

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
March 9, 2020 – 6:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, March 9, 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](http://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 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

None

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

3.1 Industrial Arts Teacher, Matt Haley, and two of his students, Logan Borges and Dominick Russ, presented their idea to build and sell a “tiny home”. This project would allow students to learn on-the-job trade skills such as carpentry, plumbing, and electrical. It would also enable the students to use management skills such as leadership, planning, cost control and negotiation. After much research, the students thought that purchasing a shipping container to remodel would be the best option and also be the most marketable. They will do more research and present their findings to the Board in April.

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

STUCO President Maddy Watchorn and STUCO Vice President Zac Henke reported that country dance lessons are ongoing with five students and five parents participating. New participants can still attend on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-5 p.m.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Member Bartling reported that they held a building/grounds meeting to review drawings for the science room. He stated that those drawings were available for the Board to review and that they would be voting later in the meeting to approve the science room remodel plan and the publication of the Notice for Bids.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan reported that she attended administrator meetings, a HAL Stem activity, a KSB Personnel Seminar, an Energizing Leadership Workshop, and professional development. She completed a lockdown drill, ELEOT observations, Title 1 documentation, and seven teacher planning conferences and observations. Mrs. Morgan distributed 167 backpack meals December-February and filed the Backpack Program Quarterly Report. She assisted as a basketball administrator, organized and hosted the 6-8 grade science fair, conducted elementary teacher interviews and served as a guest reader to kindergarten through third grade students on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Morgan had “Lunch with the Principal” for the February good citizens on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mr. Brost reported that he attended an IEP meeting, a KSB School Law seminar, HAL activities, administrative meetings, professional development, a MAC AD meeting and an Energizing Leadership conference. He conducted a lockdown drill and a bus evacuation drill. Mr. Brost

served as one of the judges for the 6-8 grade science fair, as a guest reader for K-3 grades for Read Across America Week, and on the Cognia Engagement Review Team for Franklin Public Schools. He completed nine planning conferences and teacher evaluations.

#### 4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Geary announced that they had just completed the Board Retreat meeting and that Board goals will drive his work for the next year. Some of those goals include being more proactive in communication, identifying HAL learners, and training teachers how to use the MAP test results and communicate those results to parents.

##### 4.6.1 Special Recognition

4.6.1.1 Mr. Geary thanked everyone who came to the Superintendent Scoop meetings in Dalton and Gurley. More than two dozen people attended the meetings and he enjoyed hearing their thoughts about preschool, school improvement, and the budget. He also recognized the boys' and girls' basketball teams for successful seasons which showed much growth.

##### 4.6.2 Meeting/Travel

4.6.2.1 Mr. Geary reported that he served as a lead evaluator for the Ogallala High School Cognia external review on March 2-4. He reminded the Board that our visit is scheduled for the spring of 2022. He stated that the Building and Grounds committee met with Ryan Stearns to discuss and approve the final plan for the science room remodel. He recommended that the plan be approved and submitted to bidders. Mr. Geary attended the NRCSA Legislative Forum in Lincoln and visited with Senators about school funds and property tax relief. He also served as a substitute bus driver and drove the charter bus for an activity.

##### 4.6.3 Construction Updates

4.6.3.1 Mr. Geary stated that the general contractor will be returning later this month to install the fence and complete punch list items. We are holding a \$10,000.00 check until this work is completed.

##### 4.6.4 Action Items

4.6.4.1 Mr. Geary asked the Board to consider approving new hire recommendations, a resignation, new members for the Leyton Foundation Board, revisions to Policy #3012 and the science room remodel plan.

##### 4.6.5 Other Items

4.6.5.1 Mr. Geary reported that there were no new updates on sharing a Spanish teacher with another District. He stated that the administration team has implemented High Ability Learner (HAL) activities this year. They are working to identify other students who may qualify. Mr. Geary asked the Board how to proceed with a major bus repair.

## 5 REGULAR AGENDA

### 5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

### 5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to recognize the science fair winners (Sixth grade: 1<sup>st</sup>-Josette McConnell, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Alec Watchorn, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Macey Roelle; Seventh grade: 1<sup>st</sup>-Zaili Benish, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Katie Eckhardt, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Shawnee Gamble; Eighth grade: 1<sup>st</sup>-Peyton Abbott and Trenton Rushman, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jaxson Benish, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Natalie Reimers and Claire Watchorn. Overall winners: Engineering-Peyton Abbott and Trenton Rushman; Scientific Method-Zaili Benish); to the science fair judges (Nick Brost, Dan Carlson, Jesse Henderson, Amy Henke, Rob Higgins and Laura Narjes); to Mr. Coffey and Mrs. Lecher for their hard work on helping kids with their science fair projects; to Chris Lind and the kitchen staff for making and serving punch and cookies; to Mrs. Rios for picking up our science fair trophies; to our winter sports teams (junior high basketball, high school basketball and wrestling) on the successful completions of their seasons; to Aly Holt for having her photograph featured in Ben Sasse's offices across the state; to the girls' basketball team for their thoughtfulness and compassion for basketball opponents who had faced personal hardships; to Maddy Watchorn and

Sage Rummel for taking and passing their Nursing Assistant test; to Aly Holt for successfully completing the design and build of a rocket that protected a raw egg; and to the February Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Leah Jenson, 1st-Maycee Smith, 2nd-Skylar Draper, 3rd-Paige Frerichs, 4th-Elizabeth Higgins, 5th-Dominic Gallegos, 6th-Macey Roelle, 7th-Sydney Fortune and 8th-Claire Watchorn). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on February 10, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

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

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

5.6 APPROVAL OF HEAD OF MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the hiring of Jacob Noel as the Head of Maintenance beginning April 1, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.7 APPROVAL OF POLICY #3012 (SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM AND CHARGES)

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to approve policy #3012 (School Meal Program and Charges) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 APPROVAL OF LEYTON FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Borges to approve Hannah Geller, Sheena Jenson, and Jennifer Eckhardt as new members for the Leyton School Foundation. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.9 APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED TEACHER HIRING

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

5.10 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve, with regret, the resignation of Rylee Blomenkamp and to thank her for her service. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.11 APPROVAL OF SCIENCE ROOM PLAN AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to recess at 7:17 p.m. to allow time availability to speak with the engineer. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

No action was taken during the recess.

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to return to general session at 7:26 p.m. to call the engineer. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the plan for remodeling the science room and publication of the Notice for Bids for this project. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Special Board Meeting–Science Room: Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 12:00 PM at Wheat Belt

6.2 Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:35 PM.

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

– None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary