

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
March 18, 2019 – 4:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, March 18, 2019 at 4:30 P.M. in the District’s Administrative Office. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, at various businesses in the community, and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on or before March 11, 2019. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

- 1 CALL TO ORDER
 - 1.1 Board President Jed Benish called the regular school board meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.
 - 1.2 ROLL CALL
 - 1.2.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, and Anne Rexroth. Absent: None
 - 1.2.2 The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary, Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan and HS Principal Lance Howitt. Absent: None.
 - 1.3 COMMUNICATIONS
A thank you card was read from Cindy Reilly.
- 2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None
- 3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD
None
- 4 REPORTS
 - 4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT
None
 - 4.2 BOARD REPORTS
 - 4.2.1 The School Improvement Committee met on February 27, 2019. The team reviewed the 2017 AdvancED External Review Report, the updated standards/key concepts for systems, systems readiness diagnostic, the SQF and accompanying planning tool and discussed the i3 Rubric. Future plans include doing surveys for stakeholders (parents, students, and staff) and developing/revising school improvement goals.
 - 4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT
None
 - 4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mrs. Morgan attended two IEP meetings, the John Antonetti presentation, the Chadron State College job interview fair, an administration meeting and the school improvement committee meeting. She conducted three teacher evaluations and had lunch with the February good citizens. She stated that the annual science fair was held on February 21st.
 - 4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mr. Howitt reported that the Juniors took the ASVAB test on February 26th, that the Leyton Foundation held an Alumni Basketball Tournament on March 16th, and that the Sophomores and Juniors attended an ACT Training on March 18th. He also attended the John Antonetti presentation. He stated that the Career Exploration event for the Freshmen/Sophomores was cancelled due to the storm. Mr. Howitt presented a golf team cost analysis for the Board to review as well as listing other key points to consider in establishing this program.
 - 4.6 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
 - 4.6.1 MEETINGS/TRAVEL
Mr. Geary attended a Title IX Webinar, the Chadron State College Teacher Interview Day, an administration meeting, and ESU and MAC Conference Superintendents meetings. He met with Frieda Lange for our AdvancED Accreditation Systems Readiness Visit and completed his role as Lead Evaluator for Centura Public Schools. He reviewed

a draft schedule with the HS teachers, but it will not be finalized until all staff is hired. Mr. Geary met with the ESU staff to plan support for our district during the 2019-2020 school year.

4.6.2 CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mr. Geary reported that the architect had met with contractors on site to review the track project. He stated that bids from three firms were opened on March 4th. The architect then worked with the companies to negotiate value engineering deductions.

4.6.3 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary stated that the architect will join the meeting via phone conference to discuss the costs and other potential deductions before considering this item. He also mentioned that we have a teacher resignation and that the interview committee is recommending three new teachers for Board approval.

4.6.4 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary reported that he has applied all paid time available to a staff member due to emergency circumstances, that Kali Robb will be available to work with our student-athletes this year and that per the Superintendent's contract his evaluation will be an agenda item for April. Mr. Geary stated that if the Board desires a formal recommendation to remove Bayard from the MAC conference that it will need to be on the April agenda. He added that also on the April agenda, the Board will review polices #1003 (Mission Statement) and #4015 (Employment of Board Members). Finally, he asked the Board to consider increasing the facility job price for the 2019-2020 school year with the price to be determined at the April meeting.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Henke to recognize Buffy Dye for taking pictures of student events for social media, newspapers, and Parents' Night; to the Leyton Booster Club for providing player/parent pictures for Parents' Night; to Jeremy Reimers for organizing the Leyton Foundation Alumni Basketball Tournament; to Jerred Berner for sponsoring the 6th grade girls' basketball team; to the Speech Team and coaches for earning MAC Speech Runner- Up and District D1-6 Champions; to individual MAC Speech Champions (Hannah Vath, Janessa Carley and DJ George); to individual District Speech Champions (Hannah Vath, Cassidee Murray, and DJ George); to MAC All-Conference Basketball selections (Girls: Maddy Watchorn-1st Team; Ella Draper-2nd Team; Danielle Higgins-Honorable Mention; Boys: Zac Henke-Honorable Mention; Dominick Russ-Honorable Mention); to Jane Ahlschwede and Sherri Wiedeman for assisting students with science fair projects; to our science fair judges (6th grade: Dot Hall, Stuart Morgan; 7th grade: Chris Morgan, Shawn Oakes; 8th grade: Jesse Henderson, Amy Henke); to Bruce Ernest and Mark Carley for getting everything ready for the science fair; to Chris, T'Neal, Brenda, and Tiffany for making and serving cookies and punch for the science fair; to the Lions Club for completing vision and hearing screenings; to Dr. Ben Iske for doing a K-2 dental program; to the Leyton Science Fair winners (6th grade: Ella Haley, Shawnee Gamble, Zaili Benish; 7th grade: Jaxson Benish, Kaleb Borges, Trinity Beutler, Kaitlyn Craig; 8th grade: Axi Benish, Logan Craig, Justin Ernest, Chance Carter, and Damyn Russ) to the Regional Science Fair winners who will represent Leyton at the State Science Fair in April (Jaxson Benish, Ella Haley, Axi Benish, and Logan Craig); and to the following students for being named February good citizens by their classroom teachers: (Kindergarten-Zoe Tretter, 1st grade-Nora Jenson, 2nd grade-Paige Frerichs, 3rd grade-Carter Lipska, 4th grade-Kaeden Lowney, 5th grade-Josette McConnell, 6th grade-Kallista Hutton, 7th grade-Natalie Reimers and 8th grade-Logan Bartling). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES -Borges, Henke, Benish Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO - None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Henke to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, February 11, 2019. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion by Borges, seconded by Cruise to approve reports presented at this meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

5.5.1 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.5.2 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.6 APPROVAL OF TRACK CONTRACT

Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve Eric Reichert Construction as the General Contractor for the construction of an all-weather track, to replace the current track, in the amount not to exceed \$987,773.66 and to have a substantial completion date of August 23, 2019. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Borges, Henke, and Benish. VOTING NO – Rexroth and Bartling. MOTION CARRIED: 4-2.

5.7 APPROVAL OF JESSICA PELSTER RESIGNATION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the resignation of Jessica Pelster and to thank her for her service and wish her the best of luck in the future. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR NEW CERTIFIED TEACHERS

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Benish to approve the teaching contracts for Amy Thacker and Christine Lecher as Elementary Teachers and Matt Haley as the High School IT (Shop) Teacher. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

7 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: April 8, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

8 MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 5:32 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary