

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
Litchfield Middle School Cafeteria
1701 North State St., Litchfield, IL. 62056
Wednesday, August 5, 2020
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held a special meeting beginning at 6:03p.m. at Litchfield Middle School Cafeteria ,1701 North State Street, Litchfield, IL. 62056. Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Valerie Cain, Secretary, David Belusko; Mark Bloome; Mike Fleming. Absent were Ron Anglin and Gregg Hires. Also in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Kris Adamson, recording secretary and Bob Witter director of Buildings/Grounds and Transportation. Administrators: Doug Hoster; Jennifer Thompson; Russ Tepen; Jeremy Heigert; and Adam Favre. John Hanafin of News Herald and Mary Herschelman, Journal News.; Mark Elvers LEA representative; Concerned parent and citizen. Masks were worn and social distancing was adhered to the guidelines. The meeting was also live streamed on the District website www.lcusd12.org.

Agenda

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Julie Abel, President stated that the order of the agenda would change. The Public Input section would come after the Information Items. No items would be added to the agenda.

Citizens Agenda

No one contacted the Superintendent prior to agenda, to be included in the meeting.

Information Items

The “Reopening Plan” with students returning to learning were presented. Each Administrator gave a thorough explanation of the procedures for each of their buildings. These procedures can be found on the District’s website. Mr. Favre, principal of Sihler and Madison Park Schools, went first. Throughout the entire District, students will wear masks and will have their temperature taken prior to entering the buildings. Social distancing will be adhered as well. Mr. Heigert, principal of Colt and Russell schools reiterated the guidelines being used are coming from the CDC (Center of Disease Control), IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) and ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education. Dr. Tepen, principal of the Litchfield Middle School, stated handwashing stations and one-way student traffic would take place at the Middle School as well. No lockers will be used at this time. Students will be able to carry appropriate backpacks. Water fountains will not be used so students may bring water bottles. Mr. Hoster, principal of the Litchfield High School, gave a quick overview of guidelines for the high school. Lockers will not be used. The staff is working to secure clear back packs to be used by students instead of lockers. Students will not dress for physical education class. Mr. Witter fielded questions regarding bus protocols. There will be an aide on each of the routes to assist the driver and students. Parents will be contacted to let them know which Cohort their child will be attending. Remote Learning students will start classes on Monday, August 17th as well. The Administration team and staff are working to cover every scenario as possible. Protocols will change and that information will be shared with parents and guardians via the District website and social media account. There will be a special meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020 beginning at 6:00pm. in the cafeteria of the Litchfield Middle School. The District’s nurses will be on hand to present and answer questions from the Board of Education.

Public Input

No questions from the audience.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made by Val Cain and seconded by Mark Bloome to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming. Motion carried. 5-0