

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

April 20, 2020 – 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education held their regular meeting virtually via Zoom on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. 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 April 15, 2020. Said posting gave date, time, and zoom connection information.

1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Board President Jed Benish called the regular school board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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 Becky Murray, Galen Bartling & Family, and Megan Gipfert & Family.

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Mr. Bartling spoke on behalf of the Building & Grounds Committee. He stated that the Board had decided at the special meeting to table the approval of the science room bids until February 2021. The Board will have to let bids at the January 2021 meeting. There will be additional costs for advertising and resubmitting bids. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 29th.

4.2.2 Mr. Geary gave the report for the School Improvement Committee from their March 10, 2020 meeting. The committee reviewed the 2017 Exit Review Summary to see what has been accomplished on the list and what items need to be started. They identified the need to select teacher leaders so that the school improvement process is faculty led and administrative supported. The committee also reviewed the School Improvement Goals and Strategic Plan from the 2017 Plan Review. The committee needs to begin data collection. The next meeting was scheduled for early April, but has been delayed due to COVID-19 closures. The School Improvement visit will take place in the Spring of 2022.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended administrator meetings, a School Improvement meeting, several IEP's, a 504 meeting, and SPED meetings. She conducted staff meetings via Zoom and organized the drive-through student supply pick-up. She watched presentations for 3rd grade pop bottle biographies, met with ESU staff on needs for the upcoming school year, and worked with Kathy on the annual COOP order. Mrs. Morgan just completed her second Masters' Program and will receive her standard administrator's certificate. She has complete 196 days of her contract. Mrs. Morgan thanked the Board of Education for allowing classified staff to continue working through the closure as they are getting numerous projects accomplished at the elementary/junior high building.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

4.5.1 Mr. Brost attended administrator meetings, several IEP meetings, and KSB School Law seminars on COVID-19. He hosted staff meetings via zoom, updated 504 plans, and completed teacher evaluations. He reviewed the National Honor Society by-laws and directed the faculty council to conduct the NHS student selection evaluation. He discussed graduation plans with Mr. Geary, Mrs. Peters, senior students, and senior parents. Mr. Brost also updated the 2020-2021 activity schedules and worked with a community member on coordinating Fall Festival and Homecoming week. He worked with Coach Lipska and Coach Gamble to organize the weight room for better utilization of space.

4.5.2 Mrs. Allie Peters, K-12 Counselor, addressed the board regarding the high school schedule for 2020-2021. There will be an added 30 minute "Warrior" period which will address the needs of enrichment and ineligible students, as well as provide a study hall. The school day will change to 8:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. at the high school, with the elementary/JH hours remaining the same (8:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.). Mrs. Peters also discussed that a Virtual Graduation ceremony will take place on May 16, 2020. Senior students will meet individually beforehand to be videoed receiving their diplomas. These segments, along with speakers and the senior slide show, will be pieced together for the virtual ceremony. Mrs. Peters has compared graduation requirements from other schools and Leyton. She will have a recommendation for the Board to approve at the May meeting.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Geary recognized Mrs. Morgan for receiving her second Masters' Degree. In addition, Mr. Geary introduced the ESU SPED Director, Pam Brezenski, who worked with Mrs. Morgan on ideas for using MIPS funding. Together they identified three needs for schools and Ms. Brezenski surveyed other Panhandle schools, who also agreed with those needs. Ms. Brezenski thanked Mrs. Morgan for her creative ideas and solutions.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended many zoom meetings and the Virtual NASBO Conference. He also met with Mrs. Haley to work on an improved layout design for the school website. They hope to have the improvements in place by August 1st.

4.6.3 CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mr. Geary reported that the general contractor continues to work on the track punch list, but there have been delays due to the weather and COVID-19 closures.

4.6.4 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary stated that action items will include the approval of hiring two teachers, equipment disposal, board goals, a bus repair and the purchase of a new van.

4.6.5 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary found a Board Self-Assessment to use at the next retreat to evaluate the Board's effectiveness. He asked the Board how to handle future committee meetings and the Board agreed to have them in person with less than 10 people. Mr. Geary will notify the Board when he gets the meetings scheduled. He informed the Board that the coach bus is in Kearney getting a new windshield and summer maintenance. Mr. Geary stated that he has completed 183.5/230 days of his contract, with 62 work days left before June 30th.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to recognize the regional science fair winners (Zaili Benish, Peyton Abbott and Trenton Rushman (team project) and Aly Holt); to Cindy Reilly, Heidi Rushman, and Kathy Surber for all their efforts in bagging student belongings from desks and lockers in order to help organize our student supply drive-through pick up; to our amazing kitchen staff for all of their food preparation and distribution of meals, including our backpack program

meals; to our teaching staff for their hard work and dedication in transitioning to virtual school; to Jacob Noel, Bruce Ernest, Jennifer Dobrinski and Mark Carley for their custodial work during the school closure; to NCPA Winter Sports Academic All State Selections (Zac Henke, Dominick Russ, Megan Ernest, Madelyn Watchorn, Alyson Holt, Hannah Vath and Brenton Abbott); to the MAC All Conference Team Selections (Zac Henke, Dominick Russ, Madelyn Watchorn, Ella Draper and Sage Rummel); to Brenton Abbott for being selected to serve on the NSAA Student Advisory Committee for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years; to Madelyn Watchorn and Sage Rummel for passing their state exams for medication aid; and to Madelyn Watchorn for being selected 2nd Team All-State. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

5.3.1 Motion by Henke, seconded by Borges to approve the minutes of the Board Retreat on March 9, 2020 and to thank Points West Community Bank for providing the meeting room and snacks. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3.2 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 9, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3.3 Motion by Henke, seconded by Bartling to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on March 27, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3.4 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on April 9, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

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

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

5.6 APPROVAL OF NEW CERTIFIED TEACHERS:

5.6.1 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the hiring of Julia Fort for the 2020-2021 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.6.2 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the hiring of Jamie Thompson for the 2020-2021 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.7 APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL OF EXCESS EQUIPMENT

Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve the disposal of the following obsolete items: Peck Deck Machine, Seated Ab Machine, Hip Sled, 80-lb dumbbell (x2), 90-lb dumbbell (x2), Stair Climber and approximately 55 gallons of DEF fluid by accepting bids until May 1, 2020. Items will be advertised on the school website from April 21-April 30. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 APPROVAL OF BOARD GOALS FOR 2020-2021

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

5.9 APPROVAL OF REPAIRS TO ROUTE BUS

Motion by Borges to table the approval of repairs to a route bus. There was no second. MOTION DIED.

5.10 APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A NEW VAN

There was no motion or second to approve the purchase of new van. MOTION DIED.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: May 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

7 MEETING ADJOURMENT

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:33 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary