

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting  
March 18, 2008

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 4:31 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 two visitors.

Ben Kahle moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) February 21, 2008, regular and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington March 18, 2008, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in February, 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.) Renew membership in IHSA and IESA for 2008-09.
- E.) Jr. High/High School Handbook with changes for 2008-09.
- F.) Intergovernmental agreement with Ridgeview CUSD #19.
- G.) Joint Agreement with Bloomington Area Vocational Center.
- H.) Name change for Bloomington Area Vocational Center to Career Center.
- I.) New textbook series for elementary mathematics.
- J.) Tony Eckhart as a volunteer high school baseball coach.

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:

- Recently, a group of parents met with band and chorus teacher, Mr. Whitsitt, to begin formation of a Music Boosters' organization.
- The district's Technology Committee met recently to begin investigating the process of posting junior high and high school student information, such as grades and attendance, online for parents to view. A demonstration of the current software company's web-based system is set for April 3.
- Superintendent Nettles will attend a Legislative Day in Springfield on April 8, providing the opportunity to speak with legislators about legislative issues affecting Lexington and other school districts. Mr. Nettles will also attend the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Conference at Springfield in April, and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials' Conference in May at St. Charles.

Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items.

- Mr. Heidbreder participated in the Illinois Principals' Association annual Student Recognition Luncheon, accompanied by the two students recognized from Lexington Elementary, Kasey Heitzmann and Cassidy Weis.
- As a professional development endeavor, some of the elementary teachers are doing a book study on Dr. Wong's *First Days of School*.
- Deborah Ruddell, an author from the Peoria area, will visit our elementary school as a featured guest and presenter at the Young Authors assembly, April 11.
- Mr. Heidbreder complimented elementary technology coordinator, Jan Heuer, and the Reading Plus program. The program, designed to increase reading fluency and comprehension, is showing success and attracting other schools to visit and observe.

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

- Mr. Baker proudly congratulated the Math Team for reaching the state level of competition; recognized Nick Nichols for reaching the state level of competition in WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering); acknowledged the Scholastic Bowl for a successful season; and congratulated the eighth grade volleyball team for reaching the State Championship match to be played this very evening.
- Spring sports seasons—baseball, softball and track, are just beginning.
- High school class scheduling for 2008-09 is well underway.
- ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Test) testing is complete.
- Some of our high school band students participated in the annual Dr. Charles E. Snook Music Festival, held March 16, at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts. The band, comprised of musicians from many Heart of Illinois Conference schools, gave an outstanding performance.
- IEP (Individualized Education Program) meetings are being held for special education students.
- Mr. Baker participated in the Illinois Principals' Association annual Student Recognition Luncheon, accompanied by the two students recognized from Lexington Junior High, Caitlin Kelley and Keegan McBride, and accompanied by the two students recognized from Lexington High School, Maddie Meyers and Ryan Leake.
- Mr. Baker informed the Board of an incident of underage drinking involving some Lexington High School students.

Mike Kelley moved to approve Bev Kirby's retirement notice to be concluded with the 2010-11 school year. 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 employ Angie Groth as bus monitor. Seconded by Mike Kelley.  
Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to employ Mike Castleman as Athletic Director in addition to his teaching position and any other extra duty assignment(s). Seconded by Marsha Killian.  
Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to employ Jennifer Armstrong as a third grade teacher. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to reemploy non-tenured staff as follows:

1. Castleman, Mike – 2<sup>nd</sup> year
2. Wright, Christina – 2<sup>nd</sup> year
3. Hess, Eleanor – 3<sup>rd</sup> year
4. Hutson, Audrey – 3<sup>rd</sup> year
5. Meiss, Nathaniel – 4<sup>th</sup> year
6. Taylor, Anne – 4<sup>th</sup> year
7. Hayes, Michelle – 5<sup>th</sup> year/Tenure
8. Hendrix, Sarah – 5<sup>th</sup> year/ Tenure
9. Knippenberg, Tammy – 5<sup>th</sup> year/Tenure
10. Berry, Sean – 5<sup>th</sup> year/Tenure

Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Brown appointed a committee, comprised of Mike Kelley, Bruce Klein and himself, to work with the superintendent on going through the Statements of Interest that were submitted from various architectural firms. Eight firms submitted statements. The committee will bring a recommendation to the April board meeting.

Steve Brown directed the administration to conduct a review of the current Athletic Code. He also instructed board members to direct their questions to the administration over the next few weeks. The administration will bring recommendations to the April board meeting.

Lori Leake moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.

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Steven K. Brown, President

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Bruce A. Klein, Secretary