

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
Radius Room of Litchfield High School
1705 N State St. Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, June 21 2022
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly 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; Valerie Cain, Secretary; David Belusko, Mark Bloome; and Gregg Hires. Jimmy Gorowski 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, 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. Concerned parents and citizens.

Public Hearing- Budget

A public hearing for FY2021-2022 amendment to the budget was called to order at 6:00p.m. Julie Abel, president asked for any public input. Seeing none, a motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Matt Belusko to adjourn at 6:01p.m. Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

Public Hearing – Bonds

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount of \$5,500,000 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering and reconstructing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein. Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice-President; Valerie Cain, Secretary; David Belusko, Mark Bloome; and Gregg Hires. Jimmy Gorowski was absent. Kendall King of King's Financial presented the Board with the information on the intent to sell more bonds. The bonds would come at the end of the current debt term and would not raise taxes. The current rate is changing daily and would not be as good as the last issuance. Local banks would be contacted to see if they would like first chance to purchase these bonds. There was no other public input. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to adjourn the public hearing at 6:09p.m. Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:10p.m. Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice-President; Valerie Cain, Secretary; David Belusko, Mark Bloome; and Gregg Hires. Jimmy Gorowski was absent.

Citizens Agenda

Coach Drew Logan, middle school track coach, presented the students that had qualified for the State track meet this school year. Qualifiers included: 8th Grade Darby Braasch---1600 and 800;7th Grade Amari Vickery--400, 800, 4x200, 4x400;7th Grade Leighton Warchol--4x200 and 4x400;7th Grade Alexis Middleton--4x400;6th Grade Emma Weidner--4x200;6th Grade Jada Carroll--4x200 and 4x400;6th Grade McKenna Harmon--4x200;6th Grade Nick Fetter---High Jump. Each athlete received a certificate of accomplishment from the Board of Education.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve the addition/deletion of High School Activity accounts
- Approve minutes from the Public Hearing on May 17, 2022
- Approve regular and closed session minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for June 2022 total \$2,070,100.38. From Education fund: \$171,856.61. From Operations & Maintenance: \$53,534.27. From Transportation: \$38,767.64. From Capital Projects: \$1,799,517.87. From Tort: \$4,953.99. From Fire Prevention & Safety: \$1,470.00 Balance in all funds at May 31, 2022 is \$27,923,721. Balance in operating funds is \$8,802,935. Balance in Capital Projects is \$10,270,267. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

Peter Raterman, project manager for Poettker Construction presented his monthly report on the State Street Elementary Project. All of the precast concrete walls were up and in place. Gregg Hires asked about the indentions that could be seen on the panels. Dr. Fuerstenau stated that the issue had been brought to his attention and that the contractors and fabricators were working on solutions. These solutions would be presented to the Board for approval. The project is still set to be completed in February of 2023. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the contract change order PCCO #005 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$3880.45. The change order is associated with grading revisions along the west side of the site along Jefferson Street. The main gas meter was located closer to the jobsite than originally marked and ground needed to be prepared accordingly. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Emily Spindler of FGM Architects presented the initial plans for the renovation and addition to the Madison Park Elementary School project. The new and renovated 38,000 square foot facility will house Prekindergarten through first grades. The drawings and plans are in the initial phase with a generous completion date of Spring of 2024.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the amended budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 as presented by Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Chief Financial Officer for the Litchfield Community Unit School District #12. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the proposed material fees, Chromebook fees and extra-curricular activity fees for the 2022-2023 school year. The District will participate in the Community Eligibility Program this year for food service. Breakfast and lunch will be served free to students. Extra milk will be \$.50 a carton and A- la-carte items will be sold separately. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) as the district's workers' compensation insurance carrier for 2022-2023. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) as the district's property and casualty insurance carrier for 2022-2023. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the contract with United Healthcare for employee health benefits for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve a resolution to purchase the real property located at 1100 N Old Route 66, Litchfield, IL. from Living Stones Church for the amount of \$800,000.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Bloome, Cain, and Hires. NAY: Belusko Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve a lease agreement between the Litchfield Community Unit School Dist. #12 and the Regional Office of Education #3 for classroom space for the regional Safe School. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Bloome, Cain, and Hires. PRESENT: Belusko Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve the first reading of board revisions to Policy, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits from Issue #109. The following revisions will need to be reviewed for a second reading: As presented by IASB:2:150-AP;2:230;3:70;4:10;4:60-AP4, E1;4:70;4:110-AP2;4:170-AP1,E1; 4:170-AP1,E2;4:170-AP4;4:180;4:180-AP1;5:40;5:40-AP;5:70;5:80;5:110;5:130-AP;5:140;5:220-E;5:240;5:270-E 6:70;6:70-AP;6:80;6:120-AP3;6:120-AP3,E1;6:140;6:140-AP;6:250-E;6:290;6:330;7:10-AP1;7:10-AP2;7:15;7:60-AP2;7:140-AP;7:270;7:270-AP1;7:270-AP2;7:270-E1;7:285;7:300-E1;7:300-E3; 7:340-AP1,E2; 7:340-AP1,E5; 8:20-E Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain. NAY: Hires. Motion carried 5-1.

Information

Enrollment for May was 1294. Kelley Walker, MAKE IT program director provided monthly reports. Bob Witter, Buildings/Grounds and Transportation director announce that summer projects were under way. The Administrative team gave brief reports on Camp Panther. THE YMCA of Edwardsville and the Montgomery County Illinois Extension Office have been hands on with the kids this summer through demonstrations and activities. Camp Panther 2022 ends on Thursday, June 23rd with activities and prize giveaways. The custodians have all been working on their annual summer cleaning list while working around special projects. Five students from Mt. Olive attended football camp this year after the co-op program was approved. Administrators are working on curriculum and projects for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Fuerstenau informed the board that a FOIA request was fulfilled for SmartProcure.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain that the Board of Education enter into closed session at 7:54p.m. 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. Motion Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin for the board to return to open session at 8:59 pm. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Anna Mae Wells as a Social Worker for the District beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve the voluntary transfer of Susan Kershaw from Prekindergarten classroom aide to special education classroom aide at Colt School beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to approve the voluntary transfer of Stephanie Miller from Special education classroom aide to Prekindergarten classroom aide beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Conor White, High School Physical Education teacher and Head Baseball Coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Coy Davidson, assistant wrestling coach effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to hire Kari Dragoo as the high school head volleyball coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Kari Dragoo as the High School Freshmen Volleyball coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the hire of Rocky Giannuzzi as the 7th grade boy's basketball coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and Mark Bloome to hire Troy Burris as the 8th grade boy's basketball coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to hire Gary Loskot as a substitute custodian for the District effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Cecelia Bloome classroom aide, effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. ABSTAIN: Bloome. Motion Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the following summer hires for the MAKE IT program: Leigh Ann Long; Alexis Zeller; Carly Guinn; Olivia Goldman. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Able, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion Carried 6-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.