

Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Strategic Planning Meeting – 2:30 p.m.
March 9, 2020

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, March 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at Points West Community Bank Meeting Room for a Strategic Planning Meeting. 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 March 3, 2020. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Board President Jed Benish called the Strategic Planning Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- 1.2. The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke (arrived at 2:54 p.m.), and Anne Rexroth. Absent: None.
- 1.3. The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary. Absent: Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan and HS Principal Nick Brost.

2. HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- 2.1. None

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3.1. EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

- 3.1.1. Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to excuse Kevin Henke from the meeting until his arrival. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

3.2. STRATEGIC PLANNING

- 3.2.1. Mr. Geary began the discussion with the school lunch program and how it would affect the budget if the Board decided to cover all costs of the program. Some area schools are able to provide free meals to all students based on their percentage of free/reduced students. Board Members would like to see what area schools are doing and encourage parents to complete free/reduced lunch application forms.
- 3.2.2. Mr. Geary stated that another issue affecting the budget will be the addition of certified staff to legally meet the needs of identified students. These contracts will be considered for approval at the April Board meeting.
- 3.2.3. Mr. Geary said that several parents have asked that a preschool be added to the District. The members expressed that this was looked at in the past, but then the community did not want it. The Board agreed to form a preschool advisory committee and visit with area schools who currently have the program. They expressed the need to look at grants for startup costs as well as on going funding. In order to research everything properly, the Board felt that the goal for implementation should be the 2021-2022 school year. The Board suggested that there be another Strategic Planning Meeting in October 2020 to review the preschool advisory committee's recommendations and to complete grant paperwork.
- 3.2.4. Mr. Geary led the discussion on MAP testing and stated that it shows both achievement and growth scores. The three components of MAP testing are the student, the teacher, and the curriculum. He said that school districts are being compared whether we like it or not and this is the best tool we have to get the information we need. Board members stated that we need to better align our curriculum to the MAP test and then our scores will

improve. Mr. Geary informed the Board that curriculum work is ongoing and progress is being made.

3.2.5. Mr. Geary presented the School Improvement Plan handout and reviewed that we need to improve three areas: 1) ELA (Vocab/Reading) across all curriculum; 2) Student Attendance and 3) Communication. Mr. Geary stated that we need two way communication on this and asked the Board for discussion on the goals of the improvement plan. He also said that parent surveys will be done at Parent-Teacher Conferences as part of the school improvement process.

3.2.6. Discussion was held on other budget issue concerns such as transportation and what vehicle/s to use on routes; the need for locker rooms; and track updates. The Board stated that they would like to see the science room remodel done for 2020; the preschool implemented for 2021; and locker rooms built for 2022.

3.3. BOARD GOALS

3.3.1. Mr. Geary asked the Board if there was a reflective tool for how they are doing. Some members suggested that perhaps it was how the District improved fiscally, or the facilities, or the curriculum. The Board asked Mr. Geary to look at evaluation templates for them to review. The Board suggested that the District should focus on communicating to the public what we do spend on education and reduce the number of students who need to take Enrichment or who are ineligible.

3.4. ADMINISTRATIVE GOALS

3.4.1 Mr. Geary reviewed the information from the meeting and stated that his goal would be to communicate and celebrate the things we are doing in the school and to find additional methods to identify HAL (High Ability Learners) students.

3.5. POLICY REVIEW

3.5.1 None

4. ADJOURNMENT

4.1. Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary