

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
December 9, 2019 – 6:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:30 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 December 4, 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 6:30 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

None

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

STUCO President Maddy Watchorn and STUCO Vice President Zac Henke reported to the Board on their meeting with Mr. Geary regarding semester tests and open campus. They have a follow up meeting with him this week to discuss possible solutions. The STUCO members helped younger children with decorating cookies and coloring pages at the Christmas Open House on December 8th. STUCO members will also organize a Secret Santa gift exchange for the week of December 16th.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 The Transportation Committee reported on their meeting from December 2, 2019. The committee discussed activity pick-up/drop-off procedures and agreed to limit the number of additional locations. It was decided for activity trips going south, that the bus will stop in Gurley and at the Sidney junction; and for activity trips going north, the bus will stop at the 385 Junction, if needed. They reviewed a parent survey regarding paying mileage instead of running three rural routes. Data will be gathered and shared at the next meeting. The committee also discussed the purchase of a used van for fiscal year 2020-2021, bus driver salaries, that boys and girls should travel together whenever practical, and the transition from fuel tanks to fuel cards.

4.2.2 The Budget/Negotiations Committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss changing the Technology Coordinator's position from salary to hourly per new FMLA guidelines effective January 1, 2020. They reviewed the pay scale, hours worked, qualifications, training and recommended an hourly rate.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended two IEPs, a SPED TIP meeting, an Energizing Leadership Training meeting, and an onboard training for ScootPad for grades K-6. She assisted Mrs. Rios in completing and filing TIP with the Nebraska Department of Education. She completed three

formal teacher observation/evaluations and participated in two Amplify Science seminars (K-5; 6-8). Mrs. Morgan discussed the Backpack Program and stated that 225 backpacks were sent home with students during the first quarter. She also reported that MAP testing is currently in progress and that DIBELS testing is scheduled for December 12th.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended the Transportation Committee meeting, an IEP meeting, and judged the FFA Speech Contest in Chadron. He reported that the high school hosted the Veteran's Day Program on November 11th, the Thanksgiving business/senior citizens' dinner on November 21st, and that winter sports practice began on November 18th. Mr. Brost worked with Mrs. Peters on second semester schedule changes and discussed with student council members the possibility of adding a random drug testing policy. He also stated that the junior class has been looking at calendar dates for Prom and have decided on April 25, 2020.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Geary gave Special Recognition to Warren Horst and the City of Gurley for helping remove snow in the school parking lot; to Jeff Juelfs for his extra time in clearing snow around the high school; and to Neal, Mark and Bruce for the fantastic work they do removing snow and preparing our schools during and after storms.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended the Transportation Committee meeting, the KSB School Law webinar, and met with Galen Corrigan (ALSCO representative) to discuss current linen needs. He reported that the custodial position for Dalton will be posted in January and that he hopes to fill it by February 1st. Mr. Geary received a Legislative update mostly focused on school funding and student discipline. NRCSA will also award (16) \$1,000.00 scholarships in the spring and Mrs. Peters has passed that information along to the students. Mr. Geary encouraged the Board to attend the NASB conference next year as there is so much great information provided.

4.6.3 CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mr. Geary reported that the architectural drawings for the existing science room are nearing completion and that he will be scheduling meetings with patrons, teachers, and board members to help with the design of the new space. He reported that the finishing touches on the track (curbing repair, final grading, and grass seeding) will be completed in the spring. He also discussed concrete bids for the sidewalks.

4.6.4 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary reported that the Board will have action items on Mr. Cooper's resignation and the track timing system. He discussed policies #3012 (Meal Charges) and #4040 (Employment Terms of Classified Staff) and asked the Board to consider changes to those policies for the next meeting.

4.6.5 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary reported that we have a problem with mud on the south side of the old bus barn and asked the Board for gravel suggestions. He reported that the School Improvement Committee has worked to identify key areas of concern and provided a handout for the Board to review.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to recognize Mr. Brost for registering our school to attend the Leadership Conference in Alliance; to Maddy Watchorn for being named Female Athlete of the Month by NSpire Magazine; to Aly Holt for being named Female Student of the

by Month by NSpire Magazine; to the MAC Volleyball Team selections (1st Team: Sage Rummel; Maddy Watchorn; 2nd Team: Ella Draper; Honorable Mention: Cortney Holt); to the All-District Football Team selections (1st Team: Zackry Henke, Kole Bush, Brayden Haley; Honorable Mention: Dawson Wiggins, Scout Gamble); to the One Acts Team on their successful season (MAC Runner-Up; Districts-3rd Place; Superior Acting Awards: Cassidee Murray, Ethan Eckhardt, Kole Bush, and Cortney Holt); to the American Legion for having their Veteran's Day Program at the school; to all patrons who attended the Veteran's Day Program; to the Leyton staff and volunteers for their help with the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame game with Kimball; to Kristen Kasten, at ESU 13, for her continued help on our school improvement plan; to Brand New Items...for Great Deals for their technology donation; to the One Acts team for performing their play for the elementary/junior high students; to everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving lunch for our Gurley businesses and to the November Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Brennan Rieken, 1st-Maddy Mitchell, 2nd-Skylar Draper, 3rd-Trayven Smith, 4th-Gracyn Abbott, 5th-Mason Marks, 6th-Halle Carter, 7th-Shawnee Gamble and 8th-Trinity Beutler). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

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

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

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

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

5.6 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the resignation of Tracy Cooper, Ag Instructor/FFA Sponsor and thank him for getting the FFA program started for our District. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.7 APPROVAL OF TRACK EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Motion by Benish, seconded by Henke to approve the purchase of a Lynx timing system in the amount not to exceed \$21,000.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY POSITION WAGE

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve the wage for the Technology Coordinator as recommended by the Budget Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.9 APPROVAL OF POLICY #3012

Tabled until the next meeting.

5.10 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to approve the Superintendent's evaluation as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.11 REVIEW OF 4000 SERIES POLICIES

The Board reviewed the 4000 Series Policies and found the need to revise policy #4040. They will revise that policy and review the 5000 Series Policies for the January Board meeting.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:42 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary