

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
Public Hearing
Litchfield Middle School Cafeteria
1701 North State St., Litchfield, IL. 62056
Thursday, May 21, 2020
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held a regular meeting beginning at 6:01p.m. at Litchfield Middle School Cafeteria, 1701 North State St., Litchfield, IL. 62056. Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice-President, Valerie Cain, Secretary, David Belusko; Mark Bloome; Mike Fleming and Gregg Hires. Also in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Doug Hoster, High School Principal; John Hanafin of News Herald and Mary Herschelmann, Journal News.; Kendall King of Kings Financial Consulting Inc.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve of regular and closed session minutes from March 17, 2020 meeting; approve of minutes from meeting March 19, 2020; approve monthly bills; and approve Treasurer's report. Bills payable in May total \$238,352. From Education Fund \$131,457; from Operations & Maintenance \$45,143; from Transportation \$22,295; from Capital Projects \$39,402; from Tort \$54. Balance in all funds at April 30, 2020 is \$7,888, 868. Balance in Operating funds is \$5,790,758. Balance in Capital Projects is \$869,532. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion Carried. 7-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by David Belusko to approve the 2020 graduation date as Sunday, July 18, 2020. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming. NAY: Hires. Motion Carried. 6-0 The Board decided to rescind this motion and a new motion was set before the Board. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the 2020 graduation ceremony to be held on June 18, 2020. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming. NAY: Hires. Motion Carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Mike Fleming and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the renewal with Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Illinois for employee health benefits for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion Carried. 7-0

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. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion Carried. 7-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to approve the 2020-2021 Consolidated District Plan. Mrs. Thompson submitted the plan to the Board of Education. Once approved it will be submitted to Illinois State Board of Education. This is an annual request. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion Carried. 7-0

A motion was made by Valerie Cain and seconded by Ron Anglin to set the June Board meeting for the 23rd beginning at 6:00p.m. to accommodate amending the budget. The amended budget must be on display in the District office for 30 days for public inspection. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion Carried. 7-0

Dr. Fuerstenau gave his monthly report. He stated that at this point districts have no idea what the fall will look like for school openings. The Center for Disease Control and the Illinois State Board of Education will set the guidelines. The District will finish serving meals on May 27th. 41,000 meals have been served to students since March 17, 2020. The First Baptist Church of Litchfield will begin serving lunch on June 1st. The District will receive the same amount of funds from the state as they received last year. The District will receive \$ 631, 614 in funds under the federal stimulus CARES Act. The district plans to use the funds for technology; cleaning and sanitizing supplies; as well as personal protective gear.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to enter into closed session at 6:52 p.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) 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: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion Carried. 7-0

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion Carried. 7-0 A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain for the Board to return to Open Session at 8:15p.m. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion Carried. 7-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the personnel report:

- Accept the resignation of Savannah Dieckow as Middle School Special Education teacher, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school term.
- Approve the hire of Tanner Odle as summer building and grounds worker effective immediately.
- Approve the hire of Abby Carlson as the Career Services Coordinator and Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2020-2021 school term.
- Approve the transfer of Shelby Fults 4th Grade teacher to Title 1 Reading Teacher for the 2020-2021 school term.
- Approve the transfer of Sherry Pratt High School English teacher to Middle School Special Education teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approve the hire of Emily Frerichs as a High School Special Education teacher for the 2020-2021 school term.
- Approve the hire of Maggie Gunn as Elementary Special Education teacher for the 2020-2021 school term.
- Approve the hire of Ashley Schaefer as a Pre-Kindergarten teacher for the 2020-2021 school term.
- Approve the hire of Elizabeth Clark as Kindergarten teacher for the 2020-2021 school term.
- Approve the hire of Stephanie Short as a 4th grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school term.
- Approve the hire of John Hughes as Elementary Physical Education teacher and Head Volleyball Coach for the 2020-2021 school term.
- Approve the hire of Scott Durbin as the High School Art teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approve the hire of Stacy Carter as High School English teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, and Hires. Voting Present: Cain and Fleming. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires Motion carried. 7-0