

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
February 15, 2007

President Debbie Barnard called the regular meeting to order in the District Office at 7:00 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; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and two visitors, Heather and Jeff Hoffman.

In the "Public Participation" portion of the meeting, teacher Heather Hoffman presented her request for a maternity one-year unpaid leave of absence.

Steve Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) January 19, 2007 regular session minutes, and January 20, 2007, special/study session minutes.
- B.) Lexington February 15, 2007, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in January, 2007, and, ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills.
- C.) Treasurer's Report; Financial Statement; Investment Schedule; and, authorize the superintendent to direct the treasurer to conduct further investment transactions at the superintendent's discretion.

Seconded by Tony Dietsch. 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:

- Ag students have volunteered to plant flowers along Main Street for the City.
- The projected per capita tuition charge from ISBE for the 2007-08 school year will be \$7,840.96.
- Dr. McArdle has applied for a lighting grant, which could defray the cost of the lighting project by \$6,000.
- There is an IASB Corn Belt Division dinner meeting, Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at Onarga.
- Mr. Peacock has improved the district's web site for more ease of use.
- The "Annual Yearly Progress" report for the high school shows all students comply.
- A liability auditor for Indiana Insurance visited the district and made several suggestions for small changes in the facilities. The recommendations were distributed and a response has been sent.
- There will be an open house to welcome the new superintendent, Curt Nettles, and his family, on Sunday March 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

In the absence of Elementary School Principal Dale Heidbreder, Dr. McArdle read a report submitted by Mr. Heidbreder on the following items:

- The area School Improvement Day for elementary teachers was held here at Lexington on January 29 with Butch Cotter as featured speaker and six small group sessions on various topics. There was an overwhelming positive response to the institute by staff from all schools.
- On February 16, the School Improvement Day for Lexington focused on the district's science curriculum with consultant Tom Koenigsberger meeting with groups of teachers. Recently received ISAT data was reviewed and analyzed as well.
- ISAT testing will take place March 12 – 21.
- The winner of the elementary school spelling bee was Ben Leake; Donavan Laible was runner-up.
- Preschool screening for children ages 3 –5 will be conducted Tuesday, March 6, and Wednesday, March 7.
- The ISBE visit to monitor the preschool program scheduled for February 13, was postponed due to severe weather.
- Congratulations to Judy Shields and Jackie Kaiser, nominated by the staff to receive recognition from the Corn Belt Region of the Illinois Principals Association.

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

- Mr. Baker commented on the use of a third snow day and projected the end-of-year calendar with final exams Thursday, May 31, Friday, June 1, and on Monday June 4, a half-day of exams and a half-day of in-service; a full-day institute on Tuesday, June 5; and, report card pick-up on Wednesday, June 6. Baccalaureate will be held May 20. Eighth grade promotion will be held Thursday, May 31, and high school graduation will be held Friday, June 1.
- Scheduling for next school year has begun with current juniors.
- Recent successes include: the WYSE team placed second in the regional; Johnny Williamson won the junior high spelling, Cory Wilson was runner-up. The Math team will compete at their regional on February 24; and senior Alex Tanney has beaten the school's basketball scoring record and will be honored on basketball senior night, February 16.
- Spring sports are beginning—high school baseball (20/21), and high school softball (14/15) have sufficient numbers, as well as high school and junior high track teams.
- The HS/JH School Improvement Day was held at Heyworth, January 29. The Mclean County Principals' Association began the joint effort with seven of thirteen schools participating. It is expected that next year all thirteen will participate.
- High school ISAT results are in.
- The high school special education teaching vacancy created by Madelon Newsom's retirement has been posted.
- Mr. Baker distributed an outline of proposed changes to the physical education curriculum.

Bruce Klein moved to renew elementary school principal Dale Heidbreder's contract for the 2007-08 school year. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to approve the Macon Cleaning contract for work on the gym floor at \$7,626.52. Seconded by Tony Dietsch. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Tony Dietsch moved to approve lighting contracts with Stinde Electric in the amount of \$9,440 and \$7,160. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the one-year unpaid maternity leave request by Heather Hoffman, Steve Brown moved to deny the request. Seconded by Ben Kahle. Roll call vote:

Killian	- yes	Brown	- yes
Klein	- yes	Dietsch	- no
Leake	- yes	Kahle	- yes
Barnard	- yes		

Motion carried, six yes, one no.

Tony Dietsch moved to approve creating a position for a temporary administrative assistant to the high school principal for the 2007-08 school year. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Leake moved to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.