

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
February 21, 2008

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the district office 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; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Sean Berry, Administrative Assistant; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and two visitors.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) January 17, 2008, regular and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington February 21, 2008, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in January, 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.) 2008-09 School Calendar.
- E.) Officials' fees for 2008-09—increase from \$70 to \$80 for high school and from \$45 to \$50 for junior high.
- F.) Title I E-Plan.

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 district's general state aid payments have been reduced \$647.56 per month, beginning with January. This reflects the correct amount of state aid the District is to receive according to the state's adopted budget. There is some concern that the final two state aid payments will be delayed beyond the fiscal year, or may even be canceled.
- A report has been received from Johnson Controls on the district's ten-year performance contract, showing an overall savings of \$43,000.
- Estimates for painting the walls in the old gym will be obtained. This work may occur during the summer.
- A recent review of the district's natural gas bills shows that switching to another provider, rather than staying with the Illinois Energy Consortium, could produce additional savings. This will be explored further.

- The Regional Office of Education's full-compliance visit on January 29 was successful. The Regional Superintendent was very complimentary of the District.
- Mr. Nettles gave board members a preliminary report on the recent ISBE audit conducted in February of the 2007-08 Title I and Title II grants, and the 2005-06 General State Aid claim.
- A retirement notice has been received from Beverly Kirby, for board action at the March meeting.
- The March board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 18, rather than the usual date, due to Spring Break.

Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items.

- The elementary students are in preparation for ISAT testing, the first and second weeks of March.
- Sixth grade student, Lexi Leake, won the spelling bee on February 8. Fourth grade student, Lia Riblet, was the runner up.
- Preschool screening will be conducted February 26-28.
- A recent audit of the Pre-K program was conducted by ISBE. The report was complimentary of the program for the most part, with a few recommendations.
- Kathy Brooks was recognized by the Illinois Principals' Association at the Corn Belt Region Staff Recognition Luncheon for her outstanding work with students. She was nominated by the elementary staff.
- Interviews for the third grade teaching vacancy will be completed prior to the March board meeting, at which time a recommendation will be made to the Board.

Junior High / High School Administrative Assistant Sean Berry reported on the following items:

- FCCLA week was held February 11-15, with the Sweetheart Dance on the 16th, and FFA week the following week, including the animal fair and the FFA vs. faculty basketball game.
- The junior high spelling bee was won by seventh grader, Benedict Leake. Runner-up was eighth grader, Sarah Sadler.
- A committee consisting of two administrators, two teachers, two students and two parents met to update the student handbook, addressing suspensions and dress code. Updates will be brought to the Board in March for approval.

Lori Leake moved to approve a maternity leave for Michelle Hayes for the first semester of the 2008-09 school year. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to transfer Holly Burk to teaching second grade for the 2008-09 school year. Seconded by Ben Kahle. 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 the retirement notice of Don Tanney to be concluded with the 2011-12 school year, and the retirement notice of Tom Guth, to be concluded with the 2010-11 school year. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to approve Sarah Hendrix as assistant high school track coach. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve an increase in pay for the 2008-09 school year for the position of Junior High School Dean to \$2,100, and an increase in pay for the 2008-09 school year for the position of Athletic Director to \$5,200. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The Citizens' Advisory Council recommendations included input regarding the student handbook, requesting that teachers' websites be updated, and asked that the capability be installed for parents to access their students' grades via the Internet. The district's administration will pursue enabling access to students' grades.

Steve Brown moved to go into closed session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District. (5ILCS 120/2) Seconded by Bruce Klein. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to go into open session at 8:35 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.

Lori Leake moved to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Seconded by Ben Kahle. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven K. Brown, President

Bruce A. Klein, Secretary