

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
District Office
1100 N Old Route 66
Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:00p.m. at the State Street Elementary Project Location, 127 West St. John Street, Litchfield, IL. Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice-President; Valerie Cain, Secretary; David Belusko, Mark Bloome and Jimmy Gorowski. 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: Juletta Ellis, Russ Teppen, 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.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. at the State Street Elementary project site located at 127 West St. John St., Litchfield, IL. 62056. Gregg Hires was absent. Eric Kohnen, Poettker Construction, walked the Board through the progress at the job site. He also showed them the various techniques used to cover the dimples in the precast walls. The Board agreed that the process of patching and then skim coating the surface was the best option to proceed with the fix. This process creates discoloration so; the panels will then be stained. The panels will have a 25year warranty. The Board left the job site and reconvened at the District Office located at 1100 N. Old Route 66, Litchfield, IL. beginning at 7:01p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

- o Approve regular meeting minutes from the July 19, 2022 meeting
- o Approve monthly bills
- o Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable total \$997,723.74. From Education fund \$224,315.96. From O&M \$100,446.43. From Transportation \$23,300.78. From Capital Projects \$644,102.96. From Tort \$3,167.25. From Health, Life, Safety \$2,280.36. Total balance in all funds at July 31, 2022 is \$25,745,681. Balance in operating funds is \$8,630,653. Balance in Capital Projects is \$7,959,857. Balance in Health, Life, Safety is \$7,764,937. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO#6 with Poettker Construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$0.00. This change event is tracking the cost associated with anchor bolts being installed in the wrong location on an interior column footing. Due to this, Bid Package 002 had to field modify a column removing the baseplate and rewilding it in an offset position that was approved by the EOR and inspected by the third party inspector. This is a zero-dollar change order to the owner. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

Kevin Meyer of FGM Architects presented the latest update to the Madison Park project. This elementary building would house grades K-1 and the Pre-kindergarten program. The District is working with the architects and ISBE to complete the project utilizing Health, Life Safety funds. A final drawing has not been presented to the Board for approval as of this board meeting. Dr. Fuerstenau is working on the Early Childhood grant that is due October 1, 2022.

Paul Luzecky of FGM Architects presented the layout for the South Central Illinois- Regional Workforce training and Innovation center located at 2001 Eilerman Ave., Litchfield, IL. 62056. There will be a NAPA parts store inside the building sponsored locally by McKay Auto Parts of Litchfield. Besides the automotive area, there will be an agriculture department; welding area, and a construction trades department. Conference rooms, office and reception areas will be included. All departments will be dual credit. This will be the fourth such training site of its kind in the State of Illinois.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve a resolution concerning the project labor agreements. This is a requirement for state funding. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept ownership of real property located at 223 West Scherer Street, Litchfield, IL. 62056. This property was donated to the District. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve a resolution to abate \$ 221,496.00 from the Working Cash fund to the Transportation fund. This transfer was for the purchase of 2 new school buses. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve a budget hearing for the 2022-2023 fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2022) for Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office 1100 N. Old Route 66, Litchfield, IL., and that the budget as prepared by the district's chief fiscal officer, Superintendent Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau, will be available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to its adoption on September 20, 2022; and that proper notice be given. School code requires that the tentative budget be on display thirty (30) days prior to final action taken on the budget. The budget must be adopted within the first quarter of the fiscal year, which ends September 30, 2022. The September 20th budget hearing will be in compliance with the required amount of time between public review of the budget and adoption of the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

Information Items

Dan Stewart, Athletic Director presented his monthly report to the Board in their meeting packet. North Mac has been added back into the South Central Conference this year bringing it to 10 teams. Fall sports are under way. Five boys from Mt. Olive are playing football this year. Early figures of enrollment have our overall number up by 61 as of date. The Regional Office of Education has started classes at the area of the District Office. They have made their first payment for usage as well. Jennifer Thompson, curriculum coordinator, stated that the District and other entities are utilizing the new location for professional development and other trainings. The new mental health team would address the board at the September meeting. Mr. Favre and Mr. Heigert will present the district's new literacy program to the board at the next meeting. The start of school was moving forward nicely. Today was the first full day of classes. Dr. Teppen reported that seventeen girls and 11 boys would be joining the Mt. Olive Junior High softball and baseball teams this year. The Sports Boosters have continued to support our students and the athletic programs in the district. It is estimated that eighty percent of the Freshmen attended orientation. New teachers to the District will be introduced at the September meeting.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome for the Board of Education to enter into closed session at 8:32pm to discuss: the following purpose as allowed under the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1): 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)) Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0. A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to return to open session at 9:22p.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Jamie Holbert, Special education classroom aide effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Angela Sanders, special education classroom aide effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Carter Powell, Middle School Assistant wrestling coach effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the hire of Misty Tooley as a special education classroom aide for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Malorie Cashmer as a special education classroom aide beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the hire of Bailey Schmidt as a special education classroom aide for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to approve the hires of Allison Shull as a special education classroom aid for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to approve the hire of Megan Beccue as a special education classroom aide for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Franklin Laurie as a substitute custodian and bus driver for the district. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Steven Kelley as a substitute bus driver for the District effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to approve the hire of Vince Fanelli as the Middle School Boys Assistant Track coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Kati Fenton as the Freshmen Volleyball coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the recommendation to appoint Dylan Maxwell as a volunteer assistant football coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the hire of Logan Knoche as an Assistant football coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to approve the hire of Stephanie Short as the Middle School Girls Track coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Richard Carlile as the High School Assistant wrestling coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. 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 Head High School Baseball Coach beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Tiffany Hendricks an Instructional Tutor effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Abe Loveless as District Technology Specialist/ Officer effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye: Abel, Anglin, Bloome, Cain, and Gorowski. Belusko- Present Motion carried 5-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski. Motion carried 6-0.