

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
May 21, 2009

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, 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; and Toni Wilken, recording secretary. There were no visitors.

Andy Schuler moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) April 16, 2009, regular session and April 30, 2009, special reorganizational session minutes.
- B.) Lexington May 21, 2009, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in April, 2009, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills.
- C.) April, 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.) An interfund loan, March 31, 2009, from the Working Cash fund to the Transportation fund, in the amount of \$39,000.
- E.) A new junior high school student organization.
- F.) Set budget hearing date for June 18, 2009, at the regular board meeting, to amend the FY2009 budget.
- G.) Final calendar for 2008-09, with an ending date of June 4, 2009.
- H.) Resolution to designate depositories. (Resolution attached hereto.)
- I.) First reading of board policies 4.135, 4.230, and 5.140.

Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- The lowest bid was accepted for the asbestos abatement and will begin June 1.
- The roofing contractor wants to begin removing the rock as early as May 30.
- The community is being kept informed of the work being done on the construction projects.
- Stimulus funds can be used for Title I and IDEA. There is a question as to whether several districts, including ours, will qualify for a portion of the funds, due to a possible compliance issue regarding an indicator for special education. A determination will be made in the next week or two.
- Junior high school math teacher and high school boys' basketball and golf coach, Nathaniel Meiss is resigning to take a position at El Paso-Gridley school district.

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

- Scheduling for 2009-10 is finished. Changes will be allowed for a limited time when school starts.
- The ACT scores have been received with an average of 21.4.
- Spring sports performed well.
- Math team ranked eighth at state.
- The seniors' baccalaureate and awards ceremony was well attended. Graduation is Friday, May 29.
- The senior trip to Chicago is Tuesday, May 26.
- Final exams will be given Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22, 26 and 27.
- Eighth grade promotion will be Monday evening, June 1, with junior high awards on Tuesday morning, June 2.

Elementary principal Dale Heidbreder arrived at 7:12 p.m.

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

- Jenny Heitzmann is recommended for the third grade vacancy.
- Interviews will be conducted next Tuesday for the four grade vacancy.
- Registration packets for the 2009-10 school year have been sent home and some forms will be available online.
- The elementary field day was June 1, and the breakfast for grades four through six was held June 2.
- Commended Jennifer Armstrong on a strong first year of teaching.
- Aide Sarah Hunsaker has resigned.
- Jacob's Garden has been very nicely refurbished with new plantings, by the elementary student council, under the direction of sixth grade teacher Michelle Hayes.

Mike Kelley moved to employ Jenny Heitzmann as third grade teacher for the 2009-10 school year. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to approve placing the dean position at a 10-18% salary range beginning in 2009-10, starting at 10% with a 1% upgrade each year; and also, approve an increase for the athletic director position from approximately 17% to 18% for 2009-10. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to accept the resignation of Sarah Hunsaker. Seconded by Ben Kahle. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

In old business superintendent Nettles recommended adding graphics to the painting project in the old gym. Following a brief discussion, the superintendent was directed to go ahead, but keep the cost at \$5,000 or less.

The Board discussed and reviewed the expulsion procedures that took place in March. The administration reviewed the process and shared feedback from the staff with the board as well as a review of the alternative school experience. Board members shared concerns about the process and potential future problems that may come before them. Some board members shared feedback from the community. There was both positive and negative feedback from the community.

Marsha Killian moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Randy Winterland. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven K. Brown, President

Marsha M. Killian, Secretary