

Proceedings of the
Leyton Public Schools
Cheyenne County School District #03
Board of Education
April 9, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.
District Administrative Offices in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jed Benish called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Jed Benish, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), 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 seventeen visitors.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Rushman to approve the agenda. Motion approved 5-0.
Communications were read from Lindsey Deaver.

Mrs. Heidi Gillespie addressed the Board with concerns regarding the terroristic threat that was made on March 26, 2018 at the High School building and how administration handled the situation.

Mr. Ryan Borges notified the Board that construction on Hwy 385 through Dalton could begin as early as next week and that the school may need to adjust their bus routes.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting for March 12, 2018. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mrs. Cruise, seconded by Mrs. Powell to approve the minutes from the Woten Hearing on March 26, 2018. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Rushman, seconded by Mrs. Powell to approve the minutes of the Board's special meeting for April 4, 2018. Motion approved 6-0.

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

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Mrs. Powell, seconded by Mr. Henke to grant Special Recognition to the JH Quiz Bowl team for being Runner-up at the first MAC Conference Quiz Bowl Meet; to the NPCC Inter-High Day participants for earning Runner-Up as a Team and to 1st place winners: Aly Holt (Word Processing) and Josh Kruse (Chemistry); to the D1-6 District Champions and State Speech Qualifiers: Josh Kruse, Shelby Miller, Janessa Carley, Aly Holt, DJ George, Drew Haley, Danielle Higgins, Abbagale Bush, Carissa Fostervold, Cassidee Murray, Hannah Vath, Paige Ernest, and Sierra Nickel; to the NCPA Winter Academic All-State selections: Jeremy Carley & Josh Kruse (Boys Basketball), Megan Ernest & Danielle Higgins (Girls Basketball), Janessa Carley & Paige Ernest (Speech); and to Madelyn Watchorn for being selected Girls' Basketball All-State Honorable Mention by the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mr. Rushman to accept, with regret, letters of resignation from Mrs. Susan Foster (Technology; Bus Driver) and Ms. Laura Neubauer (Guidance Counselor) and to thank them for their years of service. Motion approved 6-0.

Tabled approval of letter of resignation and settlement agreement.

Tabled approval of elementary/JH principal contract.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Rushman to approve selling a Craftsman 10 inch Radial Arm Saw. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Jesse Henderson, HS Science Teacher, addressed the Board regarding the State Science Fair in Lincoln on April 19th. Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mrs. Powell to approve travel expenses to the State Science Fair for two HS students and one JH student. Motion approved 5-0, with Benish abstaining.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to revise policies #5008 (Pregnant or Parenting Students), #4016 (Jury Duty/Service as Witness in Court), and #5001 (Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism). Motion approved 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (WITH POSSIBLE ACTION):

Discussed employee appreciation week (May 6th–12th).

Mr. Tracy Cooper, Industrial Arts/Ag Teacher, addressed the Board with his ideas and suggestions for renovating the Shop room to enable the District to offer dual credits for Welding through WNCC. President Benish stated that the Building & Grounds committee will meet with Mr. Cooper and tour the Shop room.

Ms. Miller addressed the Board with a plan for the elementary/JH parking lot as recommended by the Transportation Task Force.

FFA Members (Aly Holt, Taylee Gartner, and Mayson Rowan) presented to the Board their experiences from the FFA State Convention. This year's theme was "Make it Count". The biggest discussion item at the convention was the involvement of students in the FFA program at the middle school levels.

REPORTS:

Mr. Howitt reported on the NRSCA Conference he went to in March. He attended sessions on NSAA information, Wayne State College-Dual Credit, the Student Discipline Act, Closing the Achievement Gap, and School Psychologists.

Ms. Miller reported that state aid for next year will be \$241,410 as compared to \$314,714 this year. She further commented on the Transportation Task Force's recommendations for bus routes and lavatory use on the new coach bus.

Mr. Linton reviewed construction/remodel projects that are needed at both buildings and the need for a three year plan to prioritize those projects.

Mr. Rushman stated that he would like to review the Pledge of Allegiance policy at the next meeting.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Leyton Board of Education will be Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:30 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 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Janella Kruse
Recording Secretary

Jennifer Powell, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education