

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 14, 2019 – 4:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, January 14, 2019 at 4:30 P.M. in the District's Administrative Office. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, at various businesses in the community, and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on or before January 7, 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 4:30 P.M.

1.2 REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

1.2.1 OATH OF OFFICE

New Board Members, Galen Bartling, Ryan Borges, and Anne Rexroth, recited the Oath of Office.

1.2.2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1.1.2.1 Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to re-elect Mr. Jed Benish as President of the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, with Benish abstaining.

1.1.2.2 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Borges to elect Mr. Kevin Henke as Vice-President of the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, with Henke abstaining.

1.1.2.3 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Benish to elect Mr. Ryan Borges as Secretary of the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, with Borges abstaining.

1.1.2.4 Motion by Benish, seconded by Rexroth to re-elect Mrs. Colleen Cruise as Treasurer of the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Borges, Henke, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, with Cruise abstaining.

1.2.3 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to appoint Board Members to the following committees:

Budget/Negotiations (3): Benish, Cruise, Rexroth

Building/Grounds (2): Cruise, Henke

Curriculum/Americanism (3): Bartling, Borges, Henke

Safety (1): Rexroth

Security (1): Henke

School Improvement (1): Cruise

Transportation (1): Henke

Technology (1): Borges

Wellness (1): Rexroth

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

1.3 ROLL CALL

1.3.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, and Anne Rexroth.

1.3.2 The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary, HS Principal Lance Howitt and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: None.

1.4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

1.5 COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read from Jill Bartling, Chris Lind, Dana Morgan, and Anna Faye Van Anne.

- 2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
- 2.1 Mr. Russ Rushman addressed the Board with his concerns on the new track and how there was not enough time for the public to express their opinions.
- 2.2 Mrs. Janella Kruse addressed the Board with her explanations of why she is against moving the JH to the HS.
- 2.3 The Board received other patron letters opposing the track and the move of the JH.
- 3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD
- 3.1 Mrs. Jill Bartling, 5th grade teacher, and her students: Halle Carter, Dagen Lee, Faith Lee, Josette McConnell, Macey Roelle, Aidan Teters, Quinten Tretter, and Alec Watchorn presented “movie trailers” that they had created on their I-Pads for the book, Canyons, which they had read in class.
- 4 REPORTS
- 4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT
- None
- 4.2 BOARD REPORTS
- 4.2.1 The Negotiations committee settled a two year contract with the LEA in December.
- 4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT
- 4.3.1 Mr. Jesse Henderson, HS Science Teacher, presented a car robot to the Board that the seniors’ physics class had completed using the 3D printer. He also presented his ideas for the science room remodel.
- 4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
- Mrs. Morgan reported that she conducted interviews for the first grade teacher position, served on the principal interview committee, and had lunch with the December good citizens. She also attended two IEPs, first grade story presentations, and fourth grade national park presentations in December. Mrs. Morgan stated that 50 books have been catalogued in the libraries and that winter MAP testing and DIBELS testing were complete.
- 4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
- Mr. Howitt reported that the NSAA meeting on January 9th indicated that there would be a 90-day ineligibility period when option students return to their home district. He also stated that FFA had attended the Stock Show in Denver this past weekend and that the MAC basketball tournament is this week. Mr. Howitt listed the following upcoming activities/events: MAC Music Clinic on January 21st in Bayard; staff meetings and parent teacher conferences on February 4th (no classes); and that we will host the JH MAC BB Tournament at both sites on February 7th and 9th.
- 4.6 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
- 4.6.1 Meetings/Travel
- 4.6.1.1 Mr. Geary was able to secure a complete refund for the disappointing conference he attended last month with Mrs. Morgan. He attended ESU/MAC Superintendent meetings on December 12th, attended several festivities in the elementary, and met with several donors to the HS gym floor. Mr. Geary held two Superintendent Scoop meetings and met with a patron on the discussed levy increases, proposed budget for the track project, and goals for our district. He will also serve as a team leader on the Centura Public School accreditation team. Mr. Geary would like to schedule a Board Retreat to discuss our Strategic Plan. He would also like the Board to consider moving the March regular meeting due to schedule conflicts with spring break.
- 4.6.2 Construction Updates
- 4.6.2.1 Mr. Geary reported that the teacher workroom in Gurley is nearing completion and thanked Ms. Megan Gipfert, Mrs. Dana Morgan, and Mr. Chris Morgan for volunteering. The track project will be put out for bid in February and there will be a proposal at the March meeting. Mr. Geary stated that the boiler in Gurley is not in use and asked the Board for recommendations on its removal as well as ideas for excess inventory.
- 4.6.3 Action Items

4.6.3.1 Mr. Geary stated that the Negotiated Agreement constitutes the largest raise in recent history and that the resulting need will require less than 2 cents increase in the levy. He also discussed administrative contracts, counselor resignation, and recommendations for an elementary teacher and counselor. Mr. Geary sold two title sponsorships for the gym floor and the refinish project will begin May 20, 2019. He also discussed changes to policies #2004 and #2008, pending Board approval.

4.6.4 Other Items

4.6.4.1 Mr. Geary has completed 118 service days of his contract. In regards to moving the JH students to Dalton, he has collected information from the community, teachers, principals, and read the recommendations/report from 1986. Although he feels that moving these grade levels has its advantages, his recommendation is to place this decision on hold. He handed out his report to the Board.

5 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting and to approve all reports.

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

6 REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

6.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to recognize the Village of Dalton and the Village of Gurley for supplying apples at the holiday concert and goodie bags for Santa to hand out; to everyone who made the Senior Citizens' Luncheon possible; to PAC for hosting the Christmas store; to the Leyton Foundation for the upgrades to our break room; to Virgil Schumacher for being Santa Claus; to Mr. Cooper and his Woods class for making new nameplates for the Board; to Mr. Henderson for his commitment and vision in using technology in his classrooms; to the following students for receiving the Nebraska Chiropractic Association Fall Academic All-State awards (Football: Josh Kruse & Jeremy Carley, Volleyball: Janessa Carley & Danielle Higgins, Play Production: Hannah Vath & Alyson Holt); to the Oregon Train Honor Band participants (DJ George, Josh Kruse, Ethan Eckhardt, Cassidee Murray, Janessa Carley, and Cortney Holt); to Alison Haley for designing flyer; to Mrs. Bartling and her students for their presentation to the Board; and to the following students for being named December good citizens by their classroom teachers: (Kindergarten-Camden Lee, 1st grade-Cainyn Rushman, 2nd grade-Hadlee Guggenmos, 3rd grade-Auvi Cranmore, 4th grade-Riley Benish, 5th grade-Halle Carter, 6th grade-Zaili Benish, 7th grade-Trinity Beutler and 8th grade-Lisa Dobrinski). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.3 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

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

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

6.4 APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Henke to approve the Negotiated Agreement for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years as negotiated by the Negotiations committee. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.5 APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

6.5.1 Motion by Henke, seconded by Borges to enter Executive Session at 5:30 P.M. to discuss Administrative Salaries. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.5.2 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to re-enter Open Session at 5:50 P.M. No action was taken in executive session. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.5.3 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Cruise to approve the contract with Mrs. Dana Morgan as Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director and K-12 Librarian. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.5.4 Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to approve the contract with Mr. Nick Brost as the Secondary Principal/AD. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.6 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to accept the resignation of Mrs. Ashley Lindholm, school counselor, and to thank her and wish her the best. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.7 APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHER AND COUNSELOR FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

6.7.1 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to table the contract for the elementary teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.7.2 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve the contract for Allie Peters for the 2019-2020 school year as K-12 guidance counselor. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.8 APPROVAL OF 2019-2020 MASTER CALENDAR

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Benish to approve the Master Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.9 APPROVAL OF DALTON GYM FLOOR REFINISH

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges, to approve the bid from J&J Flooring in the amount of \$15,785 to refinish the Dalton gym floor after the completion of the 2018-2019 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.10 APPROVAL OF POLICY #2004 – OATH OF OFFICE

Motion by Borges, seconded by Henke to approve policy #2004. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6.11 APPROVAL OF POLICY #2008 – MEETINGS

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve policy #2008. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

7 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Next Regular Board meeting: February 11, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

8 MEETING ADJOURNED

8.1 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 6:05 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary