

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
October 18, 2007

President Steve Brown called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 7:02 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Steve Brown, Tony Dietsch, Ben Kahle, Mike Kelley, Marsha Killian, Bruce Klein, and Lori Leake. Also present were Curt Nettles, Superintendent; Rick Baker, Junior High / High School Principal; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and, two teachers, Mary Enata and Donita Duffee.

Junior High teachers, Mary Enata and Donita Duffee, made a presentation to the Board about technology and professional development they are using in the classroom.

Marsha Killian moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) September 20, 2007, budget hearing and regular and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington October 18, 2007, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in September, 2007, 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.

Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Curt Nettles reported on the following items:

- The state budget has not yet been implemented due to lack of the implementation legislation. If the new budget is not in place by November, the new state aid calculations will result in a decrease in state aid for Lexington in the amount of \$26,000 per month.
- The issue with the high school office air conditioning unit is being addressed.
- Mr. Nettles asked the Board to consider moving the dates for the December and March meetings to accommodate the music program and spring break respectively.
- The Killian donation for technology has been put to good use with the purchase of new computers for the junior high and new monitors for other areas of the building.
- The newly mandated moment of silence will be fully implemented by the week of October 22.

Elementary School Principal Dale Heidbreder was not present, but Mr. Nettle reported on his behalf.

- There will be an elementary teacher aide vacancy due to the recommendation of Patti Thomas for the junior high / high school secretary position.
- The elementary teachers will be looking at using assessments to correlate with the ISAT to better identify students that are struggling. This will allow interventions to take place earlier for students that struggle.

- Parent-teacher conferences will be held the evenings of October 30, and November 1.
- The elementary Fall Festival will be held November 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Grade level meetings continue to discuss assessments and students' needs.
- The professional development and school improvement planning specialist from the Regional Office of Education will be meeting with staff and administration for planning purposes.

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

- Junior high / high school secretary, Patti Brown, is retiring, November 8.
- Patti Thomas, who is currently an elementary teacher aide, is recommended for the position of junior high / high school secretary.
- The quarter ends October 19, 2007.
- Report cards will be distributed at parent-teacher conferences.
- Mr. Baker offered congratulations to the football team for making the play-offs and the volleyball team for winning their regional tournament and making it to the sectional championship.

Superintendent Curt Nettles presented the Illinois District Report Card for Lexington Unit #7, showing data for the 2006-07 school year. Lori Leake moved to approve the District Report Card. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.

Tony Dietsch moved to accept the resignation of Patti Brown, effective November 8, 2007, for her retirement. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approved Patti Thomas as junior high / high school secretary. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

President Steve Brown reminded the Board of the upcoming school board convention. Steve also suggested that board members express their appreciation to Jim and Judy Killian for their generous donation of funds for technology.

Tony Dietsch moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.