

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12  
Board of Education Meeting  
District Office  
1100 N Old Route 66  
Litchfield, IL. 62056  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023  
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:00p.m. at the District Office, 1100 N. Old Route 66 Litchfield, IL. 62056. Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice-President; Valerie Cain, Secretary, David Belusko, and Mark Bloome. Jimmy Gorowski and Gregg Hires were absent. Also, in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Kris Adamson, Recording Secretary and Administrators: Juletta Ellis, Russ Tepen, Adam Favre, Jeremy Heigert, Hilary Wagenblast. Attending: Abe Loveless, Technology officer Eric Braasch with Diamond Brothers Insurance, and Roger Krabbe of the Bank and Trust. Concerned parents and citizens.

Public Hearing

The Board of Education held a Public Hearing beginning at 6:00p.m. The hearing was held to hear public input on the request to amend the fiscal year 2023 budget. The amended budget had been on display at the district office for thirty days prior to hearing. No public input was given. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome and Cain.

Regular Monthly meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:03p.m. Roll Call was taken with Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Gorowski and Hires were absent.

Citizens agenda

Members of the Middle and High School track teams were given special recognition for their accomplishments this 2023 season. Coaches Stephanie Short, Drew Logan, Shane Cress and Anthony Robinson made those introductions and gave a brief description of each athletes' accomplishment. Middle School Athletes included: Lydia Gruelle, Kilee Hoover, Emma Weidner, Jennah Longwell, Hailey Green, Maggie Schwab, Jada Carroll, Lana Cress, Leighton Warchol, Jaxon Ray, Jalen Stewart, Andrew Boston, Ryker Witt, Hudson Debarr Walker, Troy Masinelli, and Nick Fetter. High School Athletes: Myka Fenton, Delanie Ulrich, Brooke Braasch, Kendall Stewart, Gracie Boden, Isabella Fenton, Camden Quarton, Jackson Painter, and Keenan Powell.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approve addition of LHS activity account Class of 2027
- Approve deletion of LHS activity account Class of 2023
- Approve regular meeting minutes from May 16, 2023
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for June 2023 total \$1,711,660.73. From Education fund, \$276,310.67. From Operations & Maintenance, \$66,270.20. From Transportation, \$36,444.70. From Capital Projects, \$1,191,598.63. From Tort, \$4,765.15. From Health-Life-Safety, \$136,271.48. Total balance in all funds at May 31, 2023 is \$26,269,585. Balance in operating funds is \$15,305,925. Balance in Capital Projects is \$2,151,704. Balance in Health-Life-Safety is \$7,390,174. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

Fogleman Trustee Scholarship

The Board of Education as the trustees to the Fogleman Scholarship were presented with new information on the number of recipients of the 2023 scholarship. Roger Krabbe, Bank and Trust, stated that there were less recipients than were discussed previously. So, the 2022-2023 amount could be increased and still remain within the budgeted amount. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve increasing the Fogleman scholarship dollar amount from \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

Emily Spindler of FGM Architects and Peter Ratermann, Poettker Construction brought the board up to date on the Litchfield Elementary School, SCI, and Colt projects. Playground equipment and landscaping were completed at the Elementary School. Fencing would be going up soon. The City began road work around the new building. School buses will have a special lane with a barrier next to it so that stop arms will not be necessary and other traffic flow can continue as well as added safety for the students. R&R Glass were terminated from the project. Arrow Glass was hired to complete the glass doors and windows at the elementary school. Teachers would be allowed in the building over the summer to setup their rooms if they so choose. Mr. Ratermann also gave an update the on the SCI Center. It is on track to open for the Fall of 2023. Exterior Painting of the building

and signage were taking place this week. Flooring and concrete work would begin the next week. The center will house automotive, welding and laborers classes for area students. Emily Spindler presented the latest drawings for the Litchfield Primary school project. Final drawings should be presented in July. Demolition on the façade and blacktop had begun. Asbestos abatement project had begun as well. This project is expected to be completed for the 2024-2025 school year.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO #023 with Poettker Construction for the Litchfield Elementary School in the amount of \$0.00. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with Litteken and Gelly swapping rock grading scope at the north parking lot area. Per agreements between parties, rock grading responsibility was swapped between contractors. This is \$0.00 change order to the district. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the contract change order PCCO # 013 with Poettker construction for the South-Central Illinois (SCI) Workforce Training and Innovation Center in the amount of \$ 17,340.48. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with the IFC Drawing set and site plans revisions dated 4-24-2023. This includes the sanitary revisions, downspout revisions, detention basin revisions, and small grading revisions along the road ditch. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO # 014 with Poettker construction for the South-Central Illinois (SCI) Workforce Training and Innovation Center in the amount of \$ 10,246.12. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with the Aluminum door scope gap. During the time of the scope review, it was made aware that there was a scope gap on the aluminum door hardware. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO # 015 with Poettker construction for the South-Central Illinois (SCI) Workforce Training and Innovation Center in the amount of \$ 10,511.78. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with the changes requested at the west laborers yard including switching the proposed 8' gate to a 12' gate. Changes included adding the 12' gate and changing the 50% the proposed green space to a rock yard. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO # 016 with Poettker construction for the South-Central Illinois (SCI) Workforce Training and Innovation Center in the amount of \$ 6,074.82. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with site work being added into the projects scope of work: Replace culverts. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

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 South-Central Illinois (SCI) Workforce Training and Innovation Center in the amount of \$ 2,636.56. This change event is for tracking the changes in cost associated with relocating the gas meter on the outside of the building as well as gas piping work inside of the building. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

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 South-Central Illinois (SCI) Workforce Training and Innovation Center in the amount of \$ 29,316.39. This change event is used to track the cost associated with RFP 05 and RFP 08. Delete certain signage and add exterior signage to building. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the amended budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 as presented by Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Chief Financial Officer for the Litchfield Community Unit School District #12. A budget amendment hearing, which was advertised in the newspaper, was held prior to tonight's board meeting. In addition, the tentative amended budget has been available for 30 days at the Unit Office during regular business hours as required. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the proposed material fees, Chromebook fees and extra-curricular activity fees for the 2023-2024 school year. Please take note of the proposed fee schedule attached. The District will participate in the Community Eligibility Program this year for food service. Breakfast and lunch will be served free to students. Extra milk will be \$.50 a carton and A- la-carte items will be sold separately. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) as the district's property and casualty insurance carrier for 2023-2024. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve Zenith Insurance Company as the district's workers' compensation insurance carrier for 2023-2024. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the contract with Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Illinois for employee health benefits for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the fuel bid fuel bid from M&M SERVICE COMPANY for a 2- year period of time (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2025) at the following rates:

Diesel Fuel @ \$3.348 per gallon

Unleaded Fuel @ \$2.903 per gallon

Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

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 #112. The following revisions were reviewed for a first reading: As presented by IASB:

2:80;2:170;4:45;4:55-e;4:60-E;4:80-AP1;4:100;4:160-AP;5:230;6:10;6:40-AP;6:120-AP1,E1;6:190;6:220-E1;6:220-E2;6:240;6:240-AP;7:15-E;7:150-AP;7:275;7:280-E3;7:300-E2;7:305;

7:305-AP;7:330;7:330-E;8:25;8:95 Voice Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Information Items

May 19<sup>th</sup> enrollment was 1307. Make It reports were included in the packet. 37 students were signed up for Summer Make It. Mr. Heigert and Mr. Favre gave a brief report on Camp Panther. The Camp housed 150 students from PreK to fourth grade. The community support of donations was in the amount of \$2,600.00. The donations were used for prizes. 17 students at the high school attended summer school at the high school level to recover credits needed to graduate. The Kilton Fine Arts Center is being remodeled at the District office. Kinney Contractors is building a new stage in that area. The High School will host the upcoming musicals at the District Office in the future. Dr. Fuerstenau is working with Steve Schmitt Brubaker Automotive to look at the possibility of adding the GM ASDE certification to the automotive program that will be held at the SCI Center.

#### Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to enter into closed session at 8:13p.m. to discuss Recommend closed session for the following purposes as allowed under the Illinois Open Meetings Act:

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, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0. A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Ron Anglin for the Board to return to open session at 9:10p.m. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Kati Fenton as Freshmen Volleyball Coach effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Stephanie Moore as a classroom aide effective June 16, 2023. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Frank Walden, custodian effective July 4, 2023. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Shea Murray as an Elementary Teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the voluntary transfer of Whitney McSperritt from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Elementary teacher to 1<sup>st</sup> grade Elementary teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Amy Lane as a Special Education Classroom Aide for the Pre-Kindergarten program beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Jessica Diveley as a Classroom aide for the Pre-Kindergarten program beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Amy Brelsfoard as a Classroom aide for the Pre-Kindergarten program beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Callie Morgan, Scott Hartel, and Drew Logan as Substitute Bus Drivers for the District beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made to approve the voluntary transfer of Robbie Odorizzi to the combination District Office/Revive Alternative school/SCI Regional Workforce Center custodian effective June 29, 2023. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Iris Hubert as a full-time evening custodian at the Litchfield Elementary School beginning June 29, 2023. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the administrative contract and assignments for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Mr. Adam Favre, principal of the Pre-Kindergarten program and elementary grades K-1
- Mr. Jeremy Heigert, principal of Elementary grades 2-5.
- Dr. Russ Tepen principal of Litchfield Middle School.
- Mrs. Hilary Wagenblast, assistant principal of Litchfield High School.
- Mrs. Juletta Ellis, principal of Litchfield High School.
- Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction/ Special Education Liaison.

Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Cain. Motion carried 5-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to adjourn the meeting at 9:15p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Gorowski. Motion carried 5-0.