

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois

Budget Hearing  
and  
Regular Board Meeting  
June 21, 2007

President Steve Brown opened the hearing on the amended budget at 6:45 p.m. in the district office with the following board members present: Steve Brown, Tony Dietsch, Ben Kahle, Mike Kelley, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, and Lori Leake. Also present were Dr. Brent McArdle, Superintendent, Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal, and Toni Wilken, recording secretary. Dr. McArdle reviewed the 2006-07 amended budget. Junior High / High School Principal Rick Baker arrived during the budget hearing. The budget hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 7:04 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Steve Brown, Tony Dietsch, Ben Kahle, Mike Kelley, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, and Lori Leake. Also present were Dr. Brent J. McArdle, Superintendent; Rick Baker, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; and, Toni Wilken, recording secretary.

Bruce Klein moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) May 14, 2007, rescheduled regular session minutes.
- B.) Lexington June 21, 2007, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in May, 2007, and, ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills.
- C.) Treasurer's Report; Financial Statement; Investment Schedule and authorize the superintendent to direct the treasurer to conduct further investment transactions at the superintendent's discretion; Interfund Loan Transactions; and, Abatement of \$70,000.00 from the Working Cash fund to the Transportation fund. (Loan/abatement sheet attached.)
- D.) Prevailing Wage Resolution.
- E.) 2006-07 Budget Amendment.
- F.) Accept bid on Dishwasher from Lippert, Inc. in the amount of \$12,252.00.

Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Brent McArdle reported on the following items:

- Costs for technology purchases were distributed.
- The contract with Chestnut Health Systems has increased to \$25,200 for the 2007-08 school year.
- The district has received notice that the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation will fund approximately 40% of the cost of the new gym lighting upgrade. The district will receive a check in the amount of \$6,774.00.

Elementary School Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items:

- Mr. Heidbreder recommended Mary Beth Holmes for a one-year position to cover Heather Hoffman's leave of absence.
- Applicants will be sought for the teacher aide position previously held by Miranda Yontz.
- The new dishwasher in the cafeteria will be installed July 9.
- Pre-K will be a five-day program beginning with this school year. No fees may be charged, for milk for example.

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

- Mr. Baker reported that a co-op agreement is needed with Tri-Valley CUSD #3 for Cross Country. The parents pay all expenses when students participate through a co-op. The Board may want to consider establishing a policy regarding co-ops and parents paying all expenses.
- Student desks will be replaced, two classrooms per year with a few additional desks purchased as needed.
- Junior high / high school schedules are being mailed and registration packets will go out in mid-July.

Ben Kahle moved to approve the following personnel items:

1. Approve extra-curricular assignments as presented. A co-op agreement with Tri-Valley CUSD #3 was entered into for Cross Country.
2. Reemploy non-certified personnel and set salaries for 2007-08 at a 6% increase. Robert Howald and Miranda Yontz were not reemployed.
3. Increase the pay rate for substitute teachers to \$85.00 per day.
4. Employ Mary Beth Holmes for a one-year teaching position to cover Heather Hoffman's leave of absence.

Seconded by Tony Dietsch. Roll Call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously. (Extra-curricular assignment and non-certified employee sheets included herewith.)

Bruce Klein moved to approve increased school fees for 2007-08. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously. (Fee scheduled included herewith.)

Tony Dietsch moved to approve application for the 2007-08 School Technology Revolving Loan in the amount of \$76,450 at 2% interest, for replacement of computer hardware in grades K-8. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the request from the Lexington Park District regarding the road that runs along Keller Park. The road is currently owned by the school district. The park district had requested speed bumps be installed. The administration was directed to have the city attorney draw up a resolution to transfer ownership of the road to the City of Lexington. The park district will then present their request to the city.

Bruce Klein moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Seconded by Lori Leake. Motion carried unanimously.