

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting  
July 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, and Lori Leake. Also present were Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Sean Berry, Junior High / High School Principal; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and, one visitor, Randy Winterland.

In "Public Participation," Randy Winterland expressed interest in the board vacancy.

Marsha Killian moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) Correction to May 15, 2008 regular session minutes: Ummel voted present on designation of depositories. June regular and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington July 17, 2008, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in June, 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.) Set the hearing for the 2008-09 budget on September 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.
- E.) Transfer Tort money held in the Education, Operations / Maintenance, and Transportation Funds to the new Tort Fund.

Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Curt Nettles reported on the following items:

- Provided the board with a written report updating them on the Heart of Illinois Conference schools' athletic codes.
- Also included in the written report were his professional development plans for the coming year.
- Information on cafeteria bids was presented. Formal action will be taken at the August meeting.
- Facility preparation is going well. All cleaning and maintenance work will be completed soon.
- Training on the new web-based student management software is progressing well. The teachers will be trained the week prior to the beginning of the school year.

- Plans for proposed facility repairs are being finalized by the architect with a report coming in August or September. This will include roof repairs and possible replacement of boilers and the chiller.
- The district received all of the general state aid revenue for 2007-08 by June 30, but did not receive approximately \$86,000 from the state for other items such as special education and transportation reimbursement.
- The 2008-09 budget is nearing completion. A tentative budget will be recommended in August and a final budget recommended in September.

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

- The training on the new web-based student management software has been completed for the office staff.
- The junior high and high school English and special education teachers have been collaborating over the summer on reading improvement strategies. Mr. Berry will meet with them to finalize the project.
- Mr. Berry is attending a professional development session on teacher evaluation.

Lori Leake moved to accept the resignation of board member Kregg Ummel. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Nettles updated the board on pricing for a new network server for the district. A new server will cost approximately \$3,800. Improving memory for the 30 computers in the elementary computer lab will cost no more than \$1,500. The goal is to accomplish both projects prior to the beginning of the school year. Board president Steve Brown mentioned the possibility of applying for a LEAF grant to cover some of the cost.

President Brown called for a closed session. Ben Kahle moved to go into closed session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss compensation of an individual, and also to discuss the selection of a possible candidate for appointment to the board vacancy. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to go into open session at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian.  
Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Leake moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Ben Kahle. Motion carried unanimously.

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Steven K. Brown, President

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Bruce A. Klein, Secretary