

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
Basement of G.A. Sihler School
601 South State St. Litchfield, IL. 62056
Thursday, December 17, 2020
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:00 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, Valerie Cain, David Belusko; Mark Bloome, Mike Fleming and Gregg Hires. Also in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Kris Adamson, recording secretary. Administrators: Doug Hoster; Jennifer Thompson; Russ Tepen; Jeremy Heigert and Adam Favre. John Hanafin of News Herald and Mary Herschelman, Journal News.; Mark Elvers, LEA representative. Masks were worn and social distancing was adhered to the guidelines.

Citizens Agenda

N/A

Consent agenda

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

- Approve regular and closed session minutes from the meeting on November 17, 2020.
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for December 2020 total \$288,385: total from the Education fund \$87,666; from O&M \$46,798; from Debt service \$4,127; from Transportation \$29,246; from Capital Projects \$116,127; from Tort \$4,420. Ending balance in all funds at November 30, 2020 is \$24,984,122. Total in operating funds is \$9,031,110. Total in Capital Projects is \$14,097,088. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to adopt a resolution to establish a property tax levy for 2020. The 2020 Tax Ley was presented at the November 2020 Board meeting. No changes were made to the proposed document. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the first reading of board revisions to policy, administrative procedures, and exhibits. Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried: 7-0

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve the renewal of the indoor air quality professional service contract with Environmental Consultants. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve a resolution to abate \$400,000 from Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. The FY2021 budget reflects a transfer of \$400,000 from the working cash fund to the education fund for the purpose of educational programming expenditures. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Information

Enrollment for November was 1318. Kelley Walker, director of the MAKE IT program, submitted her monthly report. At this time, she has 9 out of 15 students utilizing the program. She is hoping that more students will take the opportunity to come and get help with homework and enrichment activities. Dr. Fuerstenau announced that the district would be going to five days a week starting January 5, 2021 for students. There would still be an early dismissal time of 1:00pm and 1:30pm. The early dismissal is for staff to work with the remote learners. The District staff, students, parents, and administrators were praised for keeping the doors open on the district for the first 18 weeks. Administrators gave a brief update. Wi-Fi hot spots were still available for those students who need internet access. Mr. Favre is encouraging parents and community members to sign up for the district's YouTube channel. There is no cost to subscribers. 1000 subscribers are needed to move forward with the channel. The District has been chosen to participate in rapid COVID 9 testing. Our nurses would take training necessary. Parents would sign a waiver to allow their student to be tested if warranted. The Board members thanked the entire district employees for all of their hard work and dedication to make this school year work. During this holiday time, the transportation and custodial staff chose to collect donations in lieu of gifts. A donation was made to the Litchfield Food Pantry.

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the following personnel report:

- Accept the resignation of Larry Blevins, Parent Engagement Coordinator, effective December 31, 2020.
- Approve family medical leave request to Katie Steinbach effective December 7, 2020 to January 4, 2021.
- Accept the letter of intent to retire from Jo Brummet, high school teacher, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Accept the letter of intent to retire from Mary Schmidt, elementary teacher, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome at 6:54 p.m. for the board to enter into closed session for the purpose to discuss: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Roll Call Vote: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming and Hires. Motion carried 7-0 At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Able, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.