Board of Education Monthly Meeting Summary:

August 20, 2024

The Litchfield Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024, in the Kilton Fine Arts Center at the Unit Office for its monthly board meeting.

These are not the official meeting minutes and do not include every detail from the meeting; instead, they are a summary to assist the Purple Panther community. Once the board approves them, the official minutes can be found on the LCUSD #12 Board of Education Minutes page on the website.

The meeting started with a ***Presentation of FY 2024-2025 South Central Illinois Regional Workforce Training and Innovation Center Budget including the adoption of the budget for SCI.***

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

WELCOMING STAFF AND STUDENTS BACK: Dr. McClain and the administrative team shared that staff returned on August 13th and gathered for donuts and coffee. New members of the Purple Panther Family were introduced. We have 17 new additions (though there were some familiar faces) this year, and they are an outstanding group! Dr. McClain shared a welcome message with the staff, who were also given a tech update. The following evening, we held Meet the Teacher events across our district, minus LECC, which held orientation sessions on the 15th. Our buildings were packed full of students and families meeting their teachers, dropping off supplies, finding their classrooms, and smiling. We had an outstanding showing across the district! Sometimes, we see less engagement as our students get older, but the middle and high schools were also busy and packed with people! Thanks to our transportation department for all their work at the start of the year in getting our students to and from home/school safely! Also, to our custodial, buildings and grounds, and tech teams who have had extremely busy summers during construction but still manage to get us off to the right start each year. We are blessed to have a fantastic team across our district welcoming your students back this year:)

Litchfield Health and Rehab Center donated 75 backpacks to our school district for the start of the school year. They also placed notes in each bag to welcome our students back to school. The community's support continues to be evident.

We will have an Open House for LECC on August 26th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. We look forward to seeing members of our community tour the renovation of Colt and the addition of our PreK area. The building is still getting some finishing touches; the staff (including our custodial

staff and Mr. Witter) have done an outstanding job getting it in tip-top shape before the first day with students.

We will host meet-and-greets with Dr. McClain on August 22nd and August 27th from 7:30 AM—9:00 AM and 4:00 PM—6:00 PM on both days to accommodate community members and families with various work schedules. Coffee and sweets will be provided. This will be an opportunity to meet the new superintendent in an informal setting and to begin opening up communication channels. I am excited to start establishing relationships with our families.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Construction Change Orders
The Board approved contract change orders from Poettker for changes associated with the construction at the LECC, including the installation of an ADA sidewalk ramp and detectable warning place. The board also received a credit from Poettker for allowances that were not utilized.

Second Reading of BOE Policy
The Board approved the second reading of the policies in the last PressPlus release. The majority of the policies in this update are 5-year reviews with updates to footnotes for legal references and no substantial changes.

Tentative budget and date for budget hearing for the 24-25 fiscal year
The tentative budget will be displayed at the Unit Office for the next 30 days. The budget hearing has been set for the next Board of Education meeting.

Surplus Properties
G.A. Sihler School and Madison Park Elementary School have been designated surplus properties. This allows the district to begin having conversations regarding the plan for both buildings. As we have more information about those plans, we will share it with the public.

Cooperative Positions agreement with the District & Lily Pad Learning Center, LPLC, LLC.
The Board approved an agreement allowing the district to work with Lily Pad Learning Center to teach our students a class. It will enable students to take the class to qualify them to become a Child Development Associate. An employee of Lily Pad will teach the class. Our students have interned there in the past, but we will be adding the class this school year.

Reciprocal reporting agreement with local law enforcement
The Board approved an agreement between the Litchfield Community Unit School Dist. #12, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, the Litchfield Police Department, and the Montgomery County State's Attorney's office. State law requires a reciprocal reporting system between the School District and local law enforcement agencies regarding criminal offenses committed by students. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and the School Code set requirements for the management and sharing of law enforcement records and other information about students if they have contact with local law enforcement. This agreement gives us the legal

authority to share information and allows the policing agencies to share information, as required by law, with one another.

Memorandum of Understanding for School Resource Officer
The Board approved an updated MOU with the District and the Litchfield Police Department on our School Resource Officer.

New Additions to the Purple Panther Staff

Please join us in welcoming the following to our Purple Panther Family as new staff members or as transfers from a current to a new position!

Lauren Plummer as the High School Assistant Golf Coach
Anthony Boston as a Volunteer Coach to the High School Golf team
Adam Pennock as the 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach
Kelli Harris as the high school Streaming Coordinator

Volunteers:

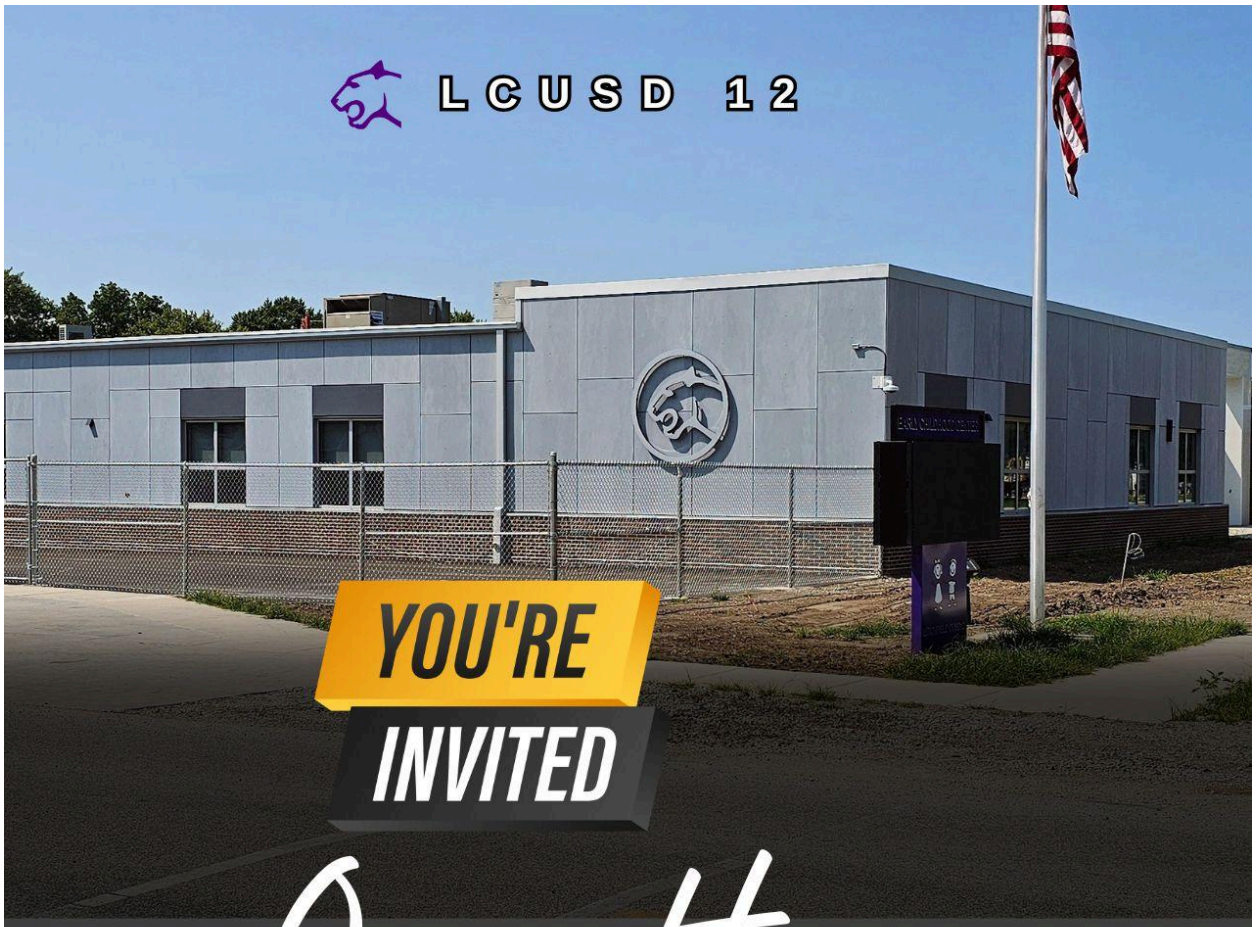
Josie Bouillon as a Volunteer Coach to the MIddle School Girls Basketball program
Blake Malloy as a Volunteer Coach to the High School Girls Basketball program

Resignations:

Anthony Marten as a Volunteer Coach to the High School Golf program.
Deanna Boston as a Volunteer Coach to the High School Golf program.
Justin Ripley as Streaming Coordinator effective immediately.

Next month's Board of Education meeting will be held on September 19th at

the Unit Office beginning at 6:00 pm.



Open House

for the new

Litchfield Early Childhood Center (L.E.C.C.)

725 S. Chestnut, Litchfield

Monday, August 26

6:00-7:30 pm

Superintendent Meet & Greet with Dr. Kelly MClain

August 22 or 27

Morning Time: 7:30AM - 9:30AM
Evening Time: 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Unit Office
1100 N. Old Rt. 66, Litchfield

Come and meet our new superintendent and share your thoughts, ideas and feedback.



(coffee & sweets provided)