

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
District Office
1100 N Old Route 66
Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 5:30p.m. at the South-Central Illinois Regional Workforce Training and Innovation Center, 2001 Eilerman Ave., Litchfield, IL. 62056. Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice-President; David Belusko, Mark Bloome and Jimmy Gorowski and Gregg Hires. Valerie Cain 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, Hilary Wagenblast. Attending: Chris Kuntzman, Technology Director; Abe Loveless, Technology officer and Josh Hughes, LEA representative; John Hanafin, Litchfield News Herald and Mary Herschelman, Journal News. Jim Helton, IASB. Concerned parents and citizens.

Julie Abel, Ron Anglin, and David Belusko all met at the SCI Center for an update. Eric Kohnen, Poettker Construction, walked the Board through the progress at the job site. Wall studs were up and some dry wall was being hung. Outside trees were being removed and work was continuing on the auto area. 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 6:16p.m. Roll Call was taken with Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Gorowski. Cain was absent. Mr. Hires arrived at 6:52 p.m.

Citizens agenda

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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 the March 21,2023
- Approve minutes from special meeting on April 3, 2023
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for April 2023 total \$1,540,568.09. From the Education fund, \$242,167.44. From Operations & Maintenance, \$74,427.97. From Transportation, \$49,820.31. From Capital Projects, \$1,165,798.37. From Tort, \$354. From Health-Life-Safety, \$8,000. Ending balance in all funds at March 31, 2023 is \$25,811,398. Total in operating funds is \$14,702,303. Total in Capital Projects is \$2,174,844. Total in Heath-Life-Safety is \$7,421,222. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

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 SCI project is on schedule and budget. Contractors are finalizing projects at the Litchfield Elementary School. Installation of glass doors are still on delay. The Litchfield Primary School project is still in the planning and development stages. The award of welding equipment was not discussed.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to approve the contract change order PCO #008 with Poettker Construction for the Litchfield SCI Center in the amount of \$4784.26. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with adding (2) 3" conduits for routing data and access control cabling. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to approve the contract change order PCCO # 009 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield SCI Center in the amount of \$ 48,668.54. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with adding LVT(Luxury Vinyl Tile) flooring in lieu of sealed concrete. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome for consideration and action on a Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020C of Community Unit School District Number 12, Montgomery and Macoupin Counties, Illinois. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Griffin of Clean Energy Design presented the Board with a proposal for Solar Panel power project for the District. Sites that were currently recommended included the District Office, SCI, and the High School. The investment would have minimal cost to the district and would require a 25-year commitment. CED would be responsible for upkeep and maintenance on the solar panels. The Board did not make a commitment to the project at this time. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the 2023-2024 OPAA Food Service renewal contract with the District. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the annual membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA). . Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Gorowski. NAY: Hires Motion carried 5-1.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the one-year contract with Johnson Controls for the HVAC maintenance and service on District Buildings at a sum of \$ 30,031.00. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

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 from Issue #111. As presented by IASB:2:110; 2:250-E2; 3:40; 3:40-E; 4:60; 4:60-AP;4:60-AP2;4:60-AP3; 4:60-AP4; 4:60-AP5;4:60-AP5,E5:30;5:30-AP2;5:30-AP3; 5:30-AP3,E;5:90;5:90-AP1;5:90-AP2;5:125;5:150;5:150-AP;5:170;5:2606135;6:135-AP;6:230;6:230-AP;6:230-AP,E;7:180-AP1,E1;7:180-AP1,E2;7:180-AP1,E3;7:180-AP1,E4;7:180-AP1,E5; 7:180-AP1,E6;7:180-AP1,E7;7:185-E;7:190-AP1; 7:190-AP6; 8:20 Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Information Items

Enrollment was presented 1305. Make It reports were included in the packet. OPAA stated that 16895 breakfasts and 17243 lunches were served in March. Dan Stewart Athletic Director and Bob Witter, Buildings and Grounds/Transportation included their monthly reports in the board packet of information. New wrestling mats were purchased through a private a donation. Summer plans are being made including summer camps, weight lifting and the gym floor refinishing. Repairs to the high school and middle school roofs will begin. Mr. Witter is developing a plan of action for the Colt/Russell move to the new Elementary school. Administrators gave a brief synopsis of end of the year events. Events may be found the schools' websites. Mrs. Thompson is working on the professional development schedule for staff this summer and for the 2023-2024 school year. Chris Kuntzman and Abe Loveless gave a presentation to the Board on the change over from QNS. New servers and cyber security are projects that are needed and required. Mr. Kuntzman and Mr. Loveless have attended conferences on the latest equipment and software useful to school districts. This summer will be busy with new server installation and setting up both SCI and the Litchfield Elementary with technology. Dr. Fuerstenau stated that Dr Lett is working with ISBE to designate the SCI into an Area Career Center. The Board reorganization meeting was set for May 8, 2023 beginning at 6:00pm.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome for the Board to enter into closed session at 8:47p.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 Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to return to open session at 8:57 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Personnel

A motion was made by Gregg Hires and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the family medical leave request from Abby Carlson beginning August 9, 2023 and continuing through October 2, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve Cara Pence as a volunteer assistant coach to the Volleyball program beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve Jacob Frerichs as a volunteer assistant coach to the Baseball team effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Mae Shriver (Wells) as the 7th grade Girls Basketball coach effective the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the voluntary transfers of Special Education staff for the 2023-2024 school year.:

- Megan Becker from Madison Park K/1 to 5th grade
- Ariel Johnsey from middle school life skills to Madison Park K/1
- Caeley Stutz from 5th grade to 7th grade
- Tori Knoche from high school life skills to middle school life skills
- Jill Wright from high school special education to high school life skills
- Maddie Williams-Kane from part-time high school teacher to part-time K/1 teacher

Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Hayley Zeller as an aide for the Make It program effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the continued employment of non-tenured teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Abel, Anglin, Bloome, Gorowski, and Hires. ABSTAIN- Belusko Motion carried 5-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made David Belusko and seconded by Mark Bloome to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.