

Litchfield Community Unit District No. 12
Board of Education Meeting
District Office
1100 N Old Route 66
Litchfield, IL. 62056
Tuesday, September 19
6:00p.m.

The Litchfield Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting beginning at 5:30p.m. at the South Central Illinois Workforce Training and Innovation Center (SCI), 2001 Eilerman Avenue, Litchfield, IL. 62056 Board members in attendance included: Julie Abel, President; Ron Anglin, Vice-President; Valerie Cain, Secretary, David Belusko, Mark Bloome, Jimmy Gorowski and Gregg Hires. Also, in attendance were: Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Superintendent; Jennifer Thompson, Director of Curriculum; Kris Adamson, Recording Secretary and Administrators: Adam Favre, Jeremy Heigert, Russ Tepen, Hilary Wagenblast and Juletta Ellis. Bob Witter, Buildings and Grounds/Transportation Director was in attendance. Jim Helton, IASB executive search. John Hanafin, Litchfield News Herald and Mary Herschelmann, Journal News. Concerned parents and citizens.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for the fiscal year 2023-2024 district budget was called to order at 6:00p.m. All members were present. Dr. Fuerstenau presented the budget. No public input was given. A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to adjourn at 6:05p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, and Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Regular Board meeting

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. All members were present.

Citizens agenda

New teachers to the district were introduced. New teachers for the 2023-2024 school year include: Heidi Hulliung, Elementary Art; Taylor Jones, Prekindergarten teacher; Daniel Kessinger, High School Math; Evan Malloy, High School Science; Wyman Markle, High School Special Education teacher; Shea Murray, Elementary Teacher; Kelli White, High School/Middle School Technology Teacher.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve regular meeting minutes from August 15, 2023
- Approve monthly bills
- Approve Treasurer's report

Bills payable for September 2023 total \$3,852,820.55. Total from Education fund: \$477,384.45. From Operations & Maintenance: \$82,561.83. From Debt Service: \$1,598,689.82. From Transportation: \$26,228.33. From Capital Projects: \$855,092.57. From Tort: \$38,539.43. From Health-Life-Safety: \$774,324.12. Ending balance in all funds at August 31, 2023 is \$24,218,283. Balance in operating funds is \$14,862,949. Balance in Capital Projects is \$871,860. Balance in Health-Life-Safety is \$6,615,633. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to award the purchase of Russell Elementary School building to Illinois Solar in the amount \$ 51,000.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0. Illinois Solar was the only bid received.

The process for the search for a new superintendent continues. Mr. Jim Helton addressed the Board. The deadline for applications will be September 20 2023. There will be a special meeting on October 3, 2023. The Board will go into closed session to discuss the slate of candidates and the guidance for the interview process.

New Business

Updates were given on each of the sites by Peter Ratermann, Poettker Construction and Emily Spindler, FGM Architects. Gave updates on the three projects the district has at this time.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO #029 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield Elementary School project I the amount of \$ 4,435.00. This change event is for tracking the costs associated with hardware changes due to water infiltration and astragal issues. Costs associated with these changes will be back charged to the architect through the owner's contract. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the contract change order PCCO # 003 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield Primary School project in the amount of \$ 7,475.02. This change event is for tracking the costs associated

with providing a new mop basin and FRP covering in storage Room A110 as requested by owner. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve the contract change order PCCO # 004 with Poettker construction for the Litchfield Primary School project in the amount of \$ 17,606.57. This change event is for tracking the costs associated with replacing the corroded galvanized piping with copper piping and furring out the lavatory wall in the boys and girls restrooms to allow for copper piping to be concealed. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were awarded for work on the Prekindergarten addition to the Litchfield Primary school.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No.1- General trades to Interface Construction Corporation in the amount of \$555,901.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded Gregg Hires to delay the award of bid package No.2- Concrete for the prekindergarten addition of the Litchfield Primary School. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0. delay the award of bid package No.3- Masonry for the prekindergarten addition of the Litchfield Primary School.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to delay the award of bid package No.3- Masonry for the prekindergarten addition of the Litchfield Primary School. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to award bid package No.4 - Structural Steel to Tri-County Welding and Fabrication, LLC in the amount of \$ 160,300.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No.5 – Roofing and Sheet Metal to J&F Chiattello Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$89,021.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to award bid package No.6 – Windows and Storefronts to Illini Glass Solutions DBA Arrow Glass in the amount of \$52,545.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 7– Metal Studs, Insulation, Drywall & ACT to Hoelscher Interiors, Inc. in the amount of \$ 157,400.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to award bid package No. 8– Flooring to Flooring Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$45,630.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to award bid package No. 9– Painting to Morrissey Contracting Company in the amount of \$ 26,950.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 10- Fire Protection Systems to Superior Fire Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$36,250.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to award bid package No. 11 & 12- Plumbing Systems and Mechanical Systems combination bid to Henson Robinson Company in the amount of \$ 287,000.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to award bid package No. 13- Electrical Systems to Camp Electric + Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$129,900.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires award bid package No. 14- Sitework and Site Utilities to Ron Hunsche Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$ 99,580.00. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO # 0022 with Poettker construction for the South Central Illinois Training and Innovation Center in the credit amount of (-) \$ 52,445.99. This change event is for tracking the credit associated with returning the tire balancer and wheel aligner per the owner's request. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO # 0023 with Poettker construction for the South Central Illinois Training and Innovation Center in the amount of \$ 2,196.61. This change event is for tracking the credit associated with providing compressed air connection to the 4 post lift in automotive. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the contract change order PCCO # 0024 with Poettker construction for the South Central Illinois Training and Innovation Center in the amount of \$ 8,843.74. This change event is to reimburse PCC for renting temporary AC units during construction. Cost for temporary climate control was carried in the project's

contingency budget so that PCC and the owner could control this cost as much as possible and to avoid starting equipment warranties prior to turnover. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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 15, 2023 Board of Education Meeting. The proposed budget has been on display at the Unit Office since 8:00 am on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 for public inspection and all questions from the public have been answered.

Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to authorize the District Administration to submit the 2023-2024 School Maintenance grant application. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the District Risk Management Plan. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the transfer of \$771,900.00 from Capital Projects fund 60 to the Debt Service Fund 30. The purpose is to make payments due on Alternative Revenue bonds from sales tax revenue deposited to Capital Projects; the principal and interest payments must be expended from the Debt Service fund. This total will cover the two payments due in FY24: first payment of \$546,600.00 is due 10/1/23; second in the amount of \$225,300.00 is due 4/1/24. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Gregg Hires to approve a resolution to abate \$4,000,000.00 from Working Cash to Capital Projects for the Prekindergarten addition at Litchfield Primary. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Bloome: PRESENT Motion carried 6-0.

Information Items

FOIA request were fulfilled for Legal Action Group and SMARTPROCURE. Enrollment for August 30 2023 is 1251 including prekindergarten. First month of school is going well at all grade levels. Prekindergarten program received a gold rating from the state. Dr. Fuerstenau is working on the food service bid.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski for the Board to go into closed session at 7:10pm 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) Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 7:46pm.

Personnel

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the family medical leave request from Ann Helgen, elementary teacher beginning November 9, 2023 and returning February 23, 2024. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve the transportation route changes effective September 15, 2023.

Marvin Savage will move to the Horse route (4.5 hrs. a day)

Jeanne Gebhardt will move to the Barn route (4.0 hrs. a day)

Renee Melchert will move to the Heart route (3.75 hrs. a day)

Callie Morgan will take the Star route (3.50 hrs. a day)

Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to accept the resignation of Kari Dragoo as the High School Varsity Volleyball coach as of the completion of the 2023 season. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve Jennifer Schwab as a Volunteer Coach for the Middle School Cross Country Team beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to approve Robyn Engstrom as a Volunteer Coach for the Middle School Cross Country Team beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Jimmy Gorowski to approve Gregg Hires as the Volunteer Coach for the 7th grade Boys Basketball team beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Cain, Gorowski. Bloome: NAY; Hires: Abstain. Motion carried 5-1.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain to hire Daniel Bonnell as the High School Freshmen Boys Basketball coach beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski. Hires: Abstain. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve the hire of Anthony Robinson as the High School Head Boys Track coach beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to the hire of Cody Younker as the Middle School Head Wrestling coach beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Valerie Cain approve the hire of Trevor Hogue as the High School Assistant Wrestling coach beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve Tara Younker as a Volunteer Coach for the High School and Middle School Wrestling program beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ron Anglin and seconded by Mark Bloome to approve Kayla Davidson as a Volunteer Coach for the High School and Middle School Wrestling program beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: YEA: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski, Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

Seeing no further action to be taken, a motion was made Valerie Cain and seconded by Mark Bloome to adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m. Voice Vote: AYE: Abel, Anglin, Belusko, Bloome, Cain, Gorowski and Hires Motion carried 7-0.