

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
February 17, 2009

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, Mike Kelley, Ben Kahle, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, Lori Leake and Andy Schuler. Also present were: Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Sean Berry, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and two visitors, Kevin Wills for First Midstate, and Randy Winterland, board candidate.

There was no public participation.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) January 15, 2009, regular and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington February 17, 2009, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in January, 2009, and, ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills.
- C.) Treasurer's/Financial Reports for December, 2008, and January, 2009; Investment Schedule for January, 2009; and, authorize the superintendent to direct the treasurer to conduct further investment transactions at the superintendent's discretion.
- D.) Calendar for 2009-10 school year.

Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- The state of Illinois is \$281,000 behind in payments to the school district.
- The district received a check in the amount of \$47,000 from the Ivy Trimmer Trust.

Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following:

- An aide is being sought for a student with special needs. The position is being filled by subs at the present time. Mr. Heidbreder will meet with teachers to plan the end of the year and look ahead to next school year.
- ISAT testing is scheduled for the first two weeks of March.
- The elementary spelling bee winners are: Rachel Anderson, champion; Ashland Eckhart, runner-up.
- Preschool screening is scheduled for February 25, 26 and 27 at the Community Center.
- In a commemorative effort to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday on February 12, elementary students participated in the simultaneous reading of the Gettysburg Address in an attempt to set a world record.

- Fourth grade teacher Lucinda Kraft was elected by her colleagues to be recognized at the Corn Belt Principals' Third Annual Staff Recognition luncheon on February 5.
- The PTO will host a winter carnival on March 7.
- A Fine Arts Festival will be presented by grades one through six on the evening of March 17.
- Storyteller Dr. Michael Lockett will give a presentation for the Young Authors event on April 9.
- WMBD-TV will cover the Purple Pride Assembly on February 27.
- Twelve applications have been received for the art position being vacated by Jennifer Roseman's retirement. A candidate will be recommended at the March meeting.

Junior High / High School Principal Sean Berry reported on the following:

- Nine of 13 HOI Conference high schools participated in the joint institute held in January. Positive feedback was received from attendees.
- Junior High teachers attended sessions on adolescence at Tri-Valley School District on the January institute day.
- Eighth grade students were given the "Explore" test. They will take the test again in ninth grade. This will facilitate better assessment of the students' progress.
- The junior high spelling bee winners are: Connor Fiero, champion; Brittany Convery, runner-up.
- Art teacher Jennifer Roseman was recognized at the Corn Belt Principals' Third Annual Staff Recognition luncheon on February 5.
- Math teacher Rita Grunloh has received the Central Illinois Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Lexington High School cheerleaders finished tenth in state competition and sixth at the ICCA competition.
- Tyler Van Vickle and Colleen Frasor, with Shelby Leake as their spotter, brought home the First Place Honors at the ICCA State Championships. They competed in the coed stunt group competition.
- FCCLA week was February 9-13. FFA week will be February 23-27.
- High school softball has a large number of participants.
- Mr. Berry explained to the board that the high school schedule will include a new "advisory period" next school year. It will be a 20-minute period at the end of the school day to allow for various programs such as RTI, freshman mentoring, and ACT preparation. Mr. Berry and Mr. Heidbreder are working together on next year's schedule.

Bruce Klein moved to adopt a resolution provided for the issue of not to exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2009, of Community Unit School District Number 7, McLean County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the deposit of said taxes levied to pay said bonds directly into a designated escrow account. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Steve Brown moved to accept the bid of Advanced Wayne Cain and Sons Roofing of Urbana, Illinois, for the 2009 Roof Replacement project, in the amount of \$560,000. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Brown moved to accept the bid of Commercial Mechanical, Inc. of Dunlap, Illinois, for the 2009 Mechanical Room Upgrade project, in the amount of \$598,800. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Brown moved to accept the bid of Midwest Commercial Coatings of Mahomet, Illinois, for the 2009 Painting of Gym project, in the amount of \$20,180. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Brown moved to accept the bid of Wilcox Electric and Service, Inc. of Normal, Illinois for the 2009 Gym Light Replacement project, in the amount of \$17,225. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to accept the resignation of Paul Peacock as high school track coach.
Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to employ Tony Eckhart as assistant high school baseball coach.
Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to assign Mike Castleman as head high school track coach.
Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to employ Crue Harmon as assistant high school track coach.
Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Leake moved to assign Paul Peacock as junior high girls' track coach. Seconded by Steve Brown. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve starting a junior high softball program for the fall, 2009 season. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Nettles reminded the board of the IASB Corn Belt conference and dinner meeting at Paxton, March 5.

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

Steven K. Brown, President

Bruce A. Klein, Secretary