

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12  
Board of Education Meeting  
District Office  
1100 N Old Route 66  
Litchfield, IL. 62056  
Tuesday, December 20, 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, Gregg Hires. Also, in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Jennifer Thompson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction/ Special Education Liaison; Kris Adamson, Recording Secretary and Administrators: Juleta Ellis, Russ Tepen, Adam Favre, Jeremy Heigert. Attending: Chris Kuntzman District Technology Director and Josh Hughes, 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. Eric Kohnen, Poettker Construction, walked the Board through the progress at the job site. The bus lane was poured this week. Bleachers are being installed in the gym. 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 6:16 p.m. Roll Call: Present: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski and Hires. The hearing was for the Litchfield Community Unit School District's Board of Education to hear public input into the proposed tax levy increase for 2022. Dr. Fuerstenau gave a presentation of the request tax levy increase, which included the Operational Fund Balances as of June 30, 2022: Education Fund- \$3,089,989; Operation/Maintenance- \$ 1,014,323; Working Cash Fund- \$ 3,341,281; and Transportation- \$ 741,129. There was no public input. Meeting adjourned at 6: 27p.m.

#### Regular Monthly meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:27p.m. Roll Call was taken with Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires in attendance.

#### Citizens agenda

Members of the Illinois State Scholars and the High School ECO Team were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. Mrs. Susan Shelton introduced the ECO Team: Isaiah Burdell; Conner Favre; Samuel Horn; Wade Schmidt. Mrs. Ellis introduced this year's Illinois State Scholars: Laura Boston; William Calladine; Olivia Fleming; Charlotte Gardner; Carlee Harmon; Samuel Horn; Morgan Lemon; Lauren Monke; Kayleigh Morrow; Hailey Rentz; Justin Zhang.

#### Consent Agenda

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

- Approve regular and closed session minutes from November 15 2022
- Approve minutes from the special meeting November 29, 2022
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for December 2022 total \$1,623,062.79. Total from Education fund is \$230,696.25; from Operations & Maintenance \$69,161.08; from Transportation \$35,422.36; from Capital Projects \$1,087,376.61; from Tort \$27, 470.24; from Health Life Safety \$172,936.25. Ending balance in all funds at November 30, 2022 is \$25,323,841. Total in operating funds is \$10,873,595. Total in Capital Projects is \$4,644,921; total in Health Life Safety is \$7,792,296.

Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion Carried 7-0.

### Old Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to adopt a resolution to establish a property tax levy for 2022. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski. Hires: Present Motion Carried 6-0.

### New Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the first reading of board revisions to Policy, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits form issue #110. As presented by IASB:

2:20;2:30;2:50;2:100;2:105;2:210;2:250;2:250-AP1;2:250-E2; 2:265;2:265-E

3:10;3:50;3:60;3:60-E

4:10;4:60-AP1;4:120;4:140;4:140-AP; 4:140-E1;4:140-E2;4:140-E3;4:140-E4;4:165;4:170-AP1;4:190;4:190-AP1;4:190-AP2

5:10;5:20;5:120;5:120AP-1;5:120AP2;5:120-2,E;5:190;5:200;5:220;5:250;5:270;5:280;5:290;5:320;5:330

6:15;6:20;6:20AP;6:50;6:60;6:60AP-1;6:65;6:160;6:220;6:250;6:255;6:260;6:260-AP;6:260-AP,E;

6:270;6:280;6:300;6:300-E2;6:300-E3;6:310;6:340

7:10;7:20;7:50;7:70;7:100;7:180;7:190;7:190-AP3;7:190-AP4;7:190-E2;7:190-E3;7:250;7:250-AP2; 7:285;7:285-AP;7:285-

AP,E;7:290;7:290-AP;7:340;7:340-AP1;7:340-AP1,E4;7:340-AP2;7:340-AP2,E1

8:30-AP;8:95-AP Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski. Hires: NAY Motion Carried 6-0.

Peter Raterman of Poettker Construction brought the board up to date on the State Street Elementary, SCI, and Colt projects.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to name the State street elementary project as the Litchfield Elementary School (LES). Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski. Hires: Present Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the renewal of the indoor air quality professional service contract with Environmental Consultants. This is an annual event. Environmental Consultants provide quarterly indoor quality testing for the safety of the students and staff. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve a resolution with Litchfield National Bank in order to open a banking account. The District will invest monies with them and receive interest. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the Board authorization of Part2, Area Career Center (ACC) proposal to ISBE. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the adoption and purchase of the "Wonders of Reading" curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve a Trap Shooting Team at the Middle School and High School beginning the spring of 2023. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$ 294.84 to Julie Abel, Board member for mileage to and from the annual Joint Conference. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Abel- ABSTAIN Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$ 294.84 to Ron Anglin, Board member for mileage to and from the annual Joint Conference. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Anglin- ABSTAIN Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$ 294.84 to David Belusko, Board member for mileage to and from the annual Joint Conference. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Belusko- ABSTAIN Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$ 294.84 to Mark Bloome, Board member for mileage to and from the annual Joint Conference. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome- ABSTAIN Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$425.19 to Valerie Cain, Board Member for parking and mileage to and from the annual Joint Conference. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, Hires. Cain- ABSTAIN Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$ 294.84 to Jimmy Gorowski, Board member for mileage to and from the annual Joint Conference. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Gorowski- ABSTAIN Motion Carried 6-0.

#### Information Items

Enrollment was presented. Make It reports were included in the packet. Administration gave monthly building reports.

#### Closed Session

The Board chose not to go into closed session.

#### Personnel

Approved the Family Medical Leave request of Brittany Eckhoff beginning March 24, 2023 and continuing through 2022-2023 school year. (Motion carried 7-0)

Accepted the resignation of Dan Newkirk as Head Golf Coach; Middle School Wrestling Coach; High School Track Coach at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. (Motion carried 7-0)

Accepted the resignation of Rob Corso as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School Girls Basketball Coach; High School Girls Head Basketball Coach; and JV Boys Baseball Coach at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. (Motion carried 7-0)

Approved the hire of Justin Ripley as the Head High School Golf coach beginning the 2023-2024 school year. (Motion carried 7-0)

Approved the hire of Matt Belusko as the Assistant Softball Coach beginning the Spring of 2023. ( Motion carried 6-0. David Belusko-Abstain)

Approved the hire of Eddie Greene as a Special Education Classroom aide at the Middle School beginning December 6, 2022. (Motion carried 7-0)

Approved the hire of Melody Cloyd as a substitute custodian for the District. (Motion carried 7-0)

Accepted the letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2026-2027 school year from Jill Wright, Special Education Teacher. (Motion carried 7-0)

Accepted the letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, from Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent of schools. (Motion carried 7-0)

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Valerie Cain and seconded by Mark Bloome to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.