

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Public Hearing
Board of Education
Basement of G.A. Sihler School
601 South State St. Litchfield, IL. 62056
Thursday, June 17, 2021
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held a public hearing beginning at 6:00p.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, Secretary, David Belusko, Mike Fleming. Unable to attend were Mark Bloome, Gregg Hires and Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent. Also in attendance: Kris Adamson, Recording Secretary. Administrators: Jennifer Thompson; Russ Tepen; Jeremy Heigert and Adam Favre. Chris Kuntzman, Technology Director. Amy Newkirk, LEA representative. John Hanafin of News Herald. Emily Spindler, FGM Architects and a representative from Poettker Construction. Concerned parents and citizens.

Public Hearing

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm for the public to be presented the FY2020-2021 amended budget for the Litchfield School District. The tentative amended budget has been on display at the District Office for thirty (30) days. There were no public questions or comments regarding the amended budget. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to adjourn the public hearing at 6:03p.m. Voice Vote: Motion carried: 5-0

Regular Meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education

The regular monthly meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was called to order at 6:03p.m.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to enter into closed session at 6:04 pm. 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) Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to return to open session at 6:53 p.m. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve the addition/ deletion of High School Activity accounts
- Approve regular and closed session minutes from May 20, 2021
- Approve regular and closed session minutes from special meeting on June 2, 2021
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Yearly approval of adding incoming Freshmen account and deleting previous senior class account. Bills payable in June total \$376,737. From Education fund \$244,888; from Operations & Maintenance \$35,460; from Transportation \$33,185; from Capital Projects \$40,000; and from Tort \$23,203. Ending balance in all funds at May 31, 2021 is \$30,229,406. Balance in operating funds is \$7,924,068. Balance in Capital Projects is \$13,576,877; and in Health Life Safety \$7,669,652. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Emily Spindler of FGM Architects along with Eric of Poettker Construction gave the board the latest updates to the elementary building project. The plans were updated to include sinks in classrooms and lockers for the 2nd and 3rd grade students. Samples of the exterior materials that will be used were presented for the Board. FGM Architects and Poettker construction will give the next updates at the July 20, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to grant Poettker Construction permission to issue a Solicitation for Bids for the Precast and Structural Steel packages for the New Elementary Building at State Street. This approval does not constitute any approval for acceptance of submitted bids nor shall it bind the District to award any bids. Separate approval from the Board of Education shall be obtained to obligate any bidder. This approval is strictly to allow Poettker Construction to act, on the District's behalf, to issue a Solicitation for Bid, advertise and collect bids, and prepare results for the District's consideration for award. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0. As a discussion point, these packages are being released early due to the long lead times of materials. The balance of the packages will be released under a separate approval.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve setting the amended Fogleman Scholarship dollar amount to \$ 3,000.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. In light of the reduction in renewals this year, it is recommended that the scholarship amount for 2020-2021 be set at \$3,000.00. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve the amended budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 as presented by Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Chief Financial officer for the Litchfield Community Unit School District #12. A budget amendment hearing, which was advertised in the newspaper, was held prior to tonight's board meeting. In addition, the tentative amended budget has been available for 30 days at the Unit Office during regular business hours as required. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve the proposed material fees and extra-curricular activity fees for the 2021-2022 school year. It is proposed that all fees will remain the same as last school year. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) as the district's property and casualty insurance carrier for 2021-2022. To approve Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) as the district's property and casualty insurance carrier for 2021-2022. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) as the district's workers' compensation insurance carrier for 2021-2022. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the fuel bid from M&M Service Company for a 2-year period of time (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2023) at the following rates: Diesel Fuel \$2.974 per gallon and Unleaded fuel \$2.899 per gallon. Mr. Bob Witter, Director of Buildings and Grounds/ Transportation will present information at meeting. Deadline to submit fuel bid was Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the bid from ROOTER Asphalt Inc. to mill and resurface the asphalt parking lot at the Litchfield Middle School for the amount of \$44,575.00 Mr. Bob Witter, Director of Buildings and Grounds/ Transportation will present information at meeting. Deadline to submit bid was Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Project will not begin until June 24, 2021 and will be completed by July 31, 2021. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to approve the proposed 2021-2022 Consolidated District Plan for the Litchfield School District. This is an annual document that the district submits to ISBE to consolidate all grant information that is required. Mrs. Thompson updates tests scores, teacher survey information, as well general

information for this document on an annual basis. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mike Fleming and seconded by David Belusko to ratify the collective bargaining agreement with the Litchfield Education Association for 2021-2022; 2022-2023; 2023-2024; 2024-2025 school years. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Mike Fleming to ratify the collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 525 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by David Belusko to approve the increase to the Non-Certified/Non-Teamster salary schedule in an amount not less than the same percentage increase (including cost of step) as negotiated between the Teamster staff and the Board of Education beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve the hire of Kari Drago as Freshmen Volleyball Coach beginning the 2021-2022 school year. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to hire Kimberly Phelps as High School/Middle School Art teacher and Rembrandt Society Sponsor beginning the 2021-2022 school year. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the administrative contract and assignment for Mr. Adam Favre, principal of Sihler and Madison Park schools for the 2021-2022 school year. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve the administrators contract and assignment for Mr. Jeremy Heigert, principal of Colt and Russell schools for the 2021-2022 school year. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the administrators contract and assignment for Dr. Russ Tepen, principal of Litchfield Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the administrative contract and assignment for Mrs. Jennifer Thompson as Director of Curriculum and Special Education Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the 3.5% salary increase for administrators: Favre, Heigert, Tepen, Thompson, and Fuerstenau for the 2021-2022 school year. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

Information Items

The Administrators gave a brief update on Summer School and Camp Panther. 116 students are attending Camp Panther. The last day will be July 1st. Many donations of gift cards and merchandise have been made by business in the community. Beth Cherry with the Chamber of Commerce was a great recourse. The High School has 65 enrolled in summer school while the Middle School is up to 34 students. Attendance has been exceptional. There is room for improvement and the administrators are collecting feedback from students, parents, and staff. Ideas are already forming for next year.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Able, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.