Leyton Warrior Newsletter

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REALITY OF VIRTUAL LIFE AT LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lunch Delivery Prep

Left: Honors and Awards for Leyton High School Students:

Alyson Holt-Speech NCPA Academic All-State Selection and Senator Ben Sasse's Photography Contest winner.

Hannah Vath-Speech NCPA Academic All-State Selection.

Madelyn Watchorn-Girls' Basketball: NCPA Academic All-State, M.A.C. 1st Team, and Omaha World Herald All-State 2nd Team Selections.

Megan Ernest-Girls' Basketball NCPA Academic All-State Selection.

Dominick Russ-Boys' Basketball: NCPA Academic All-State and M.A.C. Team Selections.

Zackry Henke-Boys' Basketball: NCPA Academic All-State and M.A.C. Team Selections.

Sage Rummel-Girls' Basketball M.A.C. 2nd Team Selection.

Ella Draper-Girls' Basketball M.A.C. 1st Team Selection.

Brenton Abbott-Wrestling NCPA Academic All-State and 2020-2022 NSAA Student Advisory Committee Selections.

Below: Some of our last in-school activities:

Show Choir working on choreography, FFA members at their last competition of the year at Kimball, and Kindergarteners with Mrs. Jones in the library.







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NSAA has cancelled all competitions for the remainder of the school year.





ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING April 9, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

The Leyton Board of Education held a special meeting virtually via Zoom on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 4:00 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 3, 2020. Said posting gave date, time, and zoom connection information.

1 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Board President Jed Benish called the special school board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He stated that the meeting would follow the Open Meetings Act guidelines which may be found at: https://nitc.nebraska.gov/documents/statutes/NebraskaOpenMeetingsAct_current.pdf.
- 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 President Benish stated that bids for the science room remodel were opened on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

Paul Reed Construction: Base Bid - \$267,262; \$6,194 deduct for tables Anderson Shaw Construction: Base Bid - \$262,357; \$5,219 deduct for tables.

- 2 REGULAR AGENDA
 - 2.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER None
 - 2.2 STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT BENISH

"Welcome everyone. I have been in contact with members of the board and as their spokesperson I am going to address a few things. These items got brought up due to a Facebook post from a possible future board member.

The board does not hide behind the inability of a public forum style meeting. This board follows the Open Meetings Act. People are welcome to address the board if they get on the agenda. It is a meeting held in public not a public meeting.

Facebook is not the place to get your information. I pleaded with people at the last meeting to call and get information, but no one has. Not even possible future board members. Instead they post their own figures. Never in the discussion of the science room did the figure 400,000 + come up, but it gets posted on Facebook and people start sharing it as gospel. Why are we invoking fear in people based on misinformation? This project has been discussed in length for several years at several meetings. In fact it was put on a three year plan, hence the reason for starting the process of design last fall. It was budgeted for with the

building fund levy. This is also a false statement of Facebook. This would not deplete the depreciation fund as it was coming out of the building fund. As far as truth and transparency everyone in the community was invited to be on the committee. Here are a few of those great committee members: Community Members: Bud Gillespie, Dan Carlson, Chris Morgan, Shad Benish, and Kelly Reimers; Board Members: Galen Bartling and Colleen Cruise; School Members: Chris Geary, Dana Morgan, Nick Brost, Tracy Cooper, Jesse Henderson, and Rylee Blomenkamp. I am sure that I am missing some, but these are a few of the people involved. It was also questioned how we select people to be on committees. In the fall of 2018, Mr. Geary put in the newsletter asking people to serve on the committee. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

Also I would like to thank Dave Weideman for attending our public board retreat, where the findings of the committee were also discussed.

I also read on Facebook yesterday that the track is over-budget. It indeed is not. It actually is under-budget. It was budgeted just shy of 1 million dollars which included football lights and grandstands. It was not 1.4 million dollars which was also posted on Facebook. The board and committee are made up of many intelligent and rational people who educate themselves before they make a decision as a whole. Why do we assume that a decision hasn't changed due to recent events? That is why the need for the meeting today. If people would call board members or the superintendent there would not be the need for these Facebook posts full of zero facts. I feel sorry for every person on the committee and the board when people look to Facebook to slander them. But in the world today, fake news is everywhere and the misrepresentation of this project by a possible future board member is no exception.

The board is no place for an agenda, unless your agenda is the success of all our students. If you are the person spreading false information about this project or any other project, I feel you owe the board and community members an apology. The opening of the bids was also a public meeting. Before people spread false information they should attend those meetings. The low bid came in at approximately 262K not 400K+. I only hope the same people who read and shared the false post attended this zoom meeting to get the facts. I personally invited the person who made the false post to contact Mr. Geary to get exact facts. That invitation was denied. Consequently the Facebook post full of false information occurred. I am not sure why the need to invoke fear needed to happen. Opinions are more likely to be heard when discussed rationally instead of being slandered on Facebook. It is not up to board members to reach out to people and correct them when false information is put on social media. Instead people should reach out to board members or to the school to get the correct information before going to social media

To address the budget, here are some facts. I went back eleven years because that is how long Colleen and I have been on the board. Including the amount that was levied for the science room, our annual budget increase is at .71%. To keep an annual increase that is less than three quarters of one percent makes me feel this board has been fiscally responsible.

Do any other board members wish to speak? Otherwise we will go to Galen Bartling - chair of the buildings and grounds committee."

2.3 STATEMENT BY MEMBER BARTLING

"My name is Galen Bartling and I'm the board chair of the Leyton Building and Grounds Committee.

Social media is ablaze with misinformation today, including personal attacks on board members who aren't even on the committee. If you have questions – get a hold of me! I started this idea two years ago. It's been in board minutes at least four times, but no questions until today.

I first brought my desire for the science room remodel to the board retreat in March of 2019, where it was first discussed. The board felt it necessary to proceed due to the failing plumbing, asbestos level and just the need to update the learning space.

There have been informational meetings. On November 4th, where community members (invited by committee members) attended, I personally invited Bud Gillespie and Alex Frerichs. The room was discussed and ideas shared with the hope of this information going into the community by all in attendance. The same people were then invited to another meeting on February 24, 2020, that involved layout and Mr. Henderson's vision of what this classroom should look like; and we went with his ideas almost to the letter.

With architect estimates, we levied \$0.05 into this year's budget for the science room. We opened our bids on Tuesday and today, we will make decisions based on those bids.

I can't stress enough – if you have questions, please contact a board member and we will do our level best to get you factual information."

2.4 APPROVAL OF SCIENCE ROOM BID

NO - None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding the science room remodel. Board Member Bartling expressed his concern that due to many COVID-19 business closures, that there may be a delay in getting materials to finish the project on time. He recommended that this decision be tabled until February 2021.

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Borges to table approval of bids for the High School science room remodel until February 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth and Bartling. VOTING

- 3 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
 - Until the statewide directed health measure (DHM) is lifted or expires, future meetings will be held virtually via Zoom connection.
 - 3.1 Next Regular Board meeting via Zoom Monday, April, 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
- 4 MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to adjourn the special board meeting at 4:14 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

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 PURCASE 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

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Bomgaars	\$	28.57	Chris Geary	\$	106.90	Quill	\$ 29.93
Leo Bowen	\$	699.20	Great American Financial	\$	934.00	Regional Care	\$ 40.00
Heather Bowen	\$	295.55	Wendy Hansen	\$	27.60	Irma Rios	\$ 34.50
Bridgeport Newsblade	\$	27.68	Amy Henke	\$	55.20	Christy Schumacher	\$ 27.60
Capital Business	\$	1,221.10	Homestead Market	\$	21.39	Sidney Glass	\$ 298.31
Cardmember Services	\$	664.54	H. W. Wilson	\$	307.50	Sidney Regional Medical	\$ 2,082.75
Compton Electrical	\$	149.36	JW Pepper & Son	\$	37.84	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	\$ 306.69
Cranmore Pest Control	\$	110.00	Koke's NAPA	\$	287.46	SOAR	\$ 983.33
Crescent Electric	\$	182.24	KSB School Law	\$	809.50	Kathy Surber	\$ 13.80
Crossroads Music	\$	45.00	Chris Lind	\$	55.20	Triple O's	\$ 27.50
Dalton Telephone	\$	619.55	T'Neal Lind	\$	82.80	Valley Steel & Wire	\$ 1,072.95
DAS State Accounting	\$	458.64	Marick's	\$	260.00	Village of Dalton	\$ 462.92
Day & Night Plumbing	\$	127.50	Matheson	\$	91.84	Village of Gurley	\$ 689.13
DP Electronics	\$	100.00	Morrill County	\$	162.00	Voyage of Discovery	\$ 495.00
Bruce Ernest	\$	43.80	NE Council of School Admin	\$	150.00	Wheat Belt	\$ 4,163.60
ESU #13	\$	12,321.12	NIBC	\$	170.00	Whiting Signs	\$ 109.50
Finney's	\$	209.03	One Source	\$	50.00		
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May 2020

A Message from the Superintendent

Spring is here and I'm loving the warmer temperatures. I'm excited to be outside and enjoy some gardening and golf. I hope you also make time to make memories and enjoy our sunny days with those you love.

We continue to plan for next year. There have been numerous ideas tossed about from the powers that be, ie. The Governor and Commissioner of Education, with respect to what we can expect next August. Suffice it to say that we really don't have any idea what is coming. We are doing our best to consider a variety of contingencies — plan for the worst and hope for the best! Just last week, the University of Nebraska announced that they are planning to have in person classes. I remain cautiously optimistic that public school students in Nebraska will also be able to return in the fall.

At the April regular board meeting, the Board approved their goals for the upcoming school year. I'll take a minute to highlight just a couple...first is the preschool. The goal is to have our program in place for the 2021-2022 school year. The academic goals are also important: Improve achievement in English and Language Arts (ELA), reduce the need for "Enrichment" class, and reduce the number of students who are ineligible for activities. Mrs. Peters and Mr. Brost are working to implement some creative ideas to see those goals become reality. The complete list of board goals can be found on our website, under the Board of Education link.

Another board goal is to increase two-way communication with the district. As a way to achieve that goal, we are asking you to complete some surveys for us as a way for us to hear your voice. The surveys will be posted on our website until school is out on May 20, 2020. This summer we will analyze the results and share with you a summary of our findings. Thank you for helping us grow! I will continue the Superintendent Scoop meetings once per semester — I really enjoy hearing from you during those meetings.

This summer, the administrative team will be considering how to identify High Ability Learners (HAL) in our district. The easiest measure of high intelligence is achievement on standardized tests, ie. Mensa – top 2%. However, we recognize

that there are other indicators of giftedness. Our desire is to recognize and provide additional activities for EVERY child who demonstrates unique and significantly above average abilities. Here's how you can help. I would like to know your answer to this question:

What is the best way to identify HAL students?

Please email your thoughts to me at chris.geary@leytonwarriors.org I'm looking forward to hearing your ideas.

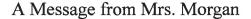
Finally, I am once again asking for volunteers to serve on committees within the district. These groups discuss current issues and plans and make recommendations to the board for improving our schools. You may choose from the following: Transportation, Safety/Security, Curriculum, Preschool, School Improvement, Building/Grounds, Technology, and Wellness. Meetings are scheduled well in advance, generally two per year. Let me know if you'd like to serve on any of these committees.

Finally, required Virtual Instruction will be completed on May 1, 2020. We will continue to have "school" until May 20, 2020 on an ENRICHMENT basis. That means that school is in session and teachers are available and preparing lessons for students. However, your child is NOT required to return any work after May 1, 2020.

I'll keep you all informed as I know more regarding next school year. Let's hope for the best!

Happy Summer!

Chris Geary





Thank you all so much for your help in getting our students their supplies and belongings from school. I so appreciate everyone's willingness to maintain our social distance yet allow our teachers, staff, and students the opportunity to "see" each other from the safety of personal cars. We were able to get 92 of 96 students' items picked up in 54 minutes! That is amazing and I can't tell you enough how wonderful it was to see all of you. I would like to put a special thank you out to Cindy Reilly, Heidi Rushman, and Kathy Surber for bagging all of the supplies behind the scenes so that we could organize everything by grade level. It was a very smooth process. I have included a few pictures of the drive-through pickup for you to enjoy.

Calling All Incoming Kindergarten Students for the 2020-2021 School Year

If you have a child or know of someone in our community that has a child that will be entering our kindergarten classroom for the upcoming school year, please call Kathy Surber at 308-884-2247 and provide her with the following information: student name, date of birth, physical address, parent name, and a good phone number to reach you. Once we determine how/when we can schedule registration, we will have your information and will be able to reach out to you. Thank you for your assistance with this.

As always if there is anything I can help you with please don't hesitate to call me at school or send me an email.



May 2020

High School Principal/AD Newsletter

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the school year. It is especially difficult to come to terms with the end of the school year with the unprecedented events that are occurring in our communities, our state and our country. Thank you for your patience and understanding with our students and staff as we navigate through this difficult time.

The end of the school year is typically filled with celebrations such as prom, honors night and graduation. We are continuing to plan these events in a way that will honor our students, yet follow the Directed Health Measures set by our local and state health departments.

Even though school doesn't "look" the way we are used to right now, our students and staff are still hard at work. I am very proud of the hard work and dedication of our teachers who have converted their curriculum to a virtual format and continue to serve our students in an unorthodox way. Our kitchen staff has continued to provide school lunch and breakfast to our students. Every day they are busy fixing, packaging and delivering meals to our students. In addition, our custodial staff have been hard at work every day ensuring our students will have a safe school to return to in the fall. And I cannot fail to mention how proud I am of the students at Leyton. Our students have been working with teachers in Zoom meetings and completing their requirements for school as many of them are meeting family and work obligations in addition to school work.

Our students at Leyton High School have been recognized for accomplishments during the winter sports season. Please join me in congratulating their accomplishments as you see them.

NCPA Academic All	State	MAC All Conference Basketball			
Girls Basketball	Speech	Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball		
Maddy Watchorn	Alyson Holt	1 st team	1st Team		
Megan Ernest	Hannah Vath	Maddy Watchorn	Zackry Henke		
Boys Basketball	Wrestling	Ella Draper			
Zackry Henke	Brenton Abbott	2 nd Team	Honorable Mention		
Dominick Russ		Sage Rummel	Dominick Russ		
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In addition, Brenton Abbott has been selected to serve on the NSAA Student Advisory Committee for the next two school years. Brenton is one of 20 students across Nebraska who will serve on this committee. According to the NSAA website, the Student Advisory Committee helps to promote the mission of the NSAA, encompassing leadership, sportsmanship and integrity. Congratulations Brenton!

An important notice for the upcoming school year is that the NSAA has made modifications to the Pre-Participation Physical requirements to participate in activities in response to the Covid-19 situation. Next year, the only students needing a physical on file at school will be all Freshman who wish to participate in NSAA activities, all 7^{th} grade students and 6^{th} grade boys who wish to participate in Junior High Sports.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns call the school or contact me at nick.brost@leytonwarriors.org.

Go Warriors!

Nick Brost

Agricultural Education Year in Review

As we approach the end of the school year, I am going to pass on a short summary of the past year in our department. Everyone involved in the Agricultural Education department realizes we have three parts to the program; classroom/lab, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and Leadership (FFA).

The Classroom/Lab portion of the program has seven different classes for students to choose from: Introduction to Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR), Natural Resource Systems class, Plant Systems class, Animal Systems class, Food Product and Processing Systems class, Agribusiness Systems class and I am responsible for the School-to-Work program the school has to offer. Introduction to AFNR has been learning about the leadership aspect of agriculture through the FFA. Knowledge about FFA, leadership skills to be learned by participating in public speaking by learning and presenting the FFA Creed. Students also have the privilege this year to learn about the SAE program and the changes that are being made in that program. We start with career exploration and I have learned what career interests the students have at this time in their high school career. We also looked at possible outside the classroom projects for the students to participate in this year. Through the other Agricultural Education classes, various topics were presented like wildlife care and management and the relationship between those concepts and production agriculture; plant anatomy and physiology; animal anatomy, physiology and feeding livestock; how different aspects of food contents can affect food taste, look and texture; and marketing crops. Lab work like dissecting pigs and conducting an experiment on how the amount of fat in meat affects the looks, taste and texture of the meat. As a side note, we also discussed how food looks may have an influence on how it tastes. The School-to-Work program has two students this second semester in which a lot of time was spent on filling out the application using proper grammar and punctuation, then typing a resume, letter of application and what a job interview looks like, which with the help of the business department, was an easier task for the students as they prepare to be released during 8th period for their jobs.

As mentioned in the Intro to AFNR class, the Supervised Agricultural Experience has gone through some changes in emphasis this past year. Now the concentration is on career education and job safety provided in the work area through job and occupational skills learned on the job or project. The students had to revisit some parts of the SAE project they have and the application for awards through FFA are starting to reflect these changes. Record keeping skills are still the main emphasis of the project.

This year the Leyton FFA Chapter tried some new activities such as Milk Quality and Cheese Identification contest, taking a group to the Nebraska State Fair and Husker Harvest Days. These activities and others help FFA with the goal of providing students for the opportunity of **premier leadership**, **personal growth and career success.** How did we accomplish these goals this year? For **premier leadership**, the officer team of; President - Alyson Holt, Vice President - Megan Ernest, Secretary - Sage Rummel, Treasurer - Ella Draper, Reporter - Raina Hartwig, Sentinel - Blake Miller, developed skills to lead the Leyton FFA chapter toward becoming a quality leadership program. This was done by having two State FFA Officers lead them through several activities to reflect how they will lead this organization, and their

expectations in their individual offices. All activities were committee driven giving everyone an opportunity for leadership skill development by being a committee chair, secretary or being an active member during the committee meetings. Leadership skills were developed in planning, implementing and evaluating activities like the BBQ/Auction, attending the Leadership Development event such as Employment Skills contest, Creed Speaking contest; and applying and interviewing for State FFA Degrees. Students learned about themselves and experienced personal growth by participating in workshops and sessions at the National FFA Convention. This experience also had moments of education going through an airport and some people don't take to traveling as well as others. CLEANUP IN VAN THREE, PLEASE. Members develop pride in themselves through helping at the Dalton Food Bank, which proved to be a challenge with all the other activities students are involved in. Being creative dressing up and the enjoyment of participating in driving a tractor to school during FFA Week. Career Success seemed to be the theme of our program this year through career development contests and witnessing different career choices at the State Fair and Husker Harvest Days. The chapter had five individuals compete at the Nebraska State Land judging contest this year in which Alyson Holt, Megan Ernest, Blake Miller and Brenton Abbott were part of the Western Area third place team to earn the right to go to the event. Holden Syverson qualified as an individual participant to be invited to this event in which we earned four ribbons for the students' efforts. As a chapter the members earned 24 individual ribbons and three team ribbons and one team plaque in various opportunities this past school year. If you hadn't noticed, they were on display on the FFA exhibit table by the concession stand during basketball games. The chapter also received a 3rd place for their float in the Dalton Fall Festival and Oktoberfest parades. To view the pictures of activities throughout the year go to the Leyton FFA facebook pages.

As the year ends and my career here at Leyton Schools winds down; I would like to thank everyone for the support they provided to starting this program, all the students who participated and made this program successful, and to the administration, faculty and staff for the support of getting a new program off to a successful start. It has been an adventure and I learned sooooo much going through this process. Thank you for this opportunity. Tracy Cooper



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Taking Care of "Business"

Business students have been up and running in full swing during this Covid-19 Pandemic. Here's a look into what they have been doing virtually.

Personal Finance students are exploring the insurance world and how they can share financial risk along with creating digital personal billboards for their "future" graduation date.

Buying or leasing a car and purchasing insurance are important financial decisions the Business Math students have been calculating.

When doesn't an Accountant need to know how to journalize transactions and post them to a general ledger in accurately keeping records? Accounting students are doing just that!

Promotion is a major factor in a business' success in this ever competitive economy we live in. Marketing students are creating displays and promotional materials for a business they would like to start as an entrepreneur.

In the world of on-line learning and working, what better skills to have than one of the top 5 wanted and needed in the work place? Information Technology students are strengthening their skills in using Excel, including using multiple sheets and creating charts, during this 4th quarter virtual learning experience.

Thank you students for your commitment and dedication to education, and thank you parents for your continued hard work and support throughout this virtual learning experience.

--Mrs. Craig ©



Congratulations Sage Maddy!



These two young ladies have successfully completed the Basic Nursing Assistant course (80 hours) and the Medication Aide course (40 hours) and passed the state certification exams!! These comprehensive programs require hours of dedication and specific requirements mandated in order to even qualify to take the exams. We can't say enough about our dedicated Warriors in their efforts to achieve their certification. We are so proud of Sage and Maddy in passing this monumental accomplishment!

Amy Henke, BSN, RN, CRCST Jung Henke BSN, RN, CRCST

IT'S TIME TO ORDER THE LEYTON K-12 YEARBOOK FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR!

Costs for this Year's Annual are the Same as Last Year: \$40.00 without a personalized name \$45.00 with a personalized name

Our yearbook deadline has been extended due to building closures and activity postponements. We will be able to include any school activities through June, if they are able to be held. Our ordering deadline is June 15, 2020. Delivery date is unknown at this time.

YOU WILL HAVE TWO OPTIONS FOR ORDERING:

PICK UP AT THE DALTON SCHOOL OFFICE

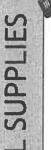
- 1. <u>Mail Order Option</u>: Please mail the order form at the bottom of this page with your money enclosed to the Leyton High School office:
 - Leyton High School, Attn: Yearbook-Christy Schumacher
 P. O. Box 297, Dalton, NE 69131
- 2. <u>Online Order Option</u>: Please access our Jostens Website to order, where there are options to make one payment or three installments:
 - The website address is: https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1058933/Leyton-High-School/2020-Yearbook/20200327041519593114/CATALOG_SHOP/

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Please <u>circle</u> your option for deliver		CHILD(REN):					

PICK UP AT THE GURLEY SCHOOL OFFICE



LEYTON ELEMENTARY/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES



KINDERGARTEN

- Set of 8 washable markers
- I regular backpack, labeled with student's name
- Regular sized pencils (no more than 5 at a time)
 - Soft eraser (no pencil top erasers)
 - 2 glue sticks
- 3 boxes of Dixie cups
- Paint shirt (old t-shirt is fine) 3 boxes Kleenex (250 count)
- Fiskars school scissors-pointed end
- 4 dry erase markers
 - 2 Crayons 24 count Pencil box

GRADE 1

- Please label everything w/name
 - 1 box sandwich bags
- 12 YELLOW #2 regular pencils with erasers
 - Crayons 4 boxes of 18 or 24 count
- 2 soft erasers
- 2 boxes of 12 colored pencil
 - 8 glue sticks
- box of Dixie cups
- 2 boxes Kleenex (250 count)
- dry erase markers
- Fiskars w/pointed ends Paint shirt (old t-shirt)
- Elmers glue (4 oz. or less)
- Pencil box (small)
 - 2 High lighters

GRADE 2

- 4 dry erase markers
- 2 Boxes of Crayons 8 & 24 count
- Washable Markers
- 24 #2 Wood pencils
- Pointed kid scissors 2 soft erasers
 - Headphones

- 2 boxes Kleenex (250 ct)
- 8 glue sticks
 - Book bag
- 3 boxes of snacks (nonperishable)
- 2 boxes Colored pencils (12 count)
 - Box of Dixie cups
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Red pens
- ½" binder

GRADE 3

- **Book bag**
- 2 wide-lined notebooks
- 1 Pencil box
- Crayons 24 count
- Markers 8 count
 - #2 pencils
- 2 soft erasers
- 2 boxes Kleenex (250 ct)
 - Fiskars w/pointed ends
- 8 glue sticks
- 2 pocket folders
- 4 oz. School glue white

4 dry erase markers

- 2 red ink pens
- 12 count colored pencils
 - twistables
- 1" 3 ring binder with pockets

GRADE 4

- 15 # 2 wood or mechanical pencils
 - 2 Soft erasers (such as pink pearl)
 - crayons
- pair scissors
- ONE Pencil box
- 4 ink pens

1 white glue bottle (4 oz.)

- 3 boxes Kleenex (250 ct)
- 30x of markers (at least 8 ct.) 6 pocket folders
- 7 spiral notebooks (wide ruled)

- 1 pkgs. 3 x 5 note cards
 - 8 dry erase markers
- Twistable colored pencils (at least 12 ct.)
 - One 1 inch 3 ring binder with pockets

(Fifth & Sixth grade and Junior High on back

*ALL STUDENTS

If your last name begins with: H-Z - Clorox wipes or similar A-G - 1 bottle hand sanitizer product.

*AN EXTRA PAIR OF **TENNIS SHOES FOR** INDOOR USE ONLY IS REQUIRED



LEYTON ELEMENTARY/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES



- #2 pencils
- Basic set of felt tip markers(at least 8 ct)
- Box of crayons (at least 24 count)
- Set of colored pencils (at least 32 ct)
- 2" ruler w/inches & centimeters
- white glue & 5 glue sticks
- boxes Kleenex
- notebooks
- 1" 3 ring binder (NO TRAPPER KEEPERS)
- 5 pocket folders
- 2-3 ink pens
- calculator
- portable non-electric pencil sharpener
- dry erase markers
- Please put your name on the inside of everything with permanent marker

- #2 pencils
- erasers
- Scissors (adult size)
- 12" ruler w/well-defined inches & centimeters
- 5 Glue sticks & 1 white glue
- 2 boxes 250 count Kleenex
- 4 notebooks (Please do NOT label)
- 2 pocket folders (Please do NOT label)
- Calculator
- 1 ½" 3 ring binder with pockets (NO Trapper Keepers)
- 4 colored ink pens (no black)
- Hand held pencil sharpener
- Small whiteboard eraser or rag to clean whiteboard
- (Continued on next column)

- 4 dry erase marker
- Colored pencils (at least 24 count)
- 2 highlighters (any color)
- Pencil box or bag

3 packages loose leaf paper

JUNIOR HIGH

- #2 pencils
- Red ink pens
- Blue or black pen
- Kleenex 250 count
- Colored pencils

6 spiral notebooks

- 5 folders
- 6 Book covers
- Erasers 2
- 2-3 Highlighter
- Locker shelf (suggested item)

* ALL STUDENTS

If your last name begins with:

A-L — 1 bottle hand sanitizer

M-Z – Clorox wipes or similar product

SHOES FOR INDOOR USE ***AN EXTRA PAIR OF TENNIS ONLY IS REQUIRED**

Lunch Delivery during Covid-19 Closure

This will be the last menu for the 19/20 school year. Please remember to call in to the high school (308-377-2301) by 6pm the day before to order your meal by the day, week, or month. You may also email krystal.borges@leytonwarriors.org to request meal delivery or to ask any questions about the program. Lunch delivery is open to all students currently enrolled in the Leyton Public School district. Currently, we are providing meals to 70 students. Menus are subject to change depending on distributer availability of some items. As always, delivery will be weather and health pending. Please look to our Facebook pages and the website for any changes to menus or delivery. Thank you!

Delivered 05/04/20

Monday Lunch (05/04/20): Mini corn dogs, broccoli salad, cookie, fruit, milk

Tuesday Breakfast (05/05/20): Waffles, bacon, juice, milk

Delivered 05/05/20

Tuesday Lunch (05/05/20): Soft shell taco, refried beans, churro, fruit, milk

Wednesday Breakfast (05/06/20): Cereal, Pop Tart, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/06/20

Wednesday Lunch (05/06/20): Smoke turkey croissant, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk

Thursday Breakfast (05/07/20): Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/07/20

Thursday Lunch (05/07/20): Goulash, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, milk

Friday Breakfast (05/08/20): PB&J, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/08/20

Friday Lunch (05/08/20): Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, corn, fruit, milk Monday Breakfast (05/11/20): Yogurt cup, granola, Pop Tart, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/11/20

Monday Lunch (5/11/20): Tater tot casserole, donut, green beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday Breakfast (05/12/20): Breakfast sandwich, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/12/20

Tuesday Lunch (05/12/20): Lasagna, peas, breadstick, fruit, milk

Wednesday Breakfast (05/13/20): Bagel, cream cheese, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/13/20

Wednesday Lunch (05/13/20): Chicken taco, black beans, rice, fruit, milk

Thursday Breakfast (05/14/20): French toast sticks, bacon, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/14/20

Thursday Lunch (05/14/20): Grilled cheese, potato salad, fruit, milk

Friday Breakfast (05/15/20): Yogurt cup, granola, Pop Tart, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/15/20

Friday Lunch (05/15/20): Breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes, corn bread, fruit, milk

Monday Breakfast (05/18/20): Cereal, Pop Tart, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/18/20

Monday Lunch (05/18/20): Breaded chicken sandwich, potato salad, fruit, milk

Tuesday Breakfast (05/19/20): Pancake on a stick, fruit, milk

Delivered 05/19/20

Tuesday Lunch (05/19/20): Enchilada, refried beans, churro, fruit, milk

Wednesday Breakfast (05/20/20): Breakfast sandwich, fruit, milk

Wednesday Lunch (05/20/20): Hamburger, baked beans, fruit, milk

Have a fun and safe summer break!!!

THANK YOU

COMMUNITY SHEPARDS

We would like to thank Community Shepards for their donation to our students lunch balances because of COVID-19.

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