

Proceedings of the  
Leyton Public Schools  
Cheyenne County School District #03  
Board of Education  
April 10, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.  
District Administrative Offices in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jed Benish called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Jed Benish, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, Cary Linton, Jennifer Powell, and Rob Rushman. Members absent: none. Also present were Superintendent Greg Brenner, Principal Lance Howitt, and Recording Secretary Liz Twarling. In addition, there were eight visitors.

Moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Quentin Cranmore, representative of Panhandle Auto Group, presented a Buick test drive incentive which could be used as a fundraiser for the District.

Logan Bartling, 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, presented his Regional Science Fair project which earned him a trip to the State Science Fair in Lincoln later this month.

Mrs. Dana Morgan, senior class sponsor, presented the proposed itinerary and expenses for the class field trip.

Mrs. Morgan, also representing the technology committee, presented their report on purchasing individual electronic devices for students and how to set up the new computer model program.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Moved by Mr. Rushman, seconded by Mr. Henke to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting for March 13, 2017. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to approve the minutes of the Board's special meeting for April 7, 2017. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Henke to approve General Fund bills and financial reports as presented. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mrs. Powell to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. Motion approved 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mrs. Powell to grant Special Recognition to the State Speech Meet qualifiers (Aaron Schrotberger, Brianna Sage, Danielle Higgins, DJ George, and Jack Houk); to the CSC Scholastic Contest participants placing in the Top 25% (Paige Ernest-Animal Science; Danielle Higgins-Plane Geometry; Taylor Borges- Business Communication & Vocabulary; Autumn Hartwig-Art Drawing; Brody Morgan-Psychology; Taylor Berner and Kenny Ernest-Business Management Decision Making); to the North Platte CC Inter-High Scholastic Contest participants placing in the Top 5 (Ethan Young-Fire Science; Brody Morgan-Intro to Business; Taylor Berner-Athletic Training; Josh Kruse-Biological Science; Jacob Frerichs-Auto Body); to the West Nebraska Art Center 2017 Visionaries Student Art Exhibit winners (Matej Gargula-Audrey Towater Outstanding Artwork Award; Autumn Hartwig and Brody Morgan-Outstanding Artwork Awards); and to Wheatbelt

for their Touchstone Award donation in honor of Kenny Ernest (Athletics) and Brody Morgan (Academics). Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mr. Henke to accept a resignation letter from Mr. Walker Dobry (Industrial Arts Teacher) with best wishes to him and his family. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Henke to approve teacher/staff recommendations as presented. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mrs. Cruise, seconded by Mrs. Powell to offer contracts to Jessica Thomas (K-8 Science Teacher); to Laura Neubauer (K-12 Guidance Counselor); and to Justin Bernhardt (K-12 Library Media Specialist). Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Linton to approve, at the Board's discretion, a flat rate of \$200 for each state science fair participant, to help cover travel (lodging, fuel, and food) expenses. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mr. Rushman to approve the following lunch and activity pricing for the 2017-2018 school year: Adult Lunch (\$3.40); HS Student Lunch (\$2.85); 4th-8th Grade Student Lunch (\$2.60); K-3rd Grade Student Lunch (\$2.50); Breakfast (\$1.40); HS 2nd Entrée (\$1.20); JH/Elementary 2nd Entrée (.60¢); Milk (.35¢); Student Activity Admission (\$3.00); Adult Activity Admission (\$4.00); Student (K-8th) Activity Pass (\$15.00); Adult Activity Pass (\$25.00) and a Family Activity Pass (\$80.00). Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to revise Policy #5004 (Option Enrollment) to approve late option applications into the district submitted on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. Motion approved 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mrs. Powell to approve the senior class field trip as presented. Motion approved 6-0.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS (WITH POSSIBLE ACTION):

Discussed employee appreciation week (May 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>).

Discussed the Buick program incentive; to think it over and spread the word.

Discussed building projects. There will be a special meeting to discuss bids.

Discussed the upcoming policy on unpaid meal charges that needs to be in place as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The school's attorney will have a proposed policy at the next meeting.

Discussed the technology report. Moved by Mr. Linton, seconded by Mrs. Powell to move forward with the new computer model program proposal. Motion approved 6-0.

#### REPORTS:

Mr. Howitt reported on the following upcoming activities/events: Elementary Egg Drop (April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 am); statewide ACT testing for juniors (April 19<sup>th</sup>); District Music Contest at WNCC (April 20<sup>th</sup>); Prom (April 22<sup>nd</sup>); 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation (April 26<sup>th</sup>); 4<sup>th</sup> grade Culture Fair (April 27<sup>th</sup>); JH/HS Spring Concert (April 27<sup>th</sup>); Kindergarten Round-up (April 28<sup>th</sup>); 4<sup>th</sup> grade South Platte NRD Groundwater Festival (April 28<sup>th</sup>); and the Elementary Spring Concert (May 4<sup>th</sup>). He also reported that sample student schedules have been completed including one schedule with no IT Teacher.

Mr. Brenner reported that there have been many revised student schedules and that Mrs. Matsutani has been working diligently on them. He also reported that the new staff members may have the capacity to fill the District's available extra duty assignments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Entered into Executive Session by general consent at 9:52 p.m. to discuss the superintendent search. Returned to open session at 11:00 p.m. by general consent.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Linton to offer a Superintendent's contract to Loreda Miller and enter into contract negotiations. Motion approved 6-0.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Leyton Board of Education will be Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the district's administrative offices at Leyton High School in Dalton.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 11:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Liz Twarling  
Recording Secretary

Jennifer Powell, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education