

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
Basement of G.A. Sihler School
601 South State St. Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, September 22, 2020
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:02 p.m. at G.A. Sihler School ,601 South 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. 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. Roger Krabbe and Chad Ruppert from the Bank and Trust Company were in attendance. Concerned parent and citizen. Masks were worn and social distancing was adhered to the guidelines.

Public Hearing

A PUBLIC HEARING was called to order at 6:00 p.m. to present the FY21 budget that begins July 1, 2020 and carries through June 30,2021. Julie Abel, President, called for any public input at that time. Seeing as none, a motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mike Fleming to adjourn the public hearing at 6:02p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Regular meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:03pm. No one has contacted Dr. Fuerstenau to address the board prior to the agenda being posted. No public input at this time.

Fogleman Quarterly Update

Mr. Roger Krabbe and Mr. Chad Ruppert from the Bank and Trust addressed the Board of Education in regards to the Fogleman Scholarship Trust. Mr. Ruppert stated that the crops would be coming out soon. There would be no changes in renters for next year. The tiling project is complete and a few of the rental fees will increase this year. On the investment side, Mr. Krabbe stated that the Trustees' five year ladder was in place. \$400,000 is invested in CD's and bonds. Last year 84 scholarships at \$2,200.00 each were disbursed for new and renewal recipients. Mr. Krabbe predicts that in 2021, approximately 90 scholarships in the amount of \$2,300.00 to \$2,400.00 may be given. No action was presented or taken.

Consent agenda

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

- Approve minutes from Public Hearing on August 20, 2020
- Approve regular meeting minutes on August 20, 2020
- Approve minutes from special meeting on August 31, 2020
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for September 2020 total \$1,436,892. Total from Education Fund \$218,450; from O&M \$47,491; from Debt Service \$926,042; from Transportation \$22,832; from Capital Projects \$217,706; from Tort \$4,369.

Treasurer's Report – Ending balance in all funds at August 31, 2020 is \$9,515,090. Balance in operating funds is \$6,344,164. A roll call vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

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:

2:150-AP; 2:250-E2; 2:260;2:260-AP1;2:260-AP2;2:265; 2:265-AP1;2:265-AP2;2:265-E

4:180-AP1;4:180-AP2

5:10;5:20;5:90-AP;5:100;5:200;5:220; 5:330

7:10;7:10-AP1;7:20;7:20-AP; 7:180; 7:185;7:190-E2;7:345-AP

A Voice vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain., Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0

New Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as presented by Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Chief Fiscal Officer for Litchfield Community Unit School District #12. A tentative budget was brought before the board at the August 20, 2020 Board of Education Meeting. The proposed budget has been on display at the Unit Office since 8:00 am on Friday, August 21, 2020 for public inspection and all questions from the public have been answered. A 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 to approve the District Risk Management Plan. This is an annual review to make certain our Risk Management Plan is adequately addressing our tort exposure and allowable use of tort funds. A roll call vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Mark Bloome and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for a School Resource Officer by and between the Board of Education of the Litchfield Community Unit School District #12 and the City of Litchfield until April 30, 2024. The District will cover \$50,000.00 for the officer. These funds are possible through a federal grant that the district received. It is believed that the Resource Officer could be in place by the end of the calendar year. A 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 to approve the Mid-State Special Education Joint agreement policy and procedures for behavioral interventions for Special Education eligible students. Mid-State Special Education is requesting that each district approve the plan. A roll call vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, and Hires. PRESENT: Mike Fleming Motion carried 6-0.

Information

Enrollment as of August 31st was 1325 for the district. The Make It program submitted their monthly reports. Enrollment for the Make It program is down considerably. They are available to K-5 grade students on the afternoons the student attends school. Dr. Fuerstenau announced that the Hybrid students would transition into all attending 4 days a week with Friday as an all remote learning day. The Prekindergarten program would stay a split hybrid at this time. Administrators stated that the buildings were being prepped for the return of all hybrid students. Currently there are 287 all-remote students in the district. K-8 remote learners will have the option to be in-person learners at the end of the trimester

which is November 6th. High School students will have the option at semester. Mr. Hoster, high school principal, stated that 47% of remote learners were earning a failing grade. These students are apathetic and are not putting in the effort to succeed. High School staff have made conscience efforts to reach out to these students. Mr. Hoster announced that homecoming activities would take place in the spring during the football season this year. Administrators announced various activities taking place in the buildings or coming soon. Middle School will celebrate Red Ribbon Week as usual in October. Mr. Bob Witter, Building and Grounds/Transportation Director reported that protocols on the busses were going well. Dr. Fuerstenau complimented the custodial staff on the cleanliness of all the facilities. Jennifer Thompson, curriculum coordinator, addressed the board. She explained that she had secured a grant WIFI hot spots for families in the district that do not have access. She is working to secure 104 hot spots and is aware of 60 families in the district that could utilize such free services. The District has a waiver through December to feed the students breakfast and lunch. Some concerns had been raised regarding the quality of items being served. Mr. Favre had been in contact with OPAA food service company to voice the concerns and work with the team for future meal ideas. In Dr. Fuerstenau's report he addressed both the bond issue and the construction project. Bonds would be presented to the board for sale at the October board meeting. FGM Architects met with PREK-5 grade staff to get their wants and needs list for their new buildings/classrooms. As FOIA officer, Dr. Fuerstenau, fulfilled a request for the district's property/casualty/liability insurance policies.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain that the Board of Education enter into closed session at 7:04p.m. to: 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) A 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 Mike Fleming that the Board of Education reenter into open session at 7:21 p.m. A roll call vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0. A motion was made by Gregg Hires and seconded by Mark Bloome that the Board of Education re-enter into closed session at 7:22p.m. for the discussion of 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) A 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 Gregg Hires to return to open session at 7:49p.m. A roll call vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Fleming, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Personnel

No action.

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