

Proceedings of the
Leyton Public Schools
Cheyenne County School District #03
Board of Education
March 12, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
District Administrative Offices in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jed Benish called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jed Benish, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, Cary Linton, and Rob Rushman. Members absent: Jennifer Powell. Also present were Superintendent Lorrie Miller, Principal Lance Howitt and Recording Secretary Janella Kruse. In addition, there were approximately thirty-five visitors.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Henke to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved 5-0.

Representatives from the Class of 2018, including President Taylor Borges, addressed the Board with a proposed itinerary for their senior trip and requested the use of two school vans for the class sponsors to drive.

Mrs. Colleen McKay addressed the Board with concerns on keeping the new bus clean and to put procedures in place to hold the students and sponsors/coaches accountable on their trips.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Moved by Mr. Rushman, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting for February 12, 2018. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Linton to approve General Fund bills and financial reports as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Mr. Rushman, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Mrs. Cruise, seconded by Mr. Henke to grant Special Recognition to the Speech Team for earning MAC Conference Runner-Up; to the MAC Conference OID Champions (Hannah Vath, Carissa Fostervold, Cassidee Murray, and Abbagale Bush); to the MAC All Conference Basketball selections (Madelyn Watchorn-1st Team Girls, Jaydin Gartner-2nd Team Boys, and Kort Dye-Honorable Mention Boys); to the State Science Fair qualifiers (Axi Benish, Paige Ernest and Taylor Borges); to Axi Benish for winning the "People's Choice" Award at the Regional Science Fair; to Mrs. Angel Abbott for providing the concession stand fundraiser opportunity for the girls' basketball team; to Mr. Jed Benish and Ms. Hannah Geller for coaching the 5th & 6th grade girls' basketball team; to Mr. Lance Howitt for providing officials and to Mrs. Jodi Craig for operating the clock at the 5th & 6th grade girls' basketball tournament; to the transportation committee for their time and research on acquiring our new bus; to Mr. Cary Linton for all the hours he puts in on the Building & Grounds committee; to Mr. Jed Benish, Mr. Kevin Henke, and Mr. Bill Abbott for providing the equipment and labor to grade the Gurley parking lot; and to Ms. Lindie DeBlois and her 5th grade class for presenting the Wax Museum . Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Mr. Rushman, seconded by Mr. Benish to approve the 2018-2019 school year calendar. Motion approved 5-0.

Ms. Miller discussed Saxon Math training for the 2018-2019 school year and that training should be ongoing to keep up with new strategies and meeting standards.

Mr. John Sanna and Mr. Jack Bruns addressed the Board to consider a contract with the American Legion to rent the coach bus and provide a driver to take approximately 40—50 students from the Nebraska

panhandle to the Boys & Girls' State in Lincoln. Tabled approval pending discussion with the Transportation Committee.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Linton to approve the extra-curricular job descriptions as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mrs. Cruise to approve the FFA's overnight trip to the 212/360 Leadership Conference on March 16th & 17th in Kearney and to provide transportation. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mr. Linton to approve the FFA's overnight trip to the State Convention on April 4th – 6th in Lincoln and to provide transportation. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Henke to approve the Class of 2018's senior trip as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (WITH POSSIBLE ACTION):

Discussed lavatory use on the new coach bus and decided to keep the room locked until the Transportation Committee can develop a policy.

Discussed the School Improvement Action Plans. Mr. Benish thanked the committee for their hard work and pointed out that while the elementary site received an "under review" rating, that the same improvements are needed at both schools.

Discussed the Technology Plan. Mr. Benish thanked the committee for their hard work and agreed that the Board needs to look at increasing bandwidth in the District.

Discussed the All Hazards Safety Plan. Ms. Miller reported that the NDE would send a representative to conduct a school security audit this week. She emphasized that the District needs to train parents to not call the school or go to evacuation sites during a crisis as this will impede emergency personnel.

Mr. Cooper addressed the Board with a new FFA Launch Program that would establish a business in the community. Our school was one of five selected from sixteen applications for this program and received a \$1,000 start-up grant.

REPORTS:

Mr. Linton provided handouts on bids he received for the Building & Grounds projects this summer. He also said that a few members will be touring other schools to look at their Science Labs and Preschools.

Mr. Benish added that an NDE representative was here to tour our facilities for a proposed preschool. He stated that no decision has been made on the preschool, but would like to gather information through surveys in the newsletter and set up an advisory committee to review and file the appropriate paperwork.

The Transportation Committee would like to review the bus routes for next school year including bus stops for option students.

Mr. Howitt reported on upcoming events/activities: Foundation Alumni Basketball Tournament (March 17th), the school safety audit (March 12th & 13th), NDE SPED audit (March 13th), District Speech (March 13th), HS Scholastic Contests (March 14th at NPCC and April 6th at CSC), and the first MAC JH and HS Quiz Bowl competition (March 20th). He also mentioned that the NSAA was looking into the possibility of Bowling being a sanctioned winter sport; the vote will take place in April. Mr. Howitt has contacted Bridgeport regarding high school wrestling next year and will talk with their Superintendent or go to their Board meeting to pursue this interest. The deadline for filing the paperwork is September 1, 2018.

Ms. Miller reported that she had accumulated 158 working days through February. She had nothing new to report on personnel. She reminded the Board about our Conflict of Interest policy and provided NADC forms for board members to complete and sign. Ms. Miller also asked that a task force be established to review concerns on the parking lot in Gurley.

Mr. Glen Lipska reported on the Glazier Football Clinic that he attended in Denver with his assistant coaches. He also informed the Board that he will be traveling to Banner County to meet with potential football players for next season, given our cooperative agreement with them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Rushman to enter into executive session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss principal job performance and to negotiate principal contracts for next school year.

The Board returned to regular session at 11:40 p.m. by general consent.

Tabled approval of the Elementary/JH Principal contract.

Moved by Mr. Benish, seconded by Mr. Linton to offer a High School Principal contract to Mr. Lance Howitt. Motion approved 5-0.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Leyton Board of Education will be Monday, April 9, 2018 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 11:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Janella Kruse
Recording Secretary

Jennifer Powell, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education