

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 12, 2019 – 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. in the District’s Administrative Office. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted on the www.leytonwarriors.org website, in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, and at various businesses in the community on or before August 6, 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 7:30 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 Nick Brost. Absent: None.

1.3 COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you card was read from the Kevin Henke Family.

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

3.1 David Goebel, representative of AMERESCO, presented to the Board an Energy Efficiency Project Feasibility Study of our school district. AMERESCO is an energy solutions company whose goal is to make facilities more conducive for learning in terms of comfort levels. Mr. Goebel presented their findings and recommended that the next step would be for him to meet with the Building & Grounds Committee.

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

None

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended a zoom meeting with Jeff Rothberg of Discovery Education regarding an educational supplemental resource and an administration meeting with Mr. Brost, Mr. Geary, and Mrs. Peters. She conducted an interview for a new SPED teacher and met with the county attorney to understand reporting guidelines. Mrs. Morgan also took and passed the educational administration Praxis required for her endorsement and worked on school improvements in Gurley.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mr. Brost reported that he had worked with the ESU to enroll students in credit recovery courses and had also worked with representatives from rSchool Today for our online activity calendar and scheduler. He attended Administrator Days in Lincoln, an online training with Edgenuity, an online AD seminar, and two remote meetings with On To College. He updated the Facility Use and Key Fob Application Form and interviewed teacher applicants for HS English and K-12 SPED. Mr. Brost, along with Mr. Lipska and Mrs. Craig, hosted a preseason parents’ meeting for high school students in preparation for fall sports. He also gave a school tour to members of the Dalton High School Class of 1969 and enjoyed listening to them reminisce.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Geary began his report by giving special recognition to both Principals. They have worked many hours prepping for the new school year and have exceeded his expectations. He also stated that he completed and passed the Praxis test and will receive his updated certificate soon.

4.6.1 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended Administrator Days in Lincoln and met with Janice Eret, NDE school finance specialist, to review and revise the district budget. He stated that there are three major factors to consider with the budget: 1) reduction in state aid, 2) significant salary/benefit increases, and 3) reduction in assessed valuations. He would like to schedule a budget workshop with the Board on August 21st after final valuation numbers are received. Mr. Geary met with the County Attorney regarding attendance, Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU #13 Administrator) to coordinate services and future programming, Kathy Surber and the bus drivers to review routes, and with Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Benish to discuss library procedures and responsibilities. He also attended the NDE Finance workshop in North Platte.

4.6.2 CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mr. Geary reported that the bleachers in Gurley have been epoxied which should help eliminate the danger of splinters and that all remodeling work in Gurley is complete. In Dalton, the new counselor's office is waiting on the fire rated door, but phones have been installed. The press box construction is progressing with the help of Chris Morgan and Nick Brost. He also stated that the bus barn should be completed this week and that we may need to relocate the fuel tanks. Due to significant rainfall delaying the final stages of construction, Mr. Geary recommended that the first football game be played in Banner County. Board Member Rexroth stated that she would like to see a fan bus go to Harrisburg to support the team and Mr. Geary directed Mr. Brost to finalize the details.

4.6.3 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary recommended the hiring of two new teachers and the purchase of Edgenuity software to enhance instruction. He stated that we have received two resignations, English and Maintenance, effective at the end of the school year which will allow time to advertise and hire for those positions. Mr. Geary also recommended the purchase of a new car to replace the down Impala in the Kearney flood. He noted that we did receive our settlement check from the insurance company. He reported that the attorneys have another policy revision as a result of Kathy Surber's fine work in discovering policy information not in place. He also stated that Mr. Cooper will take a team to milk judging competition in Grand Island. Mr. Geary recommended the transfers of \$250,000 to the depreciation fund, \$30,000 to the lunch fund, and \$45,000 to the activity fund. He added that the end of the year bills will be paid by September 1st.

4.6.4 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary reported that the new Facility Use forms indicate that non-governmental entities may be required to provide \$3 million in liability insurance. These applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis. He stated that the attorney recommends that students who attend an Alternate Placement school should be allowed to graduate with their peers. He also stated that BCBS and EHA would not let us reduce our insurance deductible and so our staff will have the \$1050 deductible rather than the negotiated \$850. Mr. Geary asked the Board to let him know if they were interested in attending the NASB Area meeting in Gering on August 26th and/or the NASB State Conference November 20th – 22nd.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Borges, seconded by Cruise to recognize Mark Carley and Kathy Surber for painting the Gurley gym bleachers; to Travis Sparks for purchasing four additional lights for our library; to Allen Compton for donating his labor for the installation of those lights; to Jill Bartling for helping paint and wallpaper; to Holly Benish and Zaili Benish for reorganizing all of the construction paper and working in the teacher workroom; to Aly Holt for making wooden teacher name signs for outside the classrooms; to Amy Henke for painting and covering the stage divider; to Lindie DeBlois for

- attending Amplify training over the summer; to Jonathan Borges, Kaleb Borges, and Gabe Tretter for helping put together the bleachers; to all Leyton students who were involved in the Morrill County and Cheyenne County fairs; and to our coaches and student-athletes for their extra work over the summer at camps/clinics and summer weights program. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Benish to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, July 8, 2019 and the Special Board Meeting, July 19, 2019 (with the noted correction on agenda item 3.3 that Rexroth made the motion). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS
Motion by Bartling, seconded by Cruise to approve reports presented at this meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. 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 Henke 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 RESIGNATION
Motion by Henke, seconded by Borges to approve the resignation of Neal Thompson effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year and to thank him for his years of service. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.7 APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE
Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the purchase of Edgenuity in the amount of \$4,990.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.8 APPROVAL OF POLICY REVISIONS/UPDATES
Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to approve the policy recommendations from KSB as presented.
#4039 – Employment of Classified Staff – REVISION
#5044 – Safe Pupil Transportation and Pupil Transportation Vehicle Driver Satisfactory Driving Criteria – REVISION
ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.9 APPROVAL OF CAR PURCHASE
Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to approve the bid from Panhandle Auto in the amount of \$23,957.08 for a 2020 Chevy Impala. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.10 APPROVAL OF HIRING NEW CERTIFIED STAFF
Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve hiring Irma Rios and Virginia Post as certified teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO - None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.11 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION
Motion by Borges, seconded by Bartling to approve the resignation of Virginia Post effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.12 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT STAY

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve an overnight stay for the FFA milk judging competition in Grand Island on August 23, 2019. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.13 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT AS DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve the Superintendent as the official representative of the District for state and federal forms. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.14 APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Henke to authorize the Superintendent to pay end of year bills for FY 2018-2019, up to and including August 31, 2019. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Budget Workshop: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

6.2 Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:33 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary