

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12  
Board of Education Meeting  
Basement of G.A. Sihler School  
601 South State St. Litchfield, IL. 62056  
Thursday, October 15, 2020  
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:02 p.m. at G.A. Sihler School ,601 South State Street, Litchfield, IL. 62056. Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice President, David Belusko; Mark Bloome, and Mike Fleming. Absent; Valerie Cain and Gregg Hires. Also in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Kris Adamson, recording secretary. Administrators: Doug Hoster; Jennifer Thompson; Russ Tepen; and Adam Favre. John Hanafin of News Herald and Mary Herschelman, Journal News.; Amy Newkirk, LEA representative. Sarah Smith and Josh Andres from Scheffel Boyle – Certified Public Accounts. Kendall King- Kings Financial Consulting. Concerned parents and citizens. Masks were worn and social distancing was adhered to the guidelines.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:02pm. No one contacted Dr. Fuerstenau to address the board prior to the agenda being posted. No public input at this time.

Consent agenda

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- o Approve minutes from Public Hearing on September 22, 2020
- o Approve regular meeting and closed session minutes on September 22, 2020
- o Approve monthly bills
- o Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for October 2020 total \$357,077. From Education Fund \$297,400; from Operations & Maintenance \$29,101; from Transportation \$28,377; from Tort \$2,199. Total in all funds at September 30, 2020 is \$7,941,187. An additional bill was presented to the Board. \$148,947.31 was paid to Community Title and Escrow Total in operating funds is \$5,954,162; total in Capital Projects is \$699,211. A roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

A motion was made by Mike Fleming and seconded by Ron Anglin to approve the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, as presented by Sarah Smith and Josh Andres of Scheffel Boyle, certified public accountants. A roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0. Sarah Smith presented the audit findings to the Board of Education.

At 6:52 p.m. board member Mike Fleming excused himself from meeting.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to adopt a resolution providing for the issue of \$2,363,800 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020B, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund and refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof. A roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:53 p.m. board member Mike Fleming returned to the board meeting.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to adopt a resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$12,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020C, of the District, for the purpose of financing school facility improvements, providing for the pledge of certain revenues and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. A roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome. Abstain: Fleming Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to adopt a resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$8,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds of the District, for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes and for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. A roll call vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome. Abstain: Fleming Motion carried 4-0.

#### Information

Enrollment as of September 30,2020 was 1322. Enrollment is down as compared to this time last year. There are approximately 30 Kindergarten students that attended the prekindergarten program last year but are not in attendance this year for various reasons. Administrators each gave a brief report on status in their buildings. High School students may return to in person learning at the end of the quarter instead of previously stated the end of the semester. Elementary student may return to in person learning at the end of the trimester which is November 9, 2020. The District is working with the guidelines set forth by the CDC, IDPH, as well as the Montgomery County Health Department. School Nurses and staff are being in diligent in providing a safe school environment for all and will continue to do so. The District will provide meals through the end of the June 2021 made possible by a grant. Students are enjoying the return of hot meals as well. Jennifer Thompson spoke on the status of hot spots for the district. A grant was awarded to the district to help with these technology needs for students. Families without internet access will be given a hot spot so that their child may use their Chromebook or tablet for lessons. Dr. Tepen has been assigned as the Title 9 coordinator for the district. Dr. Fuerstenau and Dr. Tepen went through the mandated training. Mr. Hoster, high school principal will retire at the end of the school year. A search for candidates will begin in January. Next meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, November 17, 2020 beginning at 6:00p.m.

#### Closed Session

The Board did not adjourn to closed session.

#### Personnel

No action.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Fleming. Motion carried 5-0