

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
District Office
1100 N Old Route 66
Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
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 was not able to attend. 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: Abel Loveless, 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. Eric Kohnen, Poettker Construction, walked the Board through the progress at the job site. Inside work is continuing. The project is about one week behind schedule. The Board left the job site and reconvened at the District Office located at 1100 N. Old Route 66, Litchfield, IL.

Regular Monthly meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:0p.m. Roll Call was taken with Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain, Gorowski and Hires were in attendance.

Citizens agenda

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Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approve minutes from the January 17, 2023
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for February 2023 total \$1,586,118.95. Education fund: \$221,331.25. Operations & Maintenance: \$101,614.36. Debt Service: \$311,813.77. Transportation: \$36,446.19. Capital Projects: \$906,662.55. Tort: \$6,214.75. Health-Life-Safety: \$2,036.08 Ending balance for all funds at January 31, 2023 is \$24,581,518. Balance in Operating Funds is \$11,081,062.79. Balance in Capital Projects is \$3,857,097. Balance in Health-Life-Safety is \$7,824,461. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business

Emily Spindler of FGM Architects and Peter Raderman, Poettker Construction brought the board up to date on the State Street Elementary, SCI, and Colt projects. Emily Spindler presented the newest concept drawings for Colt Elementary. The drawings included Prekindergarten rooms. The District did not receive the early childhood grant for construction on a new facility. The K-1 rooms and areas will be sent out for bid in March. SCI is moving forward with renovations. The SCI Center is scheduled to be open for the 2023-2024 school year.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO #017 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$6,713.22. The change event is to track the cost associated with the response to RFI 087, the architectural drawings called out hand dryers in the single restrooms but electrical drawings did not call out dedicated circuits. The response was to add dedicated branch circuits to serve the hand dryers as noted and broken down on the attached. Per our OAC meeting the work was approved to be performed and processed. PCC missed submitting this change order on the last board meeting which is the reason for it being dated back in November. 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 #018 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield State Street Elementary project in the amount of \$9,638.77. This change event is to track the cost associated with pushing the north parking concrete into 2023. Due to the amount of ongoing traffic, parking and material staging the north parking work was not able to open up as originally thought. Due to this it was agreed to push this scope of work into 2023 to avoid the need for winter protection on the parking lot and to produce a better finish product. Unfortunately 1/1/2023 there was a \$12/yard increase on concrete which is captured on the attached change order that has been discussed and agreed up with Dr Fuerstenau. 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 #001 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield SCI Center in the credit amount of \$-10,400.00. This change event is for tracking the cost deduct to go with the alternate R-19 insulation with continuous vapor barrier in lieu of the base bid rigid insulation. 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 #002 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield SCI Center in the amount of \$6,760.00. This change event is for tracking the cost associated with painting the remainder of the exposed ceilings. The change is associated with the work to paint the balance of the exposed ceilings including the exposed structural framing and columns, sprinkler piping and electrical conduit and plumbing piping not included in base bid. 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 #003 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield SCI Center in the amount of \$15,994.26. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with installing base angle and rodent guard on the exterior of the building. The change is associated with the work to install approximately 500LF of base angle "C" and approximately 500LF of rodent guard to the exterior of the building due to it being missing in its existing condition. 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 #004 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield SCI center in the amount of \$9,150.96. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with the Fire Suppression Maintenance Work. The change is associated with the work to replace the leaking 6" flange on the riser, refill the existing sprinkler system and leak test with the option to replace the 6" riser, flow switch and gauge that is leaking at the same time. 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 #005 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield SCI Center in the amount of \$ 22,571.12. : This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with the Underground Auto Exhaust System. The change is associated with the work to revise the auto exhaust system to underground. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the cooperative agreements with the Gillespie and Mt. Olive school districts:

IESA: Boys Baseball- Mt. Olive
Girls Softball- Mt. Olive

IHSA:
Boys Soccer: Gillespie Baseball: Mt. Olive
Football: Mt. Olive Softball: Mt. Olive
Boys and Girls Wrestling: Mt. Olive

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 proposed calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. 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 for consideration and action on a resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,000,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023A, and not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023B, for the purpose of increasing the District's Working Cash Fund, providing for the levy of taxes to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. 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 intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Office of Education #3 for the said Safe Schools Programs and Alternative High School. 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 cooperative positions agreement as administrative agent for the Career and Technical Education Joint Consortium with programs giving students the opportunity to learn a trade. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Information Items

Enrollment was presented. 1314 students including the prekindergarten program. Make It reports were included in the packet. OPAA stated that 12,860 breakfasts and 14726 lunches were served in January. Dan Stewart Athletic Director and Bob Witter, Buildings and Grounds/Transportation included their monthly reports in the board packet of information. Reading data was presented by the principals to the Board. Student data was collected in the Fall and Winter and will be collected in the Spring. The data shows student growth in reading. Mrs. Ellis presented the districts PACE framework that will be given to students for next year's classes. This is a state mandated program that has to be in affect by 2025. Printed guides will be given to each student. Two FOIA requests were fulfilled for Illinois Retired Teachers Association and Local LABS.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome for the Board to enter into closed session at 8:22p.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 The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0. A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin that the Board return to Open Session at 8:54 pm. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Action following closed session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the purchase of real property located at 726 South Chestnut Street for the amount of \$21,000.00. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Susan Shelton, High School Science teacher, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Gregg Hires to accept the resignation of Michaela Gray as the Assistant Coach for the Girls High School Basketball program effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. 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 Elizabeth Luttrell as a volunteer assistant coach to the Softball program effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to approve the hire of Kelli White as the High School and Middle School Technology teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to approve the hire of Dan Stewart as the Assistant Golf Coach beginning the 2023-2024 school year. 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 David Belusko to approve the following volunteers to the Trapshooting Club: Thomas Melchert, Sponsor

- Kevin Burch
- Gerald Brand
- Patrick Jarnagin
- Billy Ridgeway
- Kyle Sutton

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 Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.