

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

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 5:30p.m. at the Litchfield Elementary School, 127 W. St. John, Litchfield, IL. 62056 Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice-President; Valerie Cain, Secretary, David Belusko, and Mark Bloome and Gregg Hires. Jimmy Gorowski was absent. Also, in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Jennifer Thompson, Director of Curriculum; Kris Adamson, Recording Secretary and Administrators. Attending: Abe Loveless, Technology officer. John Hanafin, Litchfield News Herald and Mary Herschelman, Journal News. Concerned parents and citizens.

The Board had a final walk through at the Litchfield Elementary School. Teachers and Staff would be moving into the building. The City of Litchfield began work on the roads surrounding the complex. Roads should be open prior to the first day of school.

Regular Board meeting

The Board of Education reconvened the meeting at the District Office, 1100 N Old Route 66, Litchfield, IL. 62056 The meeting was called to order at 6:18pm. Jimmy Gorowski was absent from the meeting.

Citizens agenda

NA

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve public hearing, regular, and closed session minutes from June 20, 2023
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable in July 2023 total \$2,902,682.89. From Education fund: \$335,296.55. From Operations & Maintenance: \$42,650.07. From Transportation: \$271,618.75. From Capital Projects: \$1,805,969.06. From Tort: \$207,361.55. From Health Life Safety: \$239,786.91. Ending balance in all funds at June 30, 2023 is \$24,251,408. Balance in operating funds is \$14,506,309. Balance in Capital Projects is 1,025,906. Balance in Health Life Safety is \$7,285,158. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business

The brochure and information on the Superintendent search were posted. Jennifer Thompson will work with Jim Helton to setup staff meetings. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the second reading of board revisions to policy, administrative procedures, and exhibits from Issue #112: 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, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

Updates were given on each of the sites by Peter Ratermann, Poettker Construction and Emily Spindler, FGM Architects. The Litchfield Elementary School will have an open house on Monday, August 14, 2023 from 6:00-8:00pm.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to grant Poettker Construction permission to issue a solicitation for bids for the Pre- Kindergarten addition of the Litchfield Primary School on East Tyler street. This approval does not constitute any approval for acceptance of submitted bids nor shall it bid the District to award any bids. Separate approval from the Board of Education shall be obtained to obligate any bidder. This approval is strictly to allow Poettker Construction to act, on the District's behalf, to issue a Solicitation for bid, advertise, and collect bids, and prepare results for the District's consideration for award. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO # 024 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield Elementary School in the amount of (-) \$ 164,800.71. This change event is for tracking the costs associated with the allowances that were included in the base bid per allowance spec section 01 21 00. Documentation was included in the packet. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO # 025 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield Elementary School in the amount of \$ 5,821.96. This change event is for tracking the pricing credit for removing sidewalk from the contract work and for adding concrete pavement work into the project documents at the parking lot islands. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO # 026 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield Elementary School in the credit amount of (-) \$ 1,071.30. This change event is for tracking the cost associated with electrical changes. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve the increase in Substitute Teacher pay effective the 2023-2024 school year. \$120.00 per full day of subbing; \$135.00 per full day after 30 days in the same assignment, retroactive to day one. Subbing rates will be calculated on a Full Day or Half Day basis. Currently the rates are \$115.00/\$130.00. The last adjustment to the rate of pay for Substitute teachers was November 2018. The increase will allow us to stay competitive in the area. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve High School Dual Sports Participation beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Stewart shared a copy of the participation agreement with the Board. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Information Items

FOIA request were fulfilled including Prairie State Wire and Smartprocure. Juletta Ellis presented Apptegy Rooms – the all in one district wide communication tool that the staff will begin using this year. Dr. Fuerstenau stated that the buildings would be ready to go for the school year. SCI will be open for students beginning August 16th. The solar panel project is still being looked at and will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Closed Session

NA

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve that the need for confidentiality still exists pertaining to the minutes of closed sessions for the months of January 2023 to June 2023 and that the Board has determined for those minutes to remain closed. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Amy Lane as a Special Education classroom aide with the Prekindergarten program as of June 25, 2023. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Chasity Ritchey as a Special Education classroom aide with the Prekindergarten program beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Wyman Markle as a High School Special Education teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to accept the resignation of Dale Volentine as Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the family medical leave request from Emilee Long, classroom aide, beginning August 21, 2023 and continuing through October 13, 2023. . Roll Call Vote: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to adjourn the meeting at 7:11p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. Motion carried 6-0.