

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
March 15, 2007

President Debbie Barnard called the regular meeting to order in the District Office at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Debbie Barnard, Steve Brown, Tony Dietsch, Ben Kahle, 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. There were no visitors.

Tony Dietsch moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) February 15, 2007 regular session minutes.
- B.) Lexington March 15, 2007, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in February, 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.
- D.) IHSA and IESA memberships for the 2007-08 school year.
- E.) An intergovernmental agreement with the Lexington Park District. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Brent McArdle reported on the following items:

- The annual Employee Recognition luncheon will be held on June 5.
- It will be necessary to reschedule the May board meeting in order to certify the election results and reorganize the board.
- The Illinois School Report Card for the district has been received and is posted on the district web site.
- Information is being gathered and analyzed by Johnson Controls on the boiler and chiller. Both have been in use for many years.

Elementary School Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items:

- Bids are being sought for the dishwasher in the cafeteria kitchen.
- The Pre-kindergarten At-risk program had a monitoring visit. The overall report was good and included the recommendation that it be increased from a four-day program to a five-day program.
- The National School Lunch program had a review visit, which went well.
- Mr. Heidbreder remarked favorably on the recent improvements to the district's web site, maintained by Paul Peacock.
- Mr. Hiedbreder congratulated the literary team and sponsor Noma Simpson on their recent success.
- Mr. Heidbreder had compiled many graphs and data on ISAT scores and presented these to the board, discussing areas of success and areas where improvements can be made.

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

- Mr. Baker remarked that the district is very fortunate to have an experienced faculty with great consistency and stability.
- For the third time in four years, Lexington High School has been named in the Chicago Sun Times Top 50.
- Congratulations for the following:
 - The Math Team will compete in the State Finals on April 28.
 - Three students (Derek Althouse, Megan Sleep, Zach Freed) qualified for the State WYSE competition on April 19.
 - The Scholastic Team has finished their season.
 - The seventh grade volleyball team won their regional.
 - The Musical “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” was very entertaining.
 - Megan Sleep is second out of three female students chosen for a Heart of Illinois Conference Scholarship.
- Spring sports are underway.
- Scheduling of classes for the 2007-08 school year is well underway.
- Regarding teaching and coaching vacancies,
 - Sean Berry was the only applicant for the Administrative Assistant position for 2007-08.
 - Five or six applicants out of 40 will be interviewed for the social studies teaching position / head football coaching position, with the intention of offering a contract to an individual by the week after spring break.
 - Interviews will also be conducted for the special education teaching position from among the seven applicants, with a contract to be offered in early April.
 - A golf coaching vacancy remains with interviews yet to be determined.
- Special Education IEP meetings are in progress, with approximately one-third completed of 50.

Steve Brown moved to approve the following personnel action items:

1. Reemploy non-tenured teachers--
 - Ralph Whitsitt will receive tenure when the new school year begins;
 - Sean Berry, Michelle Hayes, Sarah Hendrix and Tammy Knippenberg will be fourth-year probationary teachers;
 - Allison Ellsworth, Nathaniel Meiss and Anne Taylor will be third-year probationary teachers;
 - Eleanor Hess and Audrey Hutson will be second-year probationary teachers.
2. Accept Cyndi Claggett’s request for another year of unpaid medical leave.
3. Accept Heather Hoffman’s request for a one-year unpaid maternity leave.
4. Employ Sean Berry as temporary Administrative Assistant for the 2007-08 school year.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to approve the final 2006-07 calendar, with an ending date of June 6, 2007 for report card pick-up; and the initial 2007-08 calendar, with a beginning date of August 20, 2007 and an ending date of June 5, 2008. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to approve an additional contract with Mason Cleaning for work on the gym floor, in the amount of \$6,658. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Brown moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.