

Proceedings of the
Leyton Public Schools
Cheyenne County School District #03
Board of Education
February 12, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
District Administrative Offices in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jed Benish called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jed Benish, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, Cary Linton, Jennifer Powell and Rob Rushman. Members absent: none. Also present were Superintendent Lorrie Miller, Principal Lance Howitt and Recording Secretary Janella Kruse. In addition, there were approximately thirty visitors.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Linton to approve the agenda. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Russ Rushman addressed the Board regarding student suspensions and patron parking for activities.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting for January 8, 2018. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Linton to approve the minutes of the Board's special meeting for January 31, 2018. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mrs. Powell to approve General Fund bills and financial reports as presented. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Rushman to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. Motion approved 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Henke to grant Special Recognition to the Leyton Spelling Bee winners (1st place - Ethan Eckhardt, 2nd place - Holden Syverson, 3rd place – Dagen Lee, 4th place – Damyn Russ, 5th place – Shawnee Gamble, 6th place – Katie Eckhardt); to Sierra Nickel for being selected to the Chadron State High Plains Choir; to Mr. Shawn Oakes for being selected as the clinician for the Fort Kearny Conference Band Clinic; and to the JH Boys' basketball team for being MAC Tournament Runner-Up. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Chris Morgan addressed the Board with the Task Force's recommendations for graduation requirements beginning with the class of 2019. Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Rushman to approve those graduation requirements as presented. Motion approved 6-0.

Tabled approval of the 2018-2019 school calendar pending activities' schedules and teacher concerns.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Linton to approve APL training for certified staff for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Henke to approve a Superintendent's contract for Mr. Chris Geary for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mrs. Powell to approve the course description book as presented. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Henke to approve the school attorney's policy recommendations with noted changes as discussed: to revise #6003 (Instructional Program), #6004 (Curriculum Development), #6005 (Academic Credits and Graduation), #6006 (Commencement Ceremony), #6007 (Senior Recognition), #6008 (Class Rank), #6009 (Grade Place & Academic Credit of Transfer Students), #6010 (Special Education), #6012 (Flag Display and Patriotic Observances), #6014 (School Attendance on Days of Scheduled Activities), #6016 (Homebound and Off-Campus Instruction), #6018 (Grades), #6025 (Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices), #6026 (Emergency Dismissal), #6028 (Extracurricular Activities)

Program), #6029 (Activity Trips), #6030 (Public Appearances of School Groups), #6031 (Emergency Exclusion) and #6034 (Concussion Awareness); to delete #6019 (Communication with Parents) and #6024 (Student Discipline); to adopt #6032 (Constitution Day Education) and #6033 (Restraint and Seclusion of Students). Motion approved 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (WITH POSSIBLE ACTION):

The Board discussed some of the ideas from their Retreat such as considering writing grants to accommodate a preschool in our District. They also discussed school spirit and ways to unify the community in that effort. The Transportation and Building & Grounds committees will present further ideas under reports.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Rushman to reduce staff by 25% in the Special Education department beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mrs. Powell to add a .5 FTE elementary principal. Motion approved 6-0.

REPORTS:

The Transportation Committee reported that they were considering a new activity bus with a possible trade in of other buses. Moved by Mr. Rushman, seconded by Mr. Linton to purchase a 2007 MCI coach style bus and give the transportation committee discretion on trading, selling, or updating the current activity buses. Motion approved 6-0.

The Building and Grounds Committee reported on potential summer projects. At the Dalton site, they plan to continue with new windows and carpet in the classrooms, complete sidewalk/concrete work, and improve the science lab. In Gurley, a drop ceiling in the hallway and new lighting will be installed. Also, the Foundation is planning enhancements to the locker rooms. Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to give authority to the building and grounds committee to get the windows project started now. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Howitt reported on upcoming events/activities: Teacher In-Service (Feb. 19), MAC Speech at Potter-Dix (Feb. 21), Science Fair (Feb. 21), MAC Band Clinic at Garden Co. (Feb.26), 5th grade Wax Museum (Feb. 28), Speech & Sweets (March 5), Spring Break (March 7-9), JH Dance (March 16), STUCO Winter Fun Night (March 24). He also recapped the winter activities stating that the HS girls' basketball sub-districts starts Feb. 13th and the boys' sub-districts will start Feb. 20th. The Cheerleaders will attend State Cheer competition on Feb. 16th & 17th. The JH basketball seasons have concluded and they were both very successful. Mr. Howitt will contact Bridgeport High School regarding a possible wrestling co-op with them next year.

Ms. Miller reported on the Mentor Program to be created.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Leyton Board of Education will be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the district's administrative offices at Leyton High School in Dalton.

ADJOURNMENT:

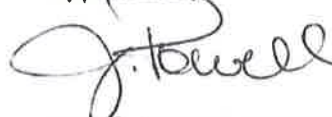
The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janella Kruse
Recording Secretary

Approved by,



Jennifer Powell, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education