

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
Radius Room of Litchfield High School
1705 N State St. Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
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 (virtually) Ron Anglin, Vice President, Valerie Cain, Secretary; David Belusko, Mark Bloome, Mike Fleming. Gregg Hires was absent. Also in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Jennifer Thompson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction/ Special Education Liaison; Kris Adamson, Recording Secretary and Administrators: Juleta Ellis, Hilary Wagenblast, Russ Tepen, Adam Favre, Jeremy Heigert. Attending: Bob Witter, Building and Grounds/Transportation Director; Chris Kuntzman, Technology Director and Shane Cress, LEA representative; John Hanafin, Litchfield News Herald and Mary Herschelman, Journal News. Roger Krabbe and Chad Ruppert with the Bank and Trust Company. Concerned parents and citizens.

Citizens Agenda

Roger Krabbe and Chad Ruppert of the Bank and Trust Company gave their end of the year reports for the Fogleman Trust. Mr. Ruppert, farm manager, for the trust stated that a tornado hit the farm in Virginia, IL. Three grain bins on the property were damaged. Cost to replace at this time would be at least \$30,000.00. This would be a cost to the Trust through their insurance. Insurance coverages were increased over the past year. Rents on the farms were increased over the past year as well. Mr. Krabbe gave the investment side of the Trust. Between investments and farm income the Fogleman trust would have about \$219,000.00 to award in scholarships. It is estimated that 30 current seniors and 43 renewals could be allocated a \$3,000.00 scholarship. This is the amount recommended by Mr. Krabbe and Julie Abel, president. Peter Ratermann of Poettker Construction gave his monthly report. Mr. Ratermann presented the board with a detailed schedule. Even with the weather conditions the contractors have been able to move forward. Moisture seems to be a problem with the soil and with the current conditions a drying agent may be needed for the project to stay on schedule. All of the performance bonds are in place except for one contractor and Poettker Construction is working to obtain it. There were no change orders this month. Ameren is moving forward and should be complete soon for the area that will be used as staging for contractors.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the consent agenda:

- o Approve minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting.
- o Approve monthly bills
- o Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for March 2022 total \$1,373,724.33. From Education fund \$207,828.15; from O&M \$51,639.28; from Debt service \$322,736.27; from Transportation \$36,262.45; from Capital Projects \$753,372.69; from Tort \$1,855.49. Ending balance total of all funds as of 2/28/22 is \$30,818,978. Balance in operating funds is \$8,966,271. Balance in Capital Projects is \$12,452,304. Balance in HLS is \$7,760,910. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

Old Business

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the second reading of board revisions to Policy, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits from Issue #108. The following revisions were reviewed for a second reading: As presented by IASB: 4:165; 5:10; 5:20;5:20-AP;5:30;5:30-AP1;5:30-AP2;5:30-AP2, E1;5:30-AP2,E2;5:50;5:90;5:90-AP;5:100;5:100-AP;5:120;5:120-AP2;5:120-AP2,E;5:125;5:150;5:185;5:185-AP;5:200;5:210;5:220;5:200-AP;5:250;5:260;5:3306:15;6:20;6:50;6:60-AP1,E2;6:100-AP2;6:120;6:130;6:135;6:135-AP;6:180;6:220;6:300;6:300-E2;6:300-E3;6:310;6:320;6:340;6:60
6:660-AP1 will follow the recommended update:

- *9. Items b and c will be stricken.
- *10. All items will be stricken.
- *11. All items will be stricken.
- *12. All items will be stricken

Voice Vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

New Business

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Mark Bloome approved setting the Fogleman scholarship dollar amount to \$3,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain. Abstain: Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the one-year renewal contract with Johnson Controls for the HVAC maintenance and service on District buildings at a sum of \$37,368.00. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain. Nay: Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mike Fleming and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Office of Education #3 for the said Safe Schools Programs and Alternative High School. This intergovernmental agreement provides our district alternative safe school services through the ROE #3. No changes have been made to the agreement. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Mike Fleming to accept the bid from Rooters American Maintenance for the high school north parking lot resurfacing project in the amount of \$ 69,700.00. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by David Belusko and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the amended 2021-2022 school calendar. As of this date, the last day full day of attendance for students will be May 20, 2022. ELearning days were utilized on February 2, 3, 4, and 18th. February 17, 2022 was an interrupted day. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the proposed 2022-2023 Board Calendar for regular School Board meetings and Fogleman Trustee meetings. The regular meetings of the Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year will be held at 6:00pm.m on the third Tuesday of each month in the Radius Room of Litchfield High school unless otherwise specified; and that said meetings will be limited to 11:00 p.m. adjournment. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain. Present: Fleming. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made Valerie Cain and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the proposed calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Mike Fleming from the Litchfield Board of Education immediately following the March 15, 2022 board meeting. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

Information

Enrollment for February 2022 was 1306. Kelley Walker, MAKE IT program director provided monthly reports. OPAA Food Services provided their monthly report for February. 11,617 lunches had been served during the month. Bob Witter discussed the summer projects for 2022 including the high school parking lot. Some things were going back to normal this spring with scheduled field trips and sporting events. Derek Odle, custodian has worked meticulously to get the softball and baseball fields top shape. Jennifer Thompson reported that the district was awarded mental health grant that would include salaries for specialized personnel. Juletta Ellis commented that these funds will also be used to further the district's ongoing mental health initiatives. Title 1 scheduled an in person event on March 28th. Mr. Favre and Mr. Heigert presented more details for Camp Panther. Camp Panther is scheduled for June 6th through June 24th. "All Around the World" will be held daily Monday – Friday 8:00am to 1:30pm. Currently there is a waiting list to participate. According to Dr. Tepen, Middle School principal, testing is underway. Isiah Burdell was recognized at the Illinois Principals Association Breakfast. Middle School wrestlers that competed at the state tournament will be recognized at the April 26, 2022 board meeting. Ryan Baugher attended the IPA breakfast with Juletta Ellis, high school principal. Carly Guinn and Cameron Crow were honored with IHSA scholar athlete awards. The High School Scholastic Bowl team won

the regional tournament. Dr. Fuerstenau stated that two FOIA requests were asked of the district. The first request from Nicholas O'Connell of "JoinJuno.com" was denied due to state code. While the second was fulfilled for SmartProcure.

Closed Session

A motion was made by David Belusko and seconded by Mark Bloome that the Board of Education enter into closed session 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), as amended by P.A. 93-0057. 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: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0. A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Mike Fleming for the board to return to open session at 8:23pm. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

Personnel

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Shannon Holtgrave, special education teacher at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Mike Fleming to accept the resignation of Scott Zobrist, special education teacher at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by Mike Fleming and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the involuntary transfer of Whitney McSperritt from 2nd grade to 3rd grade teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. PRESENT: Belusko Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the increase of work hours for Derek Odle custodian from 30 hours to 40 hours per week effective immediately. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Emilee Long as an aide to MAKE IT during the summer program. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the hire of Angela Sanders as a teacher with MAKE IT during the summer program. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the voluntary transfer of Adam Taylor from Middle School special education teacher to High School special education teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

A motion was made by Mike Fleming and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Billie Jo Havron as a substitute custodian for the district effective immediately. Roll Call: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Fleming. Motion carried. 6-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Mike Fleming and seconded by Valerie Cain to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried 6-0.