

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
March 19, 2009

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Steve Brown, Mike Kelley, Ben Kahle, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, Lori Leake and Andy Schuler. Also present were: Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Sean Berry, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and approximately 10 visitors.

There was no public participation.

Ben Kahle moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) February 17, 2009, regular session minutes, and March 7, 2009, special meeting minutes.
- B.) Lexington March 19, 2009, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in February, 2009, and, ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills.
- C.) February, 2009, 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.) Building permits for construction projects.

Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Curt Nettles reported on the following, in addition to his written report:

- Addems Bus Service has renegotiated the 2008-09 transportation contract to reflect current gas prices, which have dropped considerably since the contract's inception. This will result in significantly reduced costs for the district.
- General State Aid is about the only revenue coming in from the state. Special education and transportation funds have not been released. It was necessary to loan the transportation fund \$15,000 from Working Cash in February.

Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following, in addition to his written report:

- The cafeteria has received a third consecutive 100% rating from the McLean County Health Department.
- The Fine Arts Festival held March 17 was a resounding success.
- Mr. Heidbreder recommended Amanda Mullison for the art position.

Junior High / High School Principal Sean Berry reported on the following, in addition to his written report:

- The Illinois Honor Roll has recognized the junior high and elementary schools with the Academic Excellence Award. In these schools, at least 90% of students met or exceeded state standards both in reading and in mathematics for at least 3 consecutive years. All Academic Excellence schools achieved Adequate Yearly Progress for the past two years.
- Results of the Explore exam taken by eighth grade were very good.

Bruce Klein moved to approve a maternity leave for Sarah Hendrix. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Schuler moved to approve a contract with Bushue Human Resources for managing the district's insurance needs and for conducting the bidding process. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Leake moved to employ Amanda Mullison as art teacher for the 2009-10 school year. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Interviews for the guidance counselor position are in progress and a candidate will be presented at the April board meeting.

Bruce Klein moved to approve the notice of retirement for Royce Womack, effective the end of the school year, 2012-13. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to approve reemployment of non-tenured teachers as follows:

Armstrong, Jennifer – 2nd year
Whitcomb, Samantha – 2nd year
Castleman, Mike – 3rd year
Mary Beth Holmes – 3rd year
Wright, Christina – 3rd year
Hess, Eleanor – 4th year
Hutson, Audrey – 4th year
Meiss, Nathaniel – 5th year/Tenure
Taylor, Anne – 5th year/Tenure

Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Brown moved to go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss student disciplinary cases. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Roll call vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Schuler moved to go into open session at 10:00 p.m. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to expel Student “A” for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year and enroll Student “A” in Regional Alternative School for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

Brown	- no	Klein	- yes
Kahle	- yes	Leake	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Killian	- no		

Motion carried, five yes, two no.

Ben Kahle moved to expel Student "B" for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year and enroll Student "B" in Regional Alternative School for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

Kahle	- yes	Leake	- yes
Kelley	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Killian	- no	Brown	- no
Klein	- yes		

Motion carried, five yes, two no.

Lori Leake moved to adjourn at 10:03 p.m. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven K. Brown, President

Bruce A. Klein, Secretary