

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
District Office
1100 N Old Route 66
Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:00p.m. at the new District Office, 1100 N. Old Route 66, Litchfield, IL. 62056 Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice-President; Valerie Cain, Secretary; David Belusko, Jimmy Gorowski; and Gregg Hires. Mark Bloome 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.

Consent Agenda

- A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the Consent agenda as presented:
- Approve public hearings, regular and closed session minutes from the June 21, 2022
- Approve regular and closed session minutes from the July 5, 2022 special meeting
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for July 2022 total \$1,738,276.38. From Education Fund: \$441,454.34. From Operations & Maintenance: \$83,338.94. From Transportation: \$262,298.52. From Capital Projects: \$695,097.58. From Tort: 213,674.40. From Health-Life-Safety: \$42,412.50. Ending balance in all funds at June 30, 2022 is \$25,614,233. Balance in operating funds is \$8,186,722. Balance in Capital Projects is \$8,549,617. Balance in H-L-S is \$7,776,322. The District purchased two (2) new buses. A replacement rotation will be put into place so that eight(8) or the fleet would not have to be replaced all at once. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to approve the 2nd reading of board revisions to Policy, Administrative procedures and Exhibits from Press Plus Issue #109. 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-E6:70;6:70-AP;6:80;6:120-AP3;6:120-AP3,E1;6:140;6:140-AP;6:250-E;6:290;6:3307:10-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, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

Peter Raterman, project manager for Poettker Construction presented his monthly report on the State Street Elementary Project. He kept his report brief since the Board would reconvene to the site after their formal business and no change orders were needed this month.

Kevin Meyer of FGM Architects presented the updated plans for the renovation and addition to the Madison Park Elementary School project. with a generous completion date of Spring of 2024. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the Health, Life, Safety amendment for the addition and renovation of Madison Park Elementary school. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Meyer stated that he would bring the layout for the Innovation Center the August meeting in the hopes that the project would go out to bid in September. Dr. Lett and Dr. Fuerstenau are working the DCEO to make sure the District is successful in receiving the grant monies for this project.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski for consideration and action on a resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,300,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2022A, to increase the District's working cash fund, and not to exceed \$5,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2022B, to finance school fire prevention and safety projects, providing for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. These funds will be used for the Madison Park elementary project. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Information

Kelley Walker, MAKE IT program director provided monthly reports. Dr. Fuerstenau informed the board that a FOIA request was fulfilled for Illinois Retired Teachers Association. Teachers and Staff will return on August 10th. Students will return on Friday, August 12 with an 1:15/1:30pm dismissal. Dr. Fuerstenau also mentioned that the Board would take action on the property located at 223 West Scherer, Litchfield, IL. at the August meeting. The property is begin gifted to the District from the Jones/Allen family.

Closed Session

The Board chose not to go into closed session.

Action item

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to Approve that the need for confidentiality still exists pertaining to the minutes of closed sessions for the months of January 2022 to June 2022 and that the Board has determined for those minutes to remain closed. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Caint to approve the voluntary transfer of Janice Fleming from Instructional Tutor at Colt School to 5th grade Elementary teacher at Russell School beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconde by David Belusko to approve the hire of Alesha Good for a special education classroom aide for the district beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the hire of Jenny Loveless as an Instructional Tutor for Colt School beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to approve the hire of Brooke Roemelin as High School Assistant Volleyball Coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the hire of Madison Mix for the Make It program beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the hire of Tiffany Cartwright for the Make It program beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Erin Vazzi, Special Education Classroom aide effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Meeting relocated to the State Street Elementary project area. The Board toured to see the progress made at the site. They also inspected the pre-cast panels that had cosmetic imperfections. Eric Kohnen, Poettker Construction stated that the panels had been blasted to smooth out the dimples. The Board chose to have the panels stained to help cover the imperfections found. The concrete floor for the gym/storm shelter would be poured the next week. Mr. Kohnen is hoping that the building will be air tight by mid-October so that the interior work can continue during the winter months. The building is expected to be ready for the start of school next August 2023.

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