

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12  
Board of Education Meeting  
Litchfield Middle School Cafeteria  
1701 North State St., Litchfield, IL. 62056  
Thursday, July 16, 2020  
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:00p.m. at Litchfield Middle School Cafeteria ,1701 North State Street, 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; 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; and a representative from Kings Financial Consulting, Inc. 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](http://www.lcusd12.org).

#### Public Hearing

A PUBLIC HEARING was held to present the terms of the proposed research-based e-learning program for use of e-learning days district-wide that permits student instruction to be received electronically while students are not physically present in lieu of the school district' scheduled emergency days, and to receive public comments related thereto. The hearing was called to order and all board members were present. Dr. Fuerstenau and Jennifer Thompson presented the e-learning program. The e-learning program must be Board approved and then sent to the Regional office for approval. E-learning days will take place of snow days if the district so chooses. E-learning days are not remote learning days on the district's calendar. The E-learning program is available for review on the district website. Jessica Trader, concerned parent, voiced her concern for increased standards for both remote and e-learning. Julie Abel asked for additional public input, seeing as none, a motion was made by Gregg Hires and seconded by Ron Anglin to adjourn at 6:05pm. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0.

#### Regular meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:06pm. No one has contacted Dr. Fuerstenau to address the board prior to the agenda being posted. No public input at this time.

#### Consent agenda

Dr. Fuerstenau let the board know that an addition was made to the monthly bills for Johnson Controls.

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

- Authorize preparation of 2020-2021 budget
- Approve renewal of hazardous transportation areas
- Approve regular and closed session minutes from Public Hearing on June 23, 2020
- Approve regular and closed session minutes from meeting June 23, 2020
- Approve bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Preparation of 2020-2021 Budget – Each school board must budget its income and expenses for the fiscal year and make the budget available for public inspection. The school district's plan for receipt and expenditures of money is prepared by the district's chief fiscal officer. The budget is the basis for the school district's tax levy; therefore, the board is being asked to approve Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau as the district's chief fiscal officer in preparing a budget for the 2020-2021 school year. Hazardous Transportation Areas – Annual approval from the Board of Education is required for areas previously approved by the State of Illinois for transportation, due to being hazardous for elementary students who would otherwise walk to and from school. Specifically, these areas have railroad tracks that pose a danger to students in grades kindergarten through sixth and are less than 1.5 miles from the school. Bills – Bills payable in July total \$743,277. From Education fund, \$484,865; from Operations & Maintenance, \$24,269; from Transportation, \$39,173; from Capital Projects \$37,936; from Tort \$157,034. Treasurer's Report – Ending balance in all funds at June 30<sup>th</sup> is \$7,521,836. Balance in operating funds is \$5,455,808; and balance in Capital Projects is \$926,967. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0

### New Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$12,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the purpose of paying the costs of capital expenditures within the District, including without limitation, building and equipping an elementary school building and improving the site thereof. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve a resolution declaring the intention to issue \$4,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's Working Cash Fund and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve a Resolution to abate \$662,500 from Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the OPAA Food Service 2020-2021 renewal contract with the District. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, 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, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0.

A motion was made by Mike Fleming and seconded by Ron Anglin to approve a resolution adopting the Litchfield School District's e-learning program as presented. A public hearing, which was advertised in the newspaper, was held prior to tonight's board meeting. The school board's approval of a district's initial e-learning program and renewal of the e-learning program shall be for a term of 3 years. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the District's reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Dr. Fuerstenau and the Administration presented the reopening plan. Parents will have the choice to either choose remote learning for the first semester/trimester or a hybrid learning program. With the hybrid program, students will attend in person two days a week with remote learning the other days. All students will remote learn on Fridays. This plan of action is for the first three weeks of school. The program will be revisited prior to Labor day weekend and parents will be given the new information. All students will be given either a Chrome book or a tablet to use for learning. Hot spots are being established throughout the community. Parents are required to enroll their students and fill out the questionnaire letting the district know their choice of hybrid or remote learning. Deadline is August 3, 2020. The District is working with the Montgomery County Health department, school nurses and administration to put together a plan of action for students return to the classrooms. These plans will be presented at a special meeting. Students will return on August 17, 2020. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Hires. PRESENT: Fleming Motion carried. 6-1.

### Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain for the board to enter into closed session at 7:43p.m. to discuss: Recommend closed session for the following purpose as allowed under the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1): 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, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to return to open session at 7:49pm. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0

## Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve the following personnel report: (All new district personnel, including substitutes, are subject to successful completion of all state and local employment requirements.)

- Approve the hire of Tanner Odle as substitute custodian for the District.
- Approve Dan Stewart as Assistant Athletic Director for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approve Dan Stewart as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approve Mitchell Hughes as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approve Abby Carlson as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Volleyball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, Hires. Motion carried. 7-0

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming and Hires. Motion carried. 6-0