

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
February 18, 2010

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, Andy Schuler, and Randy Winterland. Also present were: Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Sean Berry, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; and, Toni Wilken, recording secretary.

Bruce Klein moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) January 21, 2010, regular and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington February 18, 2010, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in January, 2010, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for January, 2010.
- C.) January, 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.

Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

In addition to his written report, Superintendent Nettles:

- Reminded the board of the upcoming IASB Corn Belt Division Conference and Dinner Meeting, March 4, at Olympia North Elementary.
- Informed the board of a recent meeting of HOIC superintendents regarding school finance. Superintendents will work with community members to educate them on how to contact legislators in Springfield to discuss the financial crisis of the state and how it affects their local school district and other agencies. The intention is to put pressure on lawmakers to come up with a plan to fix the situation.
- In February and March, three General State Aid installments will come from ARRA federal stabilization funds.
- Transportation bid specifications are being finalized to send out next week. The bid opening will be March 12 for board approval at the March 18 meeting.
- Currently the state owes Lexington School District \$220,442.
- Congratulations to the Lexington Elementary and Junior High staff, students and administrators for receiving the Illinois Honor Roll Academic Excellence Award.

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

- The Elementary School has received the Illinois Honor Roll Academic Excellence Award for the fifth consecutive year.
- Distributed a report on cafeteria revenue and expenses.
- As part of the RtI (Response to Intervention) program, elementary staff will be conducting "data days," looking at student data to determine the focus of students' curriculum.

- Mr. Heidbreder and two teachers attended a meeting for a grant through the Regional Office of Education that would provide funds for mentoring new teaching staff.
- The Lexington Elementary spelling bee for grades four through six will be held February 26, 8:30 a.m., in the small gym.

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

- The Junior High School has received the Illinois Honor Roll Academic Excellence Award for the second consecutive year.
- The High School has started the “Minutemen of the Month” program. Teachers nominate students for the award each month based on a different theme, such as leadership or integrity. Winners will receive gift cards and a chance for an additional prize at the end of the school year.
- High school cheerleaders earned seventh place at the IHSA state competition on February 6, and third place at the ICCA state competition on Feb. 13.
- FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) Week was held February 15, and FFA (Future Farmers of America) week is February 22.
- The junior high LEARN organization (Leadership Excellence Academics Responsibility Now) held a dance, with donations going to Haiti earthquake relief.
- On January 26, local law enforcement gave 30 minutes’ notice that K9 drug dogs would be conducting a search of the school facilities. Nothing was found.

Ben Kahle moved to approve abatement of \$75,000 from Working Cash to the Education Fund. Seconded by Rand Winterland. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve the permanent transfer of \$75,000 from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the 2010-11 school year calendar as presented, with a beginning date of August 18, 2010, and an ending date of June 6, 2011. Seconded by Randy Winterland. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to accept an irrevocable notice of retirement from Jan Heuer to retire at the close of the 2011-12 school year. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Schuler moved to schedule a special meeting for March 4, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. in the district office to consider bids for the health/life safety project. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Motion carried unanimously.

Marsha Killian and Bruce Klein were appointed as the Policy Customization Committee to work with the IASB policy service on the district's board policies.

The board discussed the February 15 meeting with the Ridgeview CUSD #19 Board of Education. Lexington was represented by board president Steve Brown and board member Randy Winterland, Superintendent Curt Nettles and high school principal Sean Berry. The discussion centered upon sharing academic programs and extra-curricular programs. The meeting was only informational purposes, and both districts agreed to future discussion if the need arises.

Bruce Klein moved to go into closed session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss the possible appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee. 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 go into open session at 9:40 p.m. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.