

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
Special Meeting
District Office
1100 N Old Route 66
Litchfield, IL. 62056
May 8, 2023
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023 beginning at 6:00pm. Board members in attendance were Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice President; Valerie Cain, Secretary; David Belusko; Mark Bloome; Jimmy Gorowski and Gregg Hires. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Kris Adamson, Recording Secretary. John Hanafin, News Herald, and Jim Helton, IASB representative.

Reorganization of the Board of Education

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to accept the canvass of election results from Montgomery County election authority Sandy Leithheiser and Macoupin County election authority Pete Duncan, proclaiming David Belusko, Mark Bloome, Valerie Cain, and Jimmy Gorowski elected to the office of Board Member of the Litchfield Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education following the Consolidated Election held on April 4, 2023. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0. Each of the candidates ran unopposed.

David Belusko, Mark Bloome, Valerie Cain, and Jimmy Gorowski each recited their oath of office to continue to serve the Litchfield Community Unit School District its staff, students and parents.

Julie Abel was nominated by Ron Anglin to be President pro tem. A 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 Gregg Hires to nominate Julie Abel as School Board President. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. ABSTAIN: Abel. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Julie Abel and seconded by Gregg Hires to nominate Ron Anglin as School Board Vice-President. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. ABSTAIN- Anglin Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Jimmy Gorowski and seconded by Gregg Hires to nominate Valerie Cain as School Board Secretary. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski, Hires. ABSTAIN- Cain Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve the purchase of real property located at 609 East Tyler Avenue, Litchfield, IL. for the amount of \$40,000.00. Property will be used with the PreK – 1 building project. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. NAY: Belusko and Bloome. Motion carried 5-2.

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the family medical leave request for Frank Walden beginning March 28, 2023 and continuing through July 3, 2023. A 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 hire of Heidi Hulliung as the Elementary Art Teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year. A 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 Gregg Hires to approve the hire of Taylor Jones as a Pre-Kindergarten teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year. A 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 hire of Alex Patrick as a custodian for the District effective immediately. A 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 Gregg Hires to approve the request from Patricia Fenton for sabbatical leave for the 2023-2024 school year. A Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Information

Mr. Jim Helton, IASB addressed the Board. The four stakeholder groups were given the opportunity to complete an online survey in order to collect data that would help the Board in making their decision on the next superintendent. The four stakeholder groups are: The Board of Education; the District Staff; parents and finally community members. The survey questions for each stakeholder group were the same. 368 persons completed the survey including: 6 Board members; 115 Staff members; 196 Parents; 51 Community members. Mr. Helton shared a report of the survey findings from each group with the Board. The bottom line from the surveys were:

- Acts with integrity, fairness and in an ethical manner
- Ensures the management of the organization, operation and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment.
- Collaborates with faculty and community members, responds to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizes community resources
- Advocates, nurtures and sustains a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional goals.
- Promotes the success of every student by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared by all stakeholders.

Also the data included that candidates should have previous successful experience as a teacher and a principal. Residency was preferred. Mr. Helton is going to setup meetings with the stakeholder groups in August. The Board was asked to look over the mock flyer for candidates. Mr. Helton will attend the May 16th Board meeting to get approval on the flyer and timeline updates as well.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to adjourn the meeting at 6:33p.m. Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires.