

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
September 10, 2018

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in the District's Administrative Office. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on or before September 4, 2018. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

- 1 Board Vice President Cary Linton called the regular school board meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
 - 1.1 ROLL CALL
 - 1.1.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, Cary Linton, Jennifer Powell, and Rob Rushman. Absent: Jed Benish
 - 1.1.2 The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary and HS Principal Lance Howitt. Absent: Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan.
 - 1.2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - 1.2.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Cruise to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Powell, Linton, Henke, Rushman and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. Motion carried: 5-0.

- 2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

- 3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD
None

- 4 REPORTS
 - 4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT
 - 4.1.1 STUCO President, Danielle Higgins, and STUCO Vice-President, Maddy Watchorn, reported on the Disciplinary Chart, backpacks in the classrooms, and homecoming ideas.
 - 4.2 BOARD REPORTS
None
 - 4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT
 - 4.3.1 K-8th Science Teacher, Jessica Pelster, expressed her gratitude to the Board for purchasing her new curriculum from Amplify. The students are very receptive to the changes and it matches with Nebraska standards.
 - 4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
 - 4.4.1 It was read that ninety-one out of one hundred eight students and parents attended the Open House in Gurley. SRP training was held on Thursday, September 6th and the last APL training was held today, September 10th. The first JH volleyball games were played on September 5th and the first JH volleyball/football game will be on September 12th.
 - 4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
 - 4.5.1 Mr. Howitt reported that twenty-five out of fifty-five students and their parents attended the Open House in Dalton. The spring of 2018 ACT statewide testing results have been released and MAP testing will finish at the HS on September 11th. The FFA Edge Conference was in Alliance on September 5th and offered leadership training for new members and chapter officers. Financial Aid night for the juniors and seniors will be September 25th at 6:00 P.M.
 - 4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 4.6.1 Meetings/Travel
 - 4.6.1.1 I office in Gurley every Thursday and other days as necessary.
 - 4.6.1.2 I traveled to Denver to visit Drew Haley and his family to support them in their ongoing recovery.
 - 4.6.1.3 I attended a safety meeting with the Dalton VFD. We are planning a joint drill with Cheyenne County Sheriff's Dept.
 - 4.6.1.4 I enjoyed a telephone conference with Janice Eret, NDE Finance consultant, to make final adjustments to the budget.
 - 4.6.1.5 I attended the ESU Superintendent meeting and Kevin, Cary, and Jed joined me for the NASB Board Area Meeting.
 - 4.6.1.6 Principals and I met to discuss various items related to planning and operations.

- 4.6.2 Construction Updates
 - 4.6.2.1 Elementary playground fence is completed. PAC is considering how best to make the fence look attractive.
 - 4.6.2.2 Water stations have been installed in Gurley.
 - 4.6.2.3 Vehicle Update: Brian said the TV's have been ordered for the Multi-purpose room; Suburban ETA is Oct.1; Impala ETA is Oct.15.

- 4.6.3 Action Items
 - 4.6.3.1 Special Recognition: Area schools; Banner County, Morrill, Stuart, Garden County, and others who have reached out to us and the Haley Family.
 - 4.6.3.2 Budget Items: Our total tax asking is only increasing 1.8% (\$56,908), well below inflation. Because of the reduction in valuation, the resulting levy increase is just over five cents. The resulting increase on a \$100,000 property, after the average drop in valuation, would be approximately \$1/month.
 - 4.6.3.3 Medication Policy revision: Nurse Amy is recommending this policy change as a safer, more efficient way to meet the needs of our students and families. I recommend this policy change be approved.
 - 4.6.3.4 In order for us to employ "Local Substitutes," we need your approval. Because quality substitutes are hard to find, I am recommending this action to increase our substitute availability.

- 4.6.4 Other Items
 - 4.6.4.1 Our final APL training was held today. Again, this was strong work for our teachers and we are already seeing the impact of this training in our classrooms.
 - 4.6.4.2 I will be making slight modifications to Head Cook job descriptions to facilitate more efficient communication and decision-making.
 - 4.6.4.3 Committee Reorganization: I will be recommending some minor changes to our committees to increase efficiency and alignment with board roles.
 - 4.6.4.4 I am working with Kathy to investigate the possibility of having a bus go to Sidney and a van/suburban route east of Dalton.

4.6.4.5 40th year consolidation planning ideas?

4.6.4.6 Superintendent evaluation: I have included an instrument for my evaluation. Board policy does not exactly match my contract. This means you need to complete my first evaluation not later than the October regular board meeting. I have submitted the evaluation instrument to NDE and am waiting for their approval.

4.6.5 Board Retreat

4.6.5.1 Could we meet an hour before the October meeting for a Board Workshop which could be used to begin discussion of the vision for our District and Strategic Planning?

5 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Rushman to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the August 13, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting, acceptance of the resignations of Hannah Geller and Tracy Pelster (wishing them the best and to thank them for the work they have done), and to approve all reports. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Henke, Rushman, Cruise, and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6 REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to excuse Jed Benish from tonight's meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rushman, Cruise, Powell, and Linton. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rushman to recognize the JH volleyball girls for winning their division in the Sidney Tournament; to the HS volleyball girls for winning the Garden County Tournament; to Mrs. Cheryl Kriesel for bringing caramel rolls to the Gurley staff on the night of our Open House; and to Theresa Frerichs and the Table of Grace for donating school supplies. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, Linton and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.3 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

Motion by Henke, seconded by Powell to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Powell, Linton, Henke, and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Powell to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Powell, Linton, Henke, Rushman, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.4 APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Cruise to approve the 2018-2019 Budget as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Henke, Rushman, Cruise, and Powell. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.5 APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY RESOLUTIONS

6.5.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Linton to approve the Property Tax Request for the General Fund as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, Linton and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.5.2 Motion by Linton, seconded by Rushman to approve the Property Tax Request for the Special Building Fund as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Powell, Linton, Henke, and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.6 APPROVAL OF POLICY REVISION #5024, MEDICATION OF STUDENTS
Motion by Linton, seconded by Powell to approved revised policy #5024 as presented.
ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Powell, Linton, Henke, Rushman, and Cruise. VOTING NO –
None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.7 APPROVAL OF USE OF LOCAL SUBSTITUTES
Motion by Powell, seconded by Rushman to approve the use of local substitutes. ROLL
CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Henke, Rushman, Cruise, and Powell. VOTING NO – None.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.8 APPROVAL OF COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR MEDICATION AIDE, BASIC NURSING
ASSISTANT
Motion by Cruise, seconded by Linton to approve the course descriptions for Medication
Aide and Basic Nursing Assistant as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke,
Rushman, Cruise, Powell, and Linton. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.9 APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR SALE OF EXCESS VEHICLES
Motion by Linton, seconded by Cruise to approve accepting sealed bids for the listed
vehicles in the following amounts:

1. Two-wheeled trailer (Homemade), \$25.00, Bruce Ernest
2. 1997 Chevy Lumina, mileage approx., 98,000, VIN 2G1WL52M4V9306803, \$811.61,
Zack Henke
3. 1998 Chevy Lumina, mileage approx., 163,651, VIN 2G1WL52M2W9286200,
\$625.00, Michael & Karla McQueen
4. 2006 Bluebird Bus, mileage approx., 150,578, VIN 1BAKCKKH76F233524, \$461.87,
David Schommer

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Cruise, Powell, Linton, and Henke, VOTING NO –
None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.10 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION
Motion by Powell, seconded by Henke to approve the Superintendent Evaluation as
presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Powell, Linton, Henke, and Rushman.
VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

6.11 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT STAY
Motion by Linton, seconded by Powell to table discussion on the overnight stay for the
Junior Law Program, pending more information. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Powell, Linton,
Henke, Rushman, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

7 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Next Regular Board meeting: Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

7.2 Board Workshop: Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

8 MEETING ADJOURNED

8.1 Motion by Powell, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at
8:10 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Linton, Henke, Rushman, Cruise, and Powell. VOTING NO –
None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.