

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 2008

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the elementary computer lab. at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Steve Brown, Ben Kahle, Mike Kelley, 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; fourth grade students and parents.

Bruce Klein arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Mrs. Kraft and her fourth grade students demonstrated for the Board many of the concepts they have learned this year. The demonstration was presented in the format of a game show, "Are You Smarter than a Fourth Grader." Mr. Heidbreder and Mr. Nettles were "contestants," attempting to answer the tough questions that the fourth graders have been working on.

The board meeting relocated to the district office. Architect Russel Francois and his associate, Colin Manahan, were present.

Andy Schuler moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) October 16, 2008, regular and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington November 18, 2008, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in October, 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.) Plan Document with Gatekeeper to manage 403(b) accounts.
- E.) Tentative 2008 Tax Levy.

Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Curt Nettles reported on the following:

- A number of volunteers led by community member Billy DuBois have made some improvements to the high school baseball field. Their help is very much appreciated.
- The new server has arrived and will be installed soon. A Technology Committee meeting will be held in November.
- Work is underway on the district's septic lines to correct a problem.
- A list of Health / Life Safety projects was presented, along with estimated costs. Russel Francois and Colin Manahan were on hand to answer questions. Notable projects on the list include replacing the roof, boilers, chiller and lighting.

- The Illinois State Board of Education has put districts on notice that some payments will be delayed due to the state's financial situation. This will cause a cash flow problem for most districts.
- The Illinois State Board of Education will review learning standards for Illinois high schools over approximately a two-year time frame. This will determine possible revisions of the standards and assessments.

Elementary Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following:

- Thanked Mrs. Kraft for the presentation this evening.
- Recommended Garey Wick for a two-hour per day position in the cafeteria.
- Recommended Sarah Hunsaker for the teacher aide position in the preschool program.
- The Elementary Holiday Program will be presented December 11.
- The Fall Festival held on October 31, organized by the PTO, was a success.
- An Iditarod "musher," Dewey Halvorson, will present a program to students and parents on December 4.
- As a part of the Young Authors event, author Donald Mead, a former resident of Lexington, spoke to the students.
- Mr. Heidbreder remarked favorably that head of food service, Karen Stethers, has been maximizing commodities and also holding suppliers to their bid price, as well as keeping careful inventory, all in an effort to operate the cafeteria most efficiently.

Junior High / High School Principal Sean Berry reported on the following:

- The high school musical, "Once Upon a Mattress" was performed November 14 and 15. Mr. Berry commended all involved.
- The Junior High / High School Concert will be performed December 6.
- The sophomores will be taking the PLAN test November 19. It is a preparation component of the ACT.
- The Explore test will be given December 10. Historically given to freshmen, the test will be moved to the eighth grade level to better enable placement for high school courses.
- Key Club week began November 17, culminating in the annual faculty vs. student volleyball match.
- High school girls' and boys' basketball programs have increased participation numbers this year.
- Work continues on the student-mentoring program. Julie Thomas will present a report at the next board meeting.

Ben Kahle moved to retain Chapman and Cutler as bond counsel, for the possible Health / Life Safety bond sale. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Bruce Klein moved to approve First Midstate to act as underwriters with respect to the issuance of \$4,100,000 more or less general obligation school bonds. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to accept the resignation of cafeteria employee, Janice Ehle. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Leake moved to employ Sarah Hunsaker as a teacher aide in the preschool program. Seconded by Ben Kahle. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to employ Garey Wick for a two-hour per day position in the cafeteria. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Schuler moved to employ Crue Harmon as freshman boys' basketball coach. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve a one-year unpaid leave of absence for elementary teacher Clif Morlan for the 2009-10 school year. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to approve the list of Health / Life Safety projects with cost estimates. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed reviewing the Athletic Code. No changes were recommended at this time. Reviews of student handbooks and codes will take place in the spring.

Andy Schuler moved to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Seconded by Lori Leake. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven K. Brown, President

Bruce A. Klein, Secretary