Jr. high baseball is underway with high school football and volleyball starting soon.
- The co-op with Tri-Valley and LeRoy for cross-country has fallen through. Lexington students will have to compete as individuals. The co-op may come through for next year.
- Mr. Baker recommended approval of Steve Leake and Bill Wasson as girls' and boys' cross-country volunteer coaches respectively.
- The co-op with Pontiac for swimming has been renewed for a two-year term.

Tony Dietsch moved to approve the following personnel items: accept the resignation of Brenda Baker who will be greatly missed; employ Peggy Huston and Wendy Ummel as teacher aides; and, assign Christina Wright as seventh grade girls' basketball coach.

Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

Kahle	- yes	Klein	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Leake	- yes
Killian	- yes	Dietsch	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the technology support contract with Quality Network Solutions, at a cost of \$2,000 per month, 10 months per year, with a 2% increase each year through June 30, 2011. Seconded by Tony Dietsch. Roll call vote:

Kelley	- yes	Leake	- yes
Killian	- yes	Dietsch	- yes
Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve extending the contract of district technology coordinator Steve Simpson an additional five days per year. Seconded by Tony Dietsch. Roll call vote:

Killian	- yes	Dietsch	- yes
Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Leake	- yes	Kelley	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the tentative budget for 2007-08. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

Klein	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Leake	- yes	Kelley	- yes
Dietsch	- yes	Killian	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Tony Dietsch moved to approve a maternity leave for Marisa Owens. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

Leake	- yes	Kelley	- yes
Dietsch	- yes	Killian	- yes
Kahle	- yes	Klein	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein made the following motion: pursuant to a directive from the Illinois State Board of Education, with approval from the district auditors, I move we direct the superintendent to transfer the amount on line item 2510 for district insurance in the amount of \$20,000 to line item 2540 on the amended budget for fiscal year 2007.

Seconded by Tony Dietsch. Roll call vote:

Dietsch	- yes	Killian	- yes
Kahle	- yes	Klein	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Leake	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Under *Old Business*, Mr. Nettles reported on the matter of the street along Keller Park being transferred to the City. He had researched a legal description of the street, but found that none exists. Mr. Nettles will discuss this with the mayor.

Tony Dietsch moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.