

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
District Office
1100 N Old Route 66
Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 5:30p.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, Hires. 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; Abe Loveless, District Technology Officer 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 5:30p.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. Interior work has progressed. Windows were being installed as well as tiling on the floors and in the restrooms. Interior painting had begun including purple paint on the beams in the gym. Weather permissible black top and concrete work will continue outside. The new building is set to be complete in February 2023. The Board left the job site and reconvened at the District Office located at 1100 N. Old Route 66, Litchfield, IL. beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00p.m. The hearing was concerning the intent of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District #12, Montgomery and Macoupin Counties to sell \$8,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds to increase the District's working cash fund. Roll Call was taken with all members present. There was not public input. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Regular Monthly meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:06p.m. Roll Call was taken with Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski and Hires present.

Citizens agenda

Members of the Cross-Country team were recognized for their outstanding season. Coach Jeremy Palmer introduced Camden Quarton, Alex Gasperson, Joelle Hughes, Emma Diveley, Caitlyn Travis, Delanie Ulrich, Myka Fenton, and Darby Braasch.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve regular and closed session minutes from October 18, 2022
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for November 2022 total \$1,462,113.99. From Education fund: \$311,812.08. From O&M: \$50,209.41. From Transportation: \$42,174.87. From Capital Projects: \$1,025,046.57. From Tort: \$5441.00. From Health Life Safety: \$27,430.06. Ending balance in all funds at October 31, 2022 is \$23,267,949. Balance in operating funds is \$9,438,606. Balance in Capital Projects is \$4,830,015. Balance in Health-Life-Safety is \$7,762,624. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO #008 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$ 973.79. This change event is tracking the cost associated with changing the style of the roller shades located in ICC-500 shelter. Per the bid documents, manual roller shades were to be provided, but crank style roller shades were requested during the submittal process. See attached for backup documentation on this change. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO #009 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$ 4,878.02 This change event is tracking the cost associated with the addition of a concrete slab to the project. Per owner's request, a 11x17 concrete slab is added for an existing storage shed to be brought into this site. Work included in the change event is solely for the installation of concrete. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the contract change order PCCO #10 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$ 11,819.81. This change event is tracking the cost associated with ASI-12. IN this ASI, detectable warnings were added at sidewalk ramps/crosswalks, existing curb was noted to be removed, and a small section of curb was added to the project's scope of work. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the contract change order PCCO #11 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$ 3,049.47. This change event is tracking the cost associated with the electrical changes in ASI-13. ASI-13 captured IT's request for additional receptacles. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO #12 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$ 2,895.36. This change event is tracking the cost associated with furring out the exterior walls in the Admin/entry area as well as some columns at the classrooms. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO #13 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$ 7938.51 This change event is tracking the cost associated with adding concrete on the west side of the building. This request was made to help limit future grass/ landscape maintenance on this side of the building. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the contract change order PCCO #14 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$ 13,999.03. This change event is tracking the cost associated with expanding the asphalt playground 7'3" to eliminate the green space between the asphalt and the sidewalk. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO #15 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the *credit* amount of -\$ 5,200.00. This change event is tracking the cost associated with the modified exterior panel finishes as a result of casting deformations. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

FGM Architects gave updates to the K-1 Elementary project. They will present an update plan at the special meeting on November 29th. Bids will be presented and awarded for the SCI project at the November 29th special meeting.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve an Intergovernmental agreement with Hillsboro School District #3; Nokomis School District #22; Panhandle School District #2; Bunker Hill School District #8; Carlinville School District #1; Gillespie School District #7; Mt. Olive School District #5; Southwestern School District # 9; and Staunton School District #6 to form a Regional Consortium for the purpose of joint cooperation and operation of an Area Career Center. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the preliminary 2022 tax levy. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0. A Truth in Taxation hearing has been set for December 20, 2022 prior to the regular monthly meeting.

Information Items

Enrollment was presented. Make It reports were included in the packet. Administration gave monthly building reports. Parent/ Teacher Conferences went well this year in all of the buildings. Mr. Favre and Mr. Heigert will ask for final approval of the literacy program for the 2023-2024 school year at the December meeting. The High School Student Council sponsored their annual Veterans Day assembly.

Closed Session

The Board chose not to go into closed session.

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the family medical leave request for Debra Jones- Willis, Classroom Aide beginning October 6, 2022 and continuing through November 21, 2022. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the family medical leave request for Leslie Farrar, elementary teacher beginning November 14, 2022 and continuing through January 2, 2023. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to approve Katie Rogers as a Volunteer Coach for the Middle School Volleyball team effective immediately. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Josh Postelle as the 7th grade Special Education Teacher at the Middle School effective immediately. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Rebecca Deal as a Special Education Classroom aide for both Prekindergarten and Madison Park Schools effective immediately. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Madisyn Bremerkamp as an aide with the Make It program effective immediately. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Laura Hildebrand as an aide with the Make It program effective immediately. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the hire of Rocky Giannuzzi as a High School Physical Education teacher pending fulfilment of licensure. Roll call vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.