

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 18, 2010

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 8:02 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Steve Brown, Mike Kelley, Ben Kahle, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, Andy Schuler, and Randy Winterland. Also present were: Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Sean Berry, Junior High / High School Principal; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and two visitors, Eleanor Hess and a student teacher. Another visitor, Don Meyer, arrived at 8:04 p.m.

Regarding the agenda, Board President Steve Brown stated that under *New Business*, Item 7./A./10. *Hess, Eleanor – 5<sup>th</sup> year/Tenure*, and Item 7./B. *Resignation of Ralph Whitsitt* would not be acted upon until April.

There was no public participation.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) February 18, 2010, regular and closed session minutes; and the March 4, 2010 special meeting minutes.
- B.) Lexington March 18, 2010, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in February, 2010, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for February, 2010.
- C.) February, 2010, 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.

Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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| Brown   | - yes | Klein      | - yes |
| Kahle   | - yes | Schuler    | - yes |
| Kelley  | - yes | Winterland | - yes |
| Killian | - yes |            |       |

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- The Illinois Comptroller's office stated that school districts might receive the second of four projected payments by the end of May or early June. It is likely that districts will only receive two of the four payments due them.
- Although nothing has been finalized for the state's education budget for next year, plans will be made for a 10% reduction in state aid.
- The board will need to begin planning and discussing options for financing the facilities projects for 2011 and for cash reserves for upcoming years.
- The district will see some savings over the next few years due to retirements.
- Lexington School District has the chance to be involved as a partner in a major grant opportunity that would bring high speed internet capabilities to outlying communities via a fiber connection. It will cost the district approximately \$2,000 to become a partner, which can be spread over two years if the grant is awarded.

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

- Cafeteria staff received a “100%” from the McLean County Health Department for the fourth consecutive inspection.
- Expressed appreciation for the second annual PTO Carnival, held March 6<sup>th</sup>, which was a success.
- The second annual Fine Arts Festival, organized by music teacher Eleanor Hess and art teacher Amanda Mullison, was held March 13 and was well attended.
- The Young Author celebration will be held April 1<sup>st</sup>, featuring author and storyteller Dr. Michael Lockett as guest presenter.
- Expressed thanks to Elisa Winterland for substitute teaching during the maternity leave of Audrey Hutson.

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

- Echoed appreciation for the Fine Arts Festival.
- Described the “Minutemen of the Month” program. Each month the teachers will nominate one freshman or sophomore student and one junior or senior student who have displayed the theme for the month. The winners will receive a \$10 gift card, sponsored by Heartland Bank, to a place of their choosing based on a list of options given to them. The winners for each month will be eligible to be selected for “Minuteman of the Year” at the end of the year and receive a \$50 gift card sponsored by Commerce Bank. February winners were Amanda Pestka and Hannah Sleep for the theme *Integrity*.
- Seventh grade volleyball finished third in the state. Eighth grade volleyball won their sectional and will play at state, Saturday, March 20.
- Senior athlete T. J. Stinde received Honorable Mention for the IHSA All-State Academic Team.

Principals Dale Heidbreder and Sean Berry presented an overview of the district’s music program, going back to the 2003-04 school year through the current year. They highlighted various music and fine arts events and discussed trends in participation at the different grade levels.

Bruce Klein moved to approve reemployment of non-tenured staff as follows:

Gogoel, Kyle – 2<sup>nd</sup> year  
Heitzmann, Jenny – 2<sup>nd</sup> year  
Mullison, Mandy – 2<sup>nd</sup> year  
White, Jenny – 2<sup>nd</sup> year  
Armstrong, Jen – 3<sup>rd</sup> year  
Whitcomb, Samantha – 3<sup>rd</sup> year  
Castleman, Mike – 4<sup>th</sup> year  
Holmes, Mary Beth – 4<sup>th</sup> year  
Frederick, Christina – 4<sup>th</sup> year  
Hutson, Audrey – 5<sup>th</sup> year/Tenure.

Seconded by Ben Kahle. Roll call vote:

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| Kahle   | - yes | Schuler    | - yes |
| Kelley  | - yes | Winterland | - yes |
| Killian | - yes | Brown      | - yes |
| Klein   | - yes |            |       |

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7./A./10. *Hess, Eleanor – 5<sup>th</sup> year/Tenure*, and Item 7./B. *Resignation of Ralph Whitsitt* were tabled until the April meeting.

Mike Kelley moved to accept the bid of Illinois Central Bus Company to provide student transportation for the 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 school years. By law, the district must award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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| Kelley  | - yes | Winterland | - yes     |
| Killian | - yes | Brown      | - yes     |
| Klein   | - yes | Kahle      | - present |
| Schuler | - yes |            |           |

Motion carried unanimously.

Marsha Killian moved to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Seconded by Randy Winterland. Motion carried unanimously.

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Steven K. Brown, President

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Marsha M. Killian, Secretary