

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Public Hearing
Radius Room of Litchfield High School
1705 N State St. Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held a public hearing beginning at 6:00p.m. in the Radius Room of Litchfield High School ,1705 N State Street, Litchfield, IL. 62056. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss a waiver for School Code 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12(a) which requires the board of education to charge non-resident pupils tuition “in the amount not exceeding 110% of per capita cost of maintaining schools in the district for the preceding year.” The actual intent would be to allow students of faculty and staff to attend tuition free (0%).

Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Valerie Cain, Secretary; David Belusko, Mark Bloome, Jimmy Gorowski and Gregg Hires. Ron Anglin 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: Juletta 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. Concerned parents and citizens.

No one from the public requested to address the Board of Education. Dr. Fuerstenau reiterated that approval of the waiver by the General Assembly would allow the district to claim the average daily attendance of such students. The use of the waiver by faculty and staff members will provide additional motivation to work even harder for instructional improvement since there would be direct personal benefit. The District is requesting to extend its current waive after the 2021-2022 school year for an additional 5 years.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by David Belusko to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

During the regular meeting of the Litchfield Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education that immediately followed the Public Hearing, a proposed motion by Mark Bloome and seconded by Gregg Hires that the Board approve the submittal to the General Assembly a waiver that would allow non-resident children of Litchfield School District’s faculty and staff to attend school tuition free. Roll call to approve the submission of the waiver to the General Assembly was taken as follows: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.