

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
January 17, 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; Rick Baker, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Sean Berry, Administrative Assistant; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and one visitor, Tammy Knippenberg (science teacher).

In the public participation portion of the meeting, Tammy Knippenberg spoke to the board about her experience working with the Illinois State Board of Education on assessment and the Illinois State Learning Standards. She shared several aspects of the state ISAT and PSAE testing process from an inside viewpoint.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) December 17, 2007, tax levy hearing and rescheduled regular session minutes, and January 5, 2008, special / work session minutes.
- B.) Lexington January 17, 2008, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in December, 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.) Final adoption of policy updates: 2.290, 4.120, 4.260, 4.260-AP2 (new), 5.020, 5.185, 5.220, 5.190, 6.191 (new), 6.040, 7.020, 7.021 (new), 7.190, 7.190-AP (new), 8.020
- E.) Seniority list.

Seconded by Lori Leake. 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 Trimmer trust revenue will be approximately \$48,000, instead of the \$60,000, previously projected for the 2008 calendar year.
- The junior high computer lab is up and running. The cable was installed by school employees.

Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items.

- Current elementary enrollment is 290, 145 boys and 145 girls. This is a net increase of one student since the beginning of the school year.
- ISAT testing will take place during March 3 – 14. Third, fifth and sixth grade will be tested in reading and math. Fourth grade will be tested in reading, math, and science. Writing will be assessed in fifth, sixth and eighth grade this year. Next year, third grade will also be assessed in writing, along with fifth, sixth and eighth grade on the ISAT.
- At the January 25th institute day, teachers will be trained on Reading Plus and will attend a presentation at ISU, by Harry Wong.
- Preschool screening for children three to five years of age will be held Tuesday, February 26, and Wednesday, February 27.
- The district's preschool program was audited by ISBE, not to evaluate, but to offer recommendations.
- The elementary Spelling Bee will be held Friday, February 8, at 8:30 a.m. in the old gym.
- Mr. Heidbreder presented a mid-year report of the financial status of the lunch program. (Report included herewith.)
- The second grade vacancy for next year, created by Judy Shields' retirement, will be posted internally in the next few days. If a district teacher wishes to transfer to that position, the interview and decision process should be complete for a recommendation at the February board meeting. Then, the transferee's position will be posted and publicized, in hopes of having a candidate for recommendation at the March board meeting.

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

- Mr. Baker commended Tammy Knippenberg for sharing her knowledge and insights gained from her work with the ISBE, on science objectives, with the district's teaching staff.
- Class scheduling for the 2008-09 school year will begin soon.
- Both boys' and girls' basketball County Tournaments are taking place this week.
- There is a new curfew law, which is a driving law, that shifts the nighttime driving restriction from 11:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and from midnight to 11:00 p.m. on weekends. This is being taken into consideration when planning nighttime events at the high school, especially school dances.

Bruce Klein moved to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment and compensation of specific employees. (5ILCS 120/2) Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Leake moved to go into open session at 9:27 p.m. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to approve a new three-year employment contract (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11) for Superintendent Curt Nettles. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Leake moved to approve a three-year employment contract (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11) with a 5% increase for 2008-09, for Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder. Seconded by Ben Kahle. 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 Sean Berry as Junior High / High School Principal, under a two-year employment contract (2008-09, 2009-10) with a salary package of \$65,000 for 2008-09. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.