

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
November 12, 2018 – 6:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, November 12, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the District’s Administrative Office. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on or before November 5, 2018. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

- 1 Board President Jed Benish called the regular school board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
 - 1.1 ROLL CALL
 - 1.1.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Jed Benish, Colleen Cruise, Cary Linton (arrived at 7:15 P.M.), Jennifer Powell, and Rob Rushman. Absent: Kevin Henke.
 - 1.1.2 The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary, HS Principal Lance Howitt and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: None.
 - 1.2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - 1.2.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Rushman to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Benish, Rushman, Cruise and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

- 2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

- 3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD
None

- 4 REPORTS
 - 4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT
 - 4.1.1 Mr. Howitt presented the STUCO report. Homecoming changes were well received and they would like to add one new event each year going forward.
 - 4.2 BOARD REPORTS
 - 4.2.1 The Building and Grounds Committee met with Ryan Stern on November 6th to discuss design options for the new track.
 - 4.2.2 The Transportation Committee met on October 25th and recommended to fix the 2008 bus. A new route bus to Sidney was added on November 5th. They are currently looking at more efficient ways of transporting the District’s students.
 - 4.2.3 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Powell to enter executive session to discuss negotiations at 6:39 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.
 - 4.2.4 Motion by Rushman, seconded by Cruise to return to general session at 7:01 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.
 - 4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT
 - 4.3.1 Student Kelcie Van Anne, FFA Representative, and Mr. Tracy Cooper, FFA Advisor, presented to the Board their experiences at P2C and LAUNCH Leadership conferences. They also reported on plans for the chapter to attend the Denver Stock

Show on January 11th-13th. FFA will pick up all costs of the trip excluding the bus driver, fuel, and bus expenses.

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

4.4.1 Mrs. Morgan reported that the elementary/junior high had 89% of parents in attendance for parent/teacher conferences on October 15th. Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Allie Peters, had her students lead conferences with their parents and went over their data folders, MAP test scores, and goals for testing and classroom improvement. The book fair ran from October 12th-19th and earned \$850 in free books for the libraries. Mrs. Morgan has completed eight formal teacher observations/evaluations and had lunch with the October good citizens.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

4.5.1 Mr. Howitt reported that parent attendance at the high school for parent/teacher conferences was down to 46.3%. He would like to see that higher with a goal of 65%. A lockdown drill with law enforcement evacuation pointed out areas of improvement such as communication throughout the building, keys for necessary personnel, and creating "Safe Spots" for students caught outside of the classroom. He also attended the November 7th NSAA District #6 Meeting and stated that they are looking at a 90 day ineligibility for activities for option students returning to their home district beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 Meetings/Travel

4.6.1.1 Mr. Geary attended the Western Nebraska Administrator's meeting in Bridgeport and the ESU Superintendent's meeting held in conjunction with the NRCSA meeting on October 24th. He was invited to the Gurley Lions Club meeting and is pursuing membership. He also met with the auditors for the annual MD&A report in Sidney. Mr. Geary has met with his mentor to discuss planning for the upcoming school year and will be attending the NASB Education Conference next week.

4.6.2 Construction Updates

4.6.2.1 Mr. Geary reported that both the new Suburban and Impala are here and registered. Preliminary design options for the track were discussed with Ryan Sterns at the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. Mr. Sterns will also provide a rough estimate for a science room remodel. Mr. Geary also stated that the handicap access to the restrooms has been completed, with the flooring to be done soon. The wall for the DL room will be completed as soon as is practical.

4.6.3 Action Items

4.6.3.1 Mr. Geary recommended that the Board revise Policy #4057, which would solve the issue on the timing of the Superintendent's evaluation. He stated that our attorney strongly suggests revising our current FOB policy and that the new FOB entry would cost approximately \$1800. Patrons wishing to use the gym, rather than the weight room, would need to complete a facility use form. Mr. Geary announced that we are hosting the MAC Conference Quiz Bowl this year and that Mrs. Shafer and Mr. Hutton have been selected as the HS Quiz Bowl sponsors.

4.6.4 Other Items

4.6.4.1 The Sidney bus route is up and running with nine students from seven families utilizing this service. Mr. Geary shared an article with the Board

called “The Strategic School” to give some insight to his thinking for School Improvement. He also shared MAP and ACT data and stated that while there are bright spots on both reports, there is plenty of room to grow.

5 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Cruise to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the October 8, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting and Board Workshop, and the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Special Board Meeting and Board Workshop and to approve all reports. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Powell, Linton, Benish and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6 REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 EXCUSING a BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Powell to excuse Kevin Henke from tonight’s meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Powell, Linton, Benish, Rushman and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Linton to recognize Mark Carley and the junior high students for helping unload and move books for the book fair, to the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department for doing an assembly on fire safety, to the Gurley Volunteer Fire Department for giving kindergarten through third grade students a ride on their fire trucks, to Kendra Lauruhn for providing dental screening services, to Jessica Pelster for sharing her classroom with the staff for MAP training, to Linda Morgan and Laura Rowan for working at the book fair during parent/teacher conferences, to Beth Kokjer for inviting kindergarten through eighth grade students and staff to Fannie’s Fruit Farm free of charge on the morning of Halloween, to the following students for being named October good citizens by their classroom teachers: (Kindergarten-Adyleigh Rushman, 1st grade-Avery Adams, 2nd grade-Trayven Smith, 3rd grade-Max Wiggins, 4th grade-Madison Frerichs, 5th grade-Faith Lee, 6th grade-Jaiden Schilreff, 7th grade-Claire Watchorn and 8th grade-Gabe Tretter), to the High School Volleyball team and coaches for earning MAC Tournament Champions and to Touchdown Club Calves for their donation to the school lunch beef program. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Benish, Rushman, Cruise and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.3 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

Motion by Powell, seconded by Rushman to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Benish, Rushman, Cruise, Powell and Linton. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Linton to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Rushman, Cruise, Powell, Linton, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.4 APPROVAL OF POLICY #4057, SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Motion by Powell, seconded by Rushman to approve Board Policy #4057 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Cruise, Powell, Linton, Benish and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.5 APPROVAL OF LANCE HOWITT’S RESIGNATION

Motion by Linton, seconded by Powell to approve the resignation of Lance Howiit as HS principal/AD and to thank him for his service. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Powell, Linton, Benish, Rushman and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.6 APPROVAL OF REPAIRS TO 2008 INTERNATIONAL BUS

Motion by Benish, seconded by Powell to approve repairs to the 2008 International bus. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Benish, Rushman, Cruise and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.7 APPROVAL OF FOB ENTRANCE FOR WEIGHT ROOM

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Linton to approve an additional FOB entrance on the main East hallway for the weight room and installation of a hallway gate to secure the building and still allow community use of the weight room facility. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rushman, Cruise, Powell, and Linton. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.8 APPROVAL OF HS QUIZ BOWL SPONSORS

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Powell to approve Mrs. Tambra Shafer and Mr. Jason Hutton as HS Quiz Bowl Sponsors. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, Linton, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

7 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Next Regular Board meeting: December 10, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

7.2 Negotiations Meeting: November 13, 2018 at 3:30 P.M in Gurley

7.3 Building & Grounds Meeting: November 26, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in Gurley

8 MEETING ADJOURNED

8.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:37 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Cruise, Powell, Linton, Benish and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Jennifer Powell, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary