

Litchfield Community Unit School District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Litchfield High School Conference Room
May 21, 2015 7:00 pm

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the Litchfield High School Conference Room, 1705 N State St, Litchfield, Illinois. The following board members were present: Jeff Helgen, President; Jeff Seabaugh, Vice-President; Donna Wujek, Secretary; Ron Anglin, Dennis Scobbie and Meg Wertin. Board member Gregg Hires was absent at start of meeting. Also in attendance were: Superintendent John Mullett; Administrators DeAnn Heck, Jennifer Thompson, Andrea Lee, Adam Favre, and Mark Hunt; Della Witter, Recording Secretary; Michelle Romanus-Houlihan, Litchfield News Herald; Mary Herschelman, The Journal News; Amanda Lamore, LEA President, and incoming Superintendent Jeff Strieker.

Citizens' Agenda:

Superintendent Mullett recognized the 2015 retirees: Joni Becker, 1st grade teacher since 1994; Joe Boehler, custodian and bus driver since 1980; Paula Lievers, special education teacher at the high school since 2004; Debbie Roundcount, middle school computer skills teacher and high school dance coach since 2006; and Evelyn Schwab, cafeteria worker since 2006.

John Renken introduced himself and welcomed new board members, noting his work on health/life/safety issues as an architect for the district.

Marchelle Kassebaum, Regional Superintendent, spoke to the board about ROE services provided to the district and upcoming changes with consolidation with ROE #3, noting their goal to continue without interruption and provide even better service.

While out-going Student Advisor Hannah Nail attended state track, next year's Student Council President Megan Evans reported on the final happenings at the high school. Principal Andrea Lee introduced IPA Student Recognition recipient Blaine Stewart who was unable to attend April's meeting.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Donna Wujek, seconded by Ron Anglin, that the Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approve renewal of Go Solutions Group agreement for 2015-16 school year
- Approve renewal of IHSA membership for 2015-16 school year
- Approve regular and closed session minutes from April 16 regular and special meetings and April 30 special meeting
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report
- Approve deletion of recorded closed session minutes from April 2013

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Aye: Anglin, Helgen, Scobbie, Seabaugh, Wertin, Wujek. Motion carried.

New Business:

Heather Hampton-Knodle, Economic Development Chairman for the Montgomery County Board, presented information on a request from Pioneer Hi-Bred International C/O E I DuPont for abatement of taxes on a parcel of land the company is considering for expansion. After discussion, President Jeff Helgen said the Board would take the matter under advisement; no action was taken.

A motion was made by Donna Wujek, seconded by Ron Anglin, to approve reinstatement of the following programs at no cost to the district with full funding for all programs to be donated as follows:

by August 1, 2015 for fall sports; by October 1, 2015 for winter sports; and by January 1, 2016 for spring sports: High School: Boys soccer, Boys and girls golf, Boys and girls cross country, Girls softball, Rembrandt Society; and Middle School: Cheerleading, Volleyball, Wrestling, Scholastic Bowl. Fifty percent of necessary funding was required by May 15th to reinstate the programs at the May board meeting. This action allows all groups to finish their fundraising and submit the remaining funds by the dates noted above. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Aye: Anglin, Helgen, Scobbie, Seabaugh, Wertin, Wujek. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin, seconded by Donna Wujek, that the Board approves the first reading of board policy updates. This is the first reading of updates to the following policies: 2:250, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:45, 5:40, 5:120, 5:180, 5:270, 5:290, 5:330, 6:15, and 6:40. Complete policy update information provided separately. All policy updates are recommended for adoption with the following selections for optional updates: policy 2:250 Option 1: C; No for Options 2, 3, 4, & 5; policy 5:180 Option: Yes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin, seconded by Jeff Seabaugh, to approve a resolution providing for the issue of \$500,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015A, and \$500,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015B, of the District for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District, altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Mr. Mullett noted the Fire Prevention and Safety bond funds would be used for building work at the high school and Colt school this summer; working cash could help offset any decline in funds from the state next year. Mike Fleming thanked the board for working with local banks in selling of the bonds. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Aye: Anglin, Helgen, Scobbie, Seabaugh, Wertin, Wujek. Motion carried.

Personnel Report:

A motion was made by Ron Anglin, seconded by Donna Wujek, that the Board approves the following personnel report, subject to successful completion of all state and local employment requirements:

- Approve Leslie Farrar as first grade teacher for 2015-16
- Approve Paige Farnworth as high school English teacher for 2015-16
- Approve Jessica Grosenheider as middle school cheerleading coach
- Approve Brittany Maples as high school head volleyball coach
- Approve Lindsey Dal Pozzo as high school assistant volleyball coach
- Approve Victoria Wernle as high school head cheer coach
- Approve Jason Cooper as high school head boys soccer coach
- Accept notice of retirement from Evelyn Schwab as cafeteria worker effective May 22, 2015
- Accept resignation from Jen Bitter as high school head softball coach
- Approve Jason Plumer as volunteer assistant football coach

A roll call vote was taken to approve the Personnel Report as follows: Aye: Anglin, Helgen, Scobbie, Seabaugh, Wertin, Wujek. Motion carried.

Information Items:

The 2015 IASB Joint Annual Conference November 20 – 22nd in Chicago was discussed – Mr. Mullett noted room and registration fee would be paid for any board member who attends; members were asked to let Della Witter know by June 1 if they plan to attend. FOIA requests from SmartProcure and Mike Fleming were processed and information provided in required time limit. Enrollment figures for April, Supervisor's and Principal's reports were provided.

Board member Gregg Hires arrived at 7:55 pm.

In his Superintendent's report, Mr. Mullett reported the district has been fully recognized by the ISBE. He presented his monthly financial report, noting the district has received several payments from the state, but is still behind; and that the first payment for 2015-16 local taxes would be received in June. He has received renewal information on the district's fleet/legal liability/umbrella package, and worker's compensation insurance policies with an overall decrease in premiums. He noted the umbrella policy would include coverage for cyber exposure. Approval for renewing the policies will be done at June meeting. Supt. Mullett also told the board that due to increased number of students, five sections of 4th grade would be needed for the 2015-16 school year and the additional teaching position would be posted.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Ron Anglin, seconded by Jeff Seabaugh, to enter into closed session at 8:10 pm for the following purposes under the Illinois Open Meetings Act: Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; purchase of real property for the use of the District; self-evaluation practices. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Aye: Anglin, Helgen, Hires, Scobbie, Seabaugh, Wertin, Wujek. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ron Anglin, seconded by Donna Wujek, to return to open session at 9:14 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Aye: Anglin, Helgen, Hires, Scobbie, Seabaugh, Wertin, Wujek. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jeff Seabaugh, seconded by Donna Wujek, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.