

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 14, 2019 – 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:30 PM 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 October 8, 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 PM.

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

None

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

3.1 FFA Members (Taylee Gartner, Aly Holt, and Megan Ernest) shared their experiences at the State Fair and Husker Harvest Days with the Board. They were able to see a lot of different exhibits and learned from them. They thanked the Board for letting them attend.

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER’S REPORT

STUCO President Maddy Watchorn and STUCO Vice President Zac Henke reported to the Board that they have been very busy with Homecoming plans and activities. After Homecoming, they plan on addressing student issues such as open campus, rewards for good students, and no semester tests based on GPAs. Student Council completed a service project with the Community Shepherds which involved scraping paint on a local neighborhood house.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Mr. Geary reported that the School Improvement Committee met on October 3, 2019 and reviewed the spring survey data. They also reviewed the System Evidence Guide and the i3 Rubric, which focuses on Leadership, Learning, and Resources. The committee is learning how our District will be evaluated in the Spring of 2022 and the documentation that is needed to support the evaluation.

4.2.2 President Benish reported that the Negotiations Committee had met prior to tonight’s Board meeting and that they would like to vote at next month’s meeting on an amendment to the Negotiated Agreement. This amendment would increase the base salary for the 2020-2021 school year due to the BCBS coverage level that was increased. Mr. Geary will look into the requirements of the amendment and the LEA representatives will discuss it with their members.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended a Region V Principals’ meeting, a Leyton lunch planning meeting, a professional development in Sidney, a Leadership Skills training, a SPED Director meeting, a PLACES training meeting, an administration meeting, and a NDE assessment seminar. She assisted new staff with MAP testing, served as the guest reader in the kindergarten classroom, had lunch with the September good citizens and held parent/teacher conferences. She also held Danielson and MAP professional development with Dr. Downing and Mrs. Kasten.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended the Region V Principals' meeting, a Danielson teacher evaluation training, a Cognia training, an administration meeting, a professional development in Sidney, and a NDE assessment seminar. He participated in an Edgenuity Webinar, completed NWEA MAP testing at the high school, and spent a day with Mrs. Morgan at the elementary site working on ELEOT walkthroughs. He also reported that the High School hosted multiple events during Dalton Fall Festival, including a tour of both Dalton and Gurley sites for the class of 1979.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended the NRCSA, ESU Advisory Committee, and the MAC Conference Superintendent meetings, as well as a two day seminar on Accreditation. He met with Ken Navratil (ALICAP) to discuss school safety; with Andrew Dick (ESU#13 Administrator) to discuss website development/maintenance; with the SPED team to discuss our district's needs; with the administration team to discuss various planning needs and with the transportation director to clarify roles and responsibilities of her and the drivers. He held two Superintendent Scoop meetings at the Outlaws Café and the Homestead Market on September 30th, participated in the Nebraska Cognia Advisory Council via Zoom and attended some away games to supervise and support our teams.

4.6.2 CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mr. Geary reported that the track is nearing completion and that the painters completed their job last week. He asked the Board for guidance on what to do with a cable barrier that was improperly removed and received their feedback. He reported that the cameras and sound system have been installed in the press box. He also stated that the wiring for the fuel pumps is not complete.

4.6.3 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary stated that we had received two bids to design the science classroom, that the asbestos in the science room will need to be removed before the project starts, and that our policies need to be reviewed annually. Mr. Geary offered congratulations to the FFA land evaluation students/team on qualifying for the state competition which will require an overnight stay.

4.6.4 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary reported on other items of consideration including sharing a Spanish teacher with a neighboring school district; track equipment purchases such as a timing system, and pole vault equipment; a school improvement plan review; a college application cost; and Cognia Accreditation. He reported that a classified employee's classification may change due to a FMLA change that states all exempt employees need to have a minimum wage starting January 1, 2020. The Negotiations committee will meet to discuss what to do. There was discussion on Professional Development days and the Board asked Mr. Geary to inform the public in his newsletter article why these days are needed and what they are learning. Board Member Borges asked about a rating our school had received and Mr. Geary provided a response that AQUESTT had given our high school a "GOOD" rating and the JH, the elementary, and the District a "GREAT" rating based on spring state testing proficiency.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to recognize Holly Benish, Faith Jones, Dana Morgan, and students for organizing another successful book fair; to Cort Rummel for helping with the book fair; to Neal Thompson for doing a wonderful job accommodating all Dalton Fall Festival groups in the building; to Sidney Public Schools for allowing our staff to visit, observe and meet with classroom teachers; to Dr. Julie Downing and Mrs. Kristin Kasten at ESU for Danielson and MAP training; to Angela Frerichs for picking up food for lunch with the principal; to the September

Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Regan Moore, 1st-Brooks Frerichs, 2nd-Quinn Brost, 3rd-Kennedy Roelle, 4th-Auvi Cranmore, 5th-Madison Frerichs, 6th-Macey Roelle, 7th-Zaili Benish and 8th-Kaleb Borges; to the Student Council members and sponsors for their community service project and putting in extra time to plan and organize homecoming events; and to the Leyton staff members who have helped host volleyball and football games at the Junior High and High School. 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 – REGULAR MEETING, BUDGET HEARING, AND TAX REQUEST
Motion by Henke, seconded by Bartling to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Budget Hearing, and Tax Request Hearing, on September 16, 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 Cruise, seconded by Rexroth 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 Henke to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. 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 – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.6 APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR SCIENCE CLASSROOM DESIGN

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve Joseph R. Hewgley Associates as the design firm for the science classroom in the amount of \$18,500.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.7 APPROVAL OF ASBESTOS REMOVAL IN THE SCIENCE CLASSROOM

Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to approve the bid from Gary's Cleaning and Restoration to remove asbestos in the science classroom in preparation for the remodel in the amount of \$26,288.26. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 APPROVAL OF STAFF CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Motion by Borges, seconded by Cruise to approve the Staff Christmas Open House to be held at both sites on Monday, December 16th. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.9 APPROVAL OF FFA OVERNIGHT STAY

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve overnight stays for FFA State Land Evaluation on October 22 and National Convention, October 30 through November 1, 2019. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10 REVIEW OF 1000 AND 2000 SERIES POLICIES

The Board reviewed the 1000 and 2000 Series Policies and found that no action was necessary. They will review the 3000 Series Policies for the November Board meeting.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, November 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Henke, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 9:08 PM. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.