

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Budget Hearing
September 20, 2007

President Steve Brown opened the budget hearing in the District Office at 6:45 p.m., with the following board 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; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; and, Toni Wilken, recording secretary. Mr. Nettles outlined the budget for the 2007-08 school year. Tony Dietsch moved to close the budget hearing at 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

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, 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; Dale Heidbreder, Elementary School Principal; Toni Wilken, recording secretary; and two visitors, the district's auditor, Robin Yockey, CPA, and music teacher Eleanor Hess.

Auditor Robin Yockey distributed the June 30, 2007, annual audit report booklets and reviewed the audit with the Board. The district received a perfect score of 4.0 on the School District Financial Profile.

Elementary music teacher Eleanor Hess demonstrated her new curriculum to the board. Mrs. Hess is using software to increase participation and interest in the music lessons. The board commended her for her efforts.

Ben Kahle moved to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- A.) August 16, 2007, regular session minutes.
- B.) Lexington September 20, 2007, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in August, 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.
- D.) The 2007-08 Application for Recognition of Schools.
- E.) The 2007-08 contract with Robert Addems to provide student transportation.
- F.) Mr. Leake and Mr. Wasson as volunteer cross country coaches.
- G.) Amend the 2007-08 calendar to reflect November 12, as Veterans' Day and no student attendance.
- H.) Increase the stipend for gameworkers to \$20 per event.

Seconded by Tony Dietsch. 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 is still awaiting legislation to enact the state budget.
- The ventilation issue in the locker room will be resolved very soon. The fan itself is adequate, but the existing opening will be enlarged.
- Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance reported that proposed “gaming” legislation could produce additional dollars for schools.
- The question has been raised whether home-schooled students should be allowed to participate in the school’s extra- and co-curricular activities. The Board will consider adopting a policy regarding this matter.
- The Citizens’ Advisory Council will hold its first meeting of the year in November.
- The Corn Belt Division semi-annual conference and dinner meeting will be held October 9, at Woodland.

Elementary School Principal Dale Heidbreder reported on the following items:

- The new teacher and aides in the elementary are doing well.
- New legislation has changed the requirement for a physical exam at fifth grade to requiring one at sixth grade. Fifth graders for the current 2007-08 school year, who had a physical, could be given a pass for the 2008-09 school year. That is yet to be decided.
- Grade level meetings are being held monthly.
- Cafeteria director, Sue Lahr, has implemented a cost calculation process, which has been very effective. The cafeteria staff is doing a fine job.
- Mr. Heidbreder expressed appreciation for Eleanor Hess’s presentation. In connection with the new music curriculum, the elementary teachers are doing some cross-curricular projects with the music program.

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

- Mr. Baker distributed charts and graphs to board showing Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) scores back to 2002.
- The band trip is set for May 2-5, 2008. Approximately 30 individuals will participate, including the director and chaperones, at a cost of approximately \$560 per person. Fundraising is ongoing.

Mike Kelley moved to adopt the 2007-08 budget. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve rescheduling the November board meeting to November 13, 2007, since the superintendent and board members will be attending the IASB annual conference on the date of the regular board meeting. Seconded by Tony Dietsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Kahle moved to accept the resignation of teacher aide Shannon Peters. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to employ Christina Kay as bus monitor and assign Ralph Whitsitt the extra duty of High School Chorus Director. Seconded by Lori Leake. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kelley moved to approve appointment of Kregg Ummel to the Citizens' Advisory Council. Seconded by Ben Kahle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nettles mentioned to the board that he had given the file to the mayor containing the information he had gathered regarding the street that runs between Keller Park and the school's baseball and football field. The street is apparently part of the school's property, but the administration and board intend to turn ownership of the street over to the City.

Steve Brown moved to go into closed session at to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee. The board will take a five-minute recess and begin closed session at 8:22 p.m. Seconded by Bruce Klein. Roll call vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Tony Dietsch moved to go into open session at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

President Steve Brown reported to the Board on recent IASB resolutions.

Mike Kelley moved to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Seconded by Lori Leake. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven K. Brown, President

Bruce A. Klein, Secretary