

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
Radius Room of Litchfield High School
1705 N State St. Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held a meeting beginning at 6:00p.m. in the Radius Room of Litchfield High School ,1705 N State Street, Litchfield, IL. 62056. Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice President, David Belusko, Mike Fleming, and Gregg Hires. Absent was: Valerie Cain. Also in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Jennifer Thompson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction/ Special Education Liaison; Kris Adamson, Recording Secretary and Administrators: Juletta Ellis, Hilary Wagenblast, Jeremy Heigert, Adam Favre. Attending: Chris Kuntzman, Technology Director; Shane Cress, LEA President; Steve Dougherty, Mayor of the City of Litchfield; Mary Herschelman, Journal News and John Hanafin, Litchfield News Herald. Robyn Klingler and Katelin Feldmann of Scheffel Boyle Certified Public Accountants. Concerned parents and citizens.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve minutes from Public Hearing on September 21, 2021
- Approve regular and closed session minutes from meeting on September 21, 2021
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for October 2021 total \$308,956.77. Total from Education fund, \$223,154.08; from O&M, \$44,268.46; from Transportation, \$39,960.79; from Tort, \$1,573.44. Ending fund balance in all funds at 9/30/21 is \$30,709,691.35. Total in Operating Funds is \$8,807,893,34. Total in Capital projects is \$12,472,846.84. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

New Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 as presented by Scheffel Boyle, Certified Public Accountants. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0 Robyn Klingler and Katelin Feldmann, representatives of the accounting firm, gave a summary of their findings. The District's profile score for this audit is recognition. Patton and Company, CPA takes on the second review for the district each year. Ms. Feldmann complimented Mrs. Della Witter, Business Manager for the District, on her accuracy and professionalism. Overall the audit showed the district in good shape moving forward with building projects and grant monies for special project. They cautioned that complete records be kept for all the upcoming projects. Student Activity funds at the school level still need to be monitored and same procedures be used across the board. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Litchfield School District and the Mt. Olive School District for co-op high school wrestling during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. Currently Mt. Olive High school has 3 boys who would like to participate in wrestling. They do not have a wrestling program. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to adopt a resolution for the Litchfield Community Unit School District #12 to participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. A resolution is required for the district to participate in the State's Federal surplus property program. Equipment might be available for purchase for the agriculture and auto shop classes. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

Information

Enrollment for September was 1293. Make It program included their report and financials in the Board packet. Charles Dykema was introduced to the Board. Mr. Dykema is an employee of OPAA Food Services and the District's food service director. He will be including a monthly report for the Board with details of meals served

and other statistics. Mr. Dykema has worked with his staff to overcome the food delivery shortages. The administrators gave brief monthly reports. Mrs. Ellis stated the high school is posting events on the Facebook page to have a social media presence. The Volleyball team raised \$3,300.00 at their annual Dig for a Cure event. Carly Quinn is headed to the state golf tournament. Hilary Wagenblast, Assistant High School Principal, stated that the new freshmen program was working well. The latest event took place on October 7th. According to Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Curriculum Coordinator for the District, the teachers had a full day of in-service training on the new math curriculum. Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated throughout the district the week of October 26th. Parent Teacher conferences will be October 21st and 2nd. Mr. Heigert announced that a Panther Attendance program has been established at Colt and Russell schools. Mr. Favre stated that the district received the Duff grant for technology needs in the District. He will be introducing Candi Mazza, Family Engagement Coordinator at the next meeting. Dr. Fuerstenau is the FOIA officer for the district. He responded to two requests this month. Both requests were from LOCALLABS regarding COVID19 and curriculum. Mike Fleming, board member, was honored with a pin for his recent designation as a Master Board Member from the Illinois Association of School Boards. The board scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony for the State Street Elementary School project on Tuesday, October 26, beginning at 5:45pm. The district is continuing to supply mental health resources to parents. Dr. Fuerstenau stated that it had been four years since a new school bus had been purchased and that the district would be revisiting the plan to maintain the fleet.

Personnel

The Board chose NOT to enter into closed session.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the family medical leave request from Frank Walden, custodian beginning September 23, 2021 and continuing for eight (8) weeks. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the family medical leave request of Megan Becker, Special Education Teacher, beginning September 24, 2021 through October 19, 2021. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the hire of Jamie Holbert as a Special Education Classroom aide beginning the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the hire of Carter Powell as Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach beginning the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the hire of Brooke Roemelin as interim Middle School Volleyball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the hires of Dale Volentine as Freshmen Boys Basketball coach beginning the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve Abby Frerichs as a volunteer coach to the Girls Basketball program beginning the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to adjourn the meeting at 7:03p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.