

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting  
May 15, 2008

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the District Office at 7:00 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 19 visitors, including fourth grade teacher Lucinda Kraft and seven of her students; physics teacher Steve Simpson and his four physics students; and, six parents.

In the public participation portion of the meeting, fourth grade students presented various examples of differentiated instruction projects. Their teacher, Lucinda Kraft, along with the other fourth grade teacher, Nannette Leake, had attended the "Fourth Grade" conference and had implemented many of the concepts offered at the conference. High school physics students presented the results of a study they had conducted on electricity consumption in the school facilities. A newly acquired electronic device was used to gauge the amount of energy used by various equipment. The study showed that the district could save in excess of \$8,000 annually, mainly by turning off lights in unused areas of the facility, and setting computers to stand-by mode.

High school parent Nancy Leake addressed the Board in regard to her request that the current Athletic code be reviewed and changed.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) April 17, 2008, regular and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington May 15, 2008, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in April, 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. Loans from the working cash fund to the education fund: \$300,000, February 29, 2008; and, \$200,000, March 31, 2008.
- D.) Policy updates – first reading: 4.225, 7.200, 8.030 and 8.050.
- E.) Final school calendar for 2007-08.

Seconded by Marsha Killian. 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:

- It was recently learned that the school districts in McLean County will not receive the substantial tax distribution normally received in June, creating a major shortfall in budgeted revenue for the 2007-08 school year.
- Regarding building items, architect Russel Francois will evaluate the district's facilities in the next month or so, in order to prioritize needed work. Also, the airflow issue in the high school office, which caused coil breakage, is being resolved.
- Technology upgrades will be considered. The district may need to purchase a new server to support growing demand.
- \$2500 was donated to the high school from State Farm. Several community members turned in their hours of volunteer work for the school. State Farm then matches that with the monetary donation. Funds received by the school district will go toward programs designated by the individual volunteer donors.
- A committee of teachers and administrators is designing a new teacher evaluation instrument. It is being reviewed by the staff, and a recommendation will be brought to the board in June.
- The search for a high school P.E. teacher/coach is well underway. A recommendation will be brought to the board in June.
- Communication with conference schools regarding athletic codes will continue.
- Special education teacher Heather Hoffman, who has been on a one-year leave of absence, has indicated she will resign.

Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items.

- Kindergarten pre-registration and orientation is being held this evening. Thirty-six forms have been received thus far.
- Mr. Heidbreder commended fourth grade teachers Lucinda Kraft and Nannette Leake for their efforts and for putting professional development into practice, as was demonstrated for the Board.
- Mr. Heidbreder, in conjunction with Mr. Berry, will implement schedule improvements for next school year. Daily P.E. and weekly art will necessitate changes in utilization of staff.
- Mr. Heidbreder handed the board data, which had been compiled using Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS). The system of measurement enables teachers to more easily identify trouble areas, as well as recognize growth.

Administrative Assistant Sean Berry told the board he is encouraged and very close to a recommendation for the P.E./coaching position.

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

- The schedule for 2008-09 is done.
- Registration packets for next school year will be sent home with report cards on the last day of this school year, May 30.
- Mr. Baker commended the eighth grade girls' track team for their second place finish at state. Other spring sports—high school baseball, softball and track are also coming to a close. High school track will compete at state tomorrow (Friday, May 16).
- Mr. Baker mentioned upcoming end-of-year events: baccalaureate/senior awards, May 18; the senior trip, May 28; eighth grade promotion, May 29, and high school graduation, May 30.

Marsha Killian moved to approve the SDS student management upgrade and training. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to adopt a resolution designating depositories of district funds. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution included herewith.

Item "6C, Evaluation Plan," and item "6D, High School P.E. Teacher," were tabled until the June meeting.

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

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Steven K. Brown, President

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Bruce A. Klein, Secretary