

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 10, 2020 – 6:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30 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 February 3, 2020. 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

Communications were read from the Community Shepherds and Brenda Ahlm.

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

2.1 Mrs. Jaimee Rushman addressed the Board by stating there will not be a preschool program in the community next year. She asked the Board to consider the addition of a preschool to Leyton Public Schools. She stressed that it is beneficial for young children to attend a preschool before they enter Kindergarten. Mr. Benish replied that the Board had looked into a preschool two years ago and very few people responded to the survey that was sent out, so interest fizzled out. He stated they could visit the issue again, but cautioned that deadlines for next year are quickly approaching.

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 they had held meetings discussing the concession stand they worked on February 8th. They also stated they plan to meet with Administration to discuss incentives for no semester tests and early outs on Friday. The officers met and discussed the information from the student satisfaction survey. The positive feedback included that students are proud to be a Leyton student, lunches are good, 1-on-1 time with teachers, new students feel welcomed and the school is kept clean. The negative feedback was that students are not informed or have a voice, privacy in the locker rooms, lunch line issues, and too much homework. The STUCO officers presented several suggestions to the Administration and some of those ideas have been implemented such as students being provided a weekly activity bulletin and two dismissal bells for lunch. They also reported that the Prom theme this year is “western” and that STUCO is in the process of sponsoring country swing dance lessons for the students. STUCO would also like to recognize Neal Thompson for keeping the school clean and Krystal Borges for providing excellent meals.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Member Rexroth reported that she attended the NASB Budget Seminar in Kearney with Superintendent Geary on February 5th. She learned the importance of maximizing the budget authority and reviewed a five year spending history. She also learned more about SPED expenditures.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan reported that she attended administrator meetings, a SPED director meeting, an IEP, and a 504 meeting. She assisted in completing Title I requirements, K-8 bus evacuations and a

Health Survey for the NDE. Mrs. Morgan completed two teacher planning conferences/observations, attended parent/teacher meetings and supervised two HS basketball games. She served on interview panels and had a meeting regarding MTSS program information. Mrs. Morgan had "Lunch with the Principal" for the January good citizens on February 7th.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost reported that he attended a Region V Principal meeting, an informational MTSS meeting, an IEP, and two 504 meetings. He served on interview panels for Ag/FFA, English/Language Arts, and Maintenance. Mr. Brost met with representatives from NHS regarding Valentine's Day orders and also with representatives from STUCO on student issues. He stated that the ADs will meet on February 12th, when the football schedule comes out, to schedule officials.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 Special Recognition

4.6.1.1 Mr. Geary recognized Ryan Borges, Anne Rexroth, Galen Bartling, Liz Twarling, Matt Haley, Shawn Oakes, Allie Peters, Glen Lipska, Dana Morgan, Nick Brost, Zac Henke, Courtney Holt, Ethan Eckhardt, and Ashton Van Anne for serving on interview committees for new teachers.

4.6.2 Meeting/Travel

4.6.2.1 Mr. Geary reported he served as a Cognia team member in Broken Bow on February 2nd – 4th. He will also be the lead evaluator at Ogallala High School on March 2nd – 4th. Both serve as great learning experiences as to what schools are required to provide during a school improvement visit. Our visit is scheduled for the Spring of 2022. Mr. Geary also attended the NASB Budget Seminar in Kearney, several Superintendent meetings, and a Level 1 bus training. He is now qualified to be a bus driver for our district.

4.6.3 Construction Updates

4.6.3.1 Mr. Geary stated that the architectural drawings for the existing science room have been shared with the building committee. He will schedule a meeting with the committee to approve the layout in the next two weeks and will have a full proposal, including bid documents, ready for the March meeting. Approval of bids will be scheduled for the April meeting.

4.6.4 Action Items

4.6.4.1 Mr. Geary asked the Board to consider approving the 2020-2021 Master Calendar, principal contracts, a new hire recommendation, and overnight stays for district and state wrestling.

4.6.5 Other Items

4.6.5.1 Mr. Geary reported that he is working with another District to share a Spanish teacher within the two districts. He provided information to possibly add an extra duty stipend for FFA. This would be approved on the Extra Duty schedule at a later date. He also stated that the fume hoods and fire suppression in the kitchens at both sites will need to be replaced this summer. Mr. Geary informed the Board that he will advertise for an elementary teacher due to a resignation that will be presented at the next meeting.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to recognize Allie Peters for organizing Maddy Watchorn's college/volleyball signing; to Harlan & Tiffany Sage for donating shirts for Leyton students; to Sidney Public Schools for inviting our K-6 students to the Missoula Theater Production; to Mrs. Hansen and Mr. Haley for displaying their students' art and shop projects at the MAC basketball tournament; to Katie Eckhardt for being the runner-up at the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee; to Quinten Tretter for winning this year's Geography Bee; to our honor roll students for the first

semester; to the following community members for filling in for us in the kitchen over the last several months: Twila Flohr, Mark Lind, Travis Lind, Shirley Melton, Barb Reimers, Tiffany Sage, and Nancy Wagoner – we could not have done it without their help; to Mr. Newkirk for organizing our Geography Bee; to Jed Benish, Lance Juelfs, Travis Lind, and Christy Schumacher for assisting our junior high basketball program this year; to Dr. Ben Iske and Brooke for providing dental health training for Dental Health month to our kindergarten through second graders; to Nurse Amy for organizing the visit; to the National Honor Society for organizing the canned food drive during the Potter-Dix basketball game with all items received donated to the Community Shepherds; to the High Plains Music Festival Participants (Band: Cassidee Murray, Cortney Holt, Holden Syverson and Choir: Hannah Vath); to alumni Destinee Henke for earning academic honors at Southeast Community College; to alumni Danielle Higgins and Kaitlyn Berner for earning academic honors at University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and to the January Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Averi Twarling, 1st-Breckyr Cranmore, 2nd-Avery Adams, 3rd-Cooper Benish, 4th-Isabella Fischer, 5th-Claire Eckhardt, 6th-Tristan Fischer, 7th-Katie Eckhardt and 8th-Kaleb Borges). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on January 13, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

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

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

5.6 APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 MASTER CALENDAR

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Henke to approve the 2020-2021 Master Calendar as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.7 APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES/CONTRACTS

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to enter into Executive Session at 7:09 PM to discuss administrative wages/contracts. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

No Action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to return to General Session at 7:59 PM. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to approve administrative contracts as presented for Mr. Nick Brost, Secondary Principal/AD and Mrs. Dana Morgan, K-8 Principal/K-12 Librarian. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED STAFF HIRING

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to approve the hiring of Ms. Monica Wasielewski as a certified teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.9 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT STAYS FOR DISTRICT/STATE WRESTLING
Motion by Borges, seconded by Cruise to approve overnight stays for District Wrestling on February 14th and State Wrestling on February 19th, 20th, and 21st. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10 REVIEW OF 6000 SERIES POLICIES
The Board reviewed the 6000 Series Policies. Member Borges requested that Policy #6028 (3c) be reviewed so that the wording is consistent with the Student Handbook.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Board Retreat: Monday, March 9, 2020 at 2:30 PM; Points West Bank

6.2 Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:40 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO

– None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary