

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

June 10, 2019 – 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:30 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 June 4, 2019. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Member Anne Rexroth called the regular school board meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

1.2 ROLL CALL

1.2.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, and Anne Rexroth. Absent: Jed Benish and Kevin Henke.

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 was read from Eric & Maxine Nielsen of Dannebrog, NE who were the recipients of the money raised from the JH STUCO's flood relief fundraiser.

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 Budget Committee met to discuss classified wages and made recommendations based on job position, areas of responsibility, and years of service. The committee also reviewed the budget authority from the state. Mr. Geary stated that there is a grant available to use as a trade-in on old school buses. The grant deadline is August 2, 2019.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended an IEP meeting, the fifth grade luau, the third grade grandparents' program, the elementary concert, an administrative meeting and an end-of-year requirements meeting with Mr. Geary. She reported that all MAP testing was complete and that she had completed the teachers SLO's and sign outs. The elementary/JH school held the elementary field day and BBQ, Honors Night, and hosted all teachers for the final professional development day. Mrs. Morgan completed two more administrative classes.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Howitt reported that 6th grade athletic participation is permissible if gender enrollment is fewer than 12. Currently there are only 11 boys in junior high. He also stated that the NSAA May 1st transfer deadline has past and that we had 0 students lost and 0 students gained, which means that if any students transfer into our District now, they will be ineligible to participate in activities for 90 school days. Mr. Howitt also reported that the juniors took the ACT test on April 2nd and that their average score was 17.5. In 2018, Nebraska's average ACT score was 20.1.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended the Instructional Material Seminar in North Platte, a MDT via Zoom for a student, and the KSB Policy Update webinar. He also met with the Morrill County Treasurer to discuss overpayment of funds and Ginny Carter from NDE to discuss our grants.

4.6.2 CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mr. Geary reported that they have finished painting the gym floor in Dalton, dirt and drainage work continues on the track, painting is finished in Gurley, carpet is being laid in Dalton and Travis has started his summer projects.

4.6.3 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary stated that the Budget Committee is recommending increases to classified staff and that Alison has prices for new mimio boards and recommendations for disposing obsolete items. He added that the bathrooms east of the gym are in need of upgrades and included a bid for that work. He also provided a bid for a new industrial zero-turn mower to improve efficiency and productivity. Mr. Geary reported that the only significant cost for Cross Country is that of a coach (approx. \$3114). Mr. Geary also recommended changes to extra duty assignments based on student success, not adult convenience. He did his best in aligning those assignments with the class schedule and what is in the best interest of the students. He also stated that we will have a year-long student teacher from CSC and that the program allows for her to serve in a variety of roles, such as a substitute teacher. Finally, he asked the Board's approval for a loan that was previously discussed to keep our depreciation fund from being too low.

4.6.4 OTHER ITEMS

4.6.4.1 Track records – Mr. Geary has researched other schools' practice on this matter and reviewed the requirements for NSAA state records. He's confident that adjusting the records is the appropriate, fair, and right thing to do. He will work with the new AD to determine which records need to be updated.

4.6.4.2 Intervention Class – Mr. Geary stated that he's seen this program work through his experience. He asked the Board if they want this class required during the day, after school or not at all. He opened the discussion up to the Board and answered their questions. Concerns included the retesting of some students, self-esteem of students, the name of the class, realigning curriculum when the committee hasn't even met yet, and scheduling. After much discussion, the Board suggested renaming the class to "Enrichment" and having it required after school. This will be reflected in the handbook which will be voted on at an upcoming meeting.

4.6.4.3 Dalton Gym Floor – Mr. Geary asked the Board's wish regarding the community use of the new, \$20,000 floor and how to protect this investment. The Board responded that the patrons need to dry mop the gym before and after they use it. This will be monitored by cameras and failure to comply will result in the loss of the patron's fob.

4.6.4.4 6th grade participation – Per NDE correspondence, sixth graders will be allowed to participate in junior high athletics next year based on enrollment by gender and season. This may change during the school year if other students move into our district.

4.6.4.5 Other Notes – Mr. Geary will have served 234 days through the end of June. The second year of his contract begins July 1st and his new contract will need to be negotiated in December 2019. He also researched StrengthsFinder and stated that the NASB could provide a presentation. The survey data is complete from staff, students, and parents. This data will inform our improvement priorities for 2019-2020. Finally, there are a host of policy revisions recommended by KSB that Mr. Geary will have prepared well in advance of the July meeting. He asked the Board to consider a separate meeting to review these policies.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Borges, seconded by Cruise to excuse Jed Benish and Kevin Henke from tonight's meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Rexroth. VOTING NO - None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to recognize Mr. Oakes for a fantastic concert on May 14th, to Mrs. Wiggins and Mrs. Mitchell for decorating the stage for the concert, to the kitchen staff for

preparing all of the food for the field day b-b-q, to Mr. Gamble and the junior high students for organizing and running Field Day, to Mr. Geary for passing out awards on honors' night, to Raina Hartwig for earning an individual red ribbon in the halter division and a white ribbon in overall individual at the recent Nebraska State FFA Horse Evaluation competition in Norfolk, to the High School Band who received a Gold rating (the highest) during their performance at Elitches in Denver, to the Lincoln Journal-Star Pick Six Academic All-State Awards recipients (Carly Fortune, Josh Kruse, and Danielle Higgins) and to the Cornhusker Boys and Girls State participants (Maddy Watchorn, Megan Ernest, Jeremy Carley and Drew Haley). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Rexroth, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Cruise to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, May 13, 2019. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion by Borges, seconded by Bartling to approve reports presented at this meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

5.5.1 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Borges to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.5.2 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Cruise to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.6 APPROVAL OF SIGNORS FOR ACCOUNTS

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Borges to approve Jed Benish, Nick Brost, Colleen Cruise, Dana Morgan, and Chris Geary as signors on the district's bank accounts as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.7 APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED SALARIES FOR 2019-2020

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve classified salaries as presented for the 2019-2020 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0, with Borges abstaining.

5.8 APPROVAL OF MIMIO PURCHASES

Motion by Borges, seconded by Cruise to approve the purchase of 5 (five) Mimio boards for replacement according to the technology plan, not to exceed \$9,500.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.9 APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

Motion by Borges, seconded by Bartling to approve American Recycling for the disposal of obsolete technology equipment as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.10 APPROVAL OF GYM BATHROOM UPGRADES

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Cruise to approve the bid from Young's Plumbing in the amount of \$6,140.00 for renovations of the gym bathrooms in Dalton. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO - None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.11 APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL LAWN MOWER PURCHASE

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to approve the bid from 21st Century Equipment in the amount of \$7,200.00 for the purchase of an industrial lawn mower for use at both sites. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.12 APPROVAL OF CROSS COUNTRY AS A SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITY

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve Cross Country as a school sponsored sport for both boys and girls for the 2019-2020 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise and Rexroth. VOTING NO – Bartling and Borges. MOTION FAILED: 2-2.

5.13 APPROVAL OF EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Motion by Cruise to approve extra duty assignments as presented. No second, MOTION FAILED.

5.14 APPROVAL OF STUDENT TEACHER SALARY

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Borges to approve paying year-long student teachers minimum wage during their tenure for all duties except substitute teaching, excluding time required for completion of their coursework. Payment for days as a substitute shall be according to regular substitute rates. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Rexroth, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

5.15 APPROVAL OF DEPRECIATION LOAN FOR TRACK PROJECT

Motion by Borges, seconded by Cruise to approve the loan from Points West Community Bank in Dalton in the amount of \$275,000.00 for a one-year term and authorize the Board President and Superintendent to sign the necessary documents. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: July 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:45 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary