

Leyton Warrior Newsletter

Leyton Public Schools, Dalton, NE-308-377-2301, Gurley, NE-308-884-2247

October, 2020



Above: 2020 Homecoming Royalty from Left to Right-2nd Attendants, Hannah Vath & Dawson Wiggins, King and Queen, Dominick Russ & Ella Draper, 1st Attendants, Zackry Henke & Sage Rummel. Crownbearers in front: Brityn & Whitlynn Boman. A Homecoming victory and 5-0 record for Senior Dawson Wiggins and the Warrior Football Team. Above Left-Below Right: Homecoming Week Fun.



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- Oct. 01 – FFA Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Oct. 02 – FB vs. Hitchcock Co. @ 6 pm - **HOME**
Oct. 05 – JH/JV ~ VB vs. Bayard @ 5:30 pm -**HOME**
Oct. 06 – Senior ACT
Oct. 06 – V ~ VB Triangular @ Creek Valley @ 4 pm – **Bus-2:30 pm-Eric**
Oct. 07 – FFA Alumni Meeting @ 7 pm
Oct. 07 – JH ~ VB/FB vs. Morrill @ 2 pm – **HOME**
Oct. 08 – FB @ Mullen @ 6 pm – **Bus-Bill-2 pm**
Oct. 08 – JV/V ~ VB @ Mullen @ 3 pm – **Bus-Jennifer-11:30 am**
Oct. 10 – JH ~ MAC VB @ Garden Co. @ 10 am – **Bus-Jennifer-8:30 am**
Oct. 12 – BOE Meeting
Oct. 12 – Professional Development /Parent Teacher Conferences (No classes for students)
Oct. 14 – JH ~ VB @ Banner Co. @ 2 pm – **Bus-Kevin-12:15 pm**
Oct. 15 – End of 1st Qtr.
Oct. 16 – FALL BREAK – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 16 – FB vs. Garden Co. @ 7 pm – **HOME**
Oct. 17 – MAC V ~ VB - South Platte @ 10 am – **Bus-Eric-8 am**
Oct. 20 – V ~ VB Triangular Tournament @ 4 pm – **HOME**
Oct. 21 – JH ~ VB/FB @ Garden Co. @ 1 pm – **Bus-Kevin-11:15 am**
Oct. 22 – 1st Rnd FB Playoffs
Oct. 25 – School Board Forum @ Dalton Gym
Oct. 26-27 – VB Sub Districts – **Bus-Jennifer-TBA**
Oct. 30 – 2nd Rnd FB Playoffs
Oct. 31 – JH Wrestling @ Banner Co. @ 9 am – **Suburban-7 am**
Oct. 31 - VB District Finals – **Bus-Jennifer-TBA**
Oct. 31 – Halloween
Nov. 5- JH Wrestling @ Gordon-Rushville (MS) @ 1 pm – **Suburban-10:15 am**
Nov. 5-7 – State Volleyball
Nov. 09 – BOE Meeting
Nov. 10 – JH Wrestling @ Sidney @ 4 pm – **Suburban-3 pm**
Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Nov. 12 – JH Wrestling @ Hemingford @ 10 am – **Suburban-8 am**
Nov. 13 – FB Semi Finals
Nov. 16 – Start of Winter Practices
Nov. 20 – JH Wrestling @ Morrill @ 9 am – **Suburban-7 am**

~ **HAPPY FALL** ~ **HAPPY FALL** ~ **HAPPY FALL** ~ **HAPPY FALL** ~ **HAPPY FALL** ~



****ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

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Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Request for the 2020-2021 School Year
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
September 10, 2020
Immediately Following the Budget Hearing

The Leyton Board of Education met Thursday, September 10, 2020 following the Budget Hearing in the High School Multipurpose Room. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted at Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH School, at various businesses in the community and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on August 24, 2020. Publicized notice of the meeting was printed in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on September 2, 2020. Said postings gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. Board President Jed Benish called the hearing to order at 7:57 P.M.
 - 1.1. ROLL CALL
 - 1.1.1. The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, and Anne Rexroth. Absent: None.
 - 1.1.2. The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary.
2. PROPOSED TAX REQUEST
 - 2.1. Mr. Benish read the proposed tax request. Mr. Geary announced that valuations as a whole had gone down. Therefore approximately \$0.04 was needed to increase, just to cover the difference in the valuations from the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Benish then turned it over for public comment.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - 3.1. Public Comments were heard from Earl Reilly, Suzy Ernest, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher, Dennis Peters, Lisa Carter, Rob Rushman, Russ Rushman, and David Dye. Concerns included comparison of other school districts in levy request and enrollment size; that expense decisions sometimes need to be made based on "need" vs. "want"; and that the tax request had been consistent for many years and now there has been a big increase the last two years. Questions asked included 1) What is our total enrollment? And the breakdown by site? 2) Is the increase in the levy due to teacher raises and/or the addition of staff? 3) Are SPED costs reimbursed and by how much? 4) Are bills reviewed by Board members? 5) Does the Board do advance planning or have a three year plan? and 6) What percent of the budget is teacher salaries and benefits? Most of these questions were answered by the Board with a few items to be researched. A few patrons were in support of the tax request and added that high expenditures happened in earlier years and no one complained at that time; that we can't let these buildings go into disrepair; and that even if we had not built the track, the Board would still need the same levy, as those monies were in different funds.
4. MEETING ADJOURNED
 - 4.1. Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to adjourn the hearing at 8:31 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.



Ryan Borges, Board Secretary



Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for the 2020-2021 School Year
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
September 10, 2020
7:00 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Multipurpose Room. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted at Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH School, at various businesses in the community and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on August 24, 2020. Publicized notice of the meeting was printed in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on September 2, 2020. Said postings gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. Board President Jed Benish called the hearing to order at 7:00 P.M.
 - 1.1. ROLL CALL
 - 1.1.1. The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, and Anne Rexroth. Absent: None.
 - 1.1.2. The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary.
 2. BUDGET PROPOSAL
 - 2.1. Mr. Benish read the budget proposal and Mr. Geary provided a brief overview of the budget, including a comparison with the prior year's budget. Mr. Geary noted that the meeting notice had been posted in various locations on August 24th and in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on September 2nd. He stated that twenty copies of the budget were available at the meeting as well as some that were emailed by request. Mr. Geary added that the published budget would need to be amended to reflect cash reserve balances in the Employees' Benefit Fund, the Activity Fund, and the Nutrition Fund; but that the overall numbers would remain the same. He further compared the General Fund expenses over the past six years and showed that the 2019-2020 expenditures had gone down from the previous year. He discussed that our District averages \$300,000 per month in expenses and that the NDE likes to see schools have at least three months in reserve. Mr. Geary stated that our District meets that threshold going into the new budget year. Mr. Benish then turned it over for Public Comment.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - 3.1. Public Comments were heard from Dani Van Anne, Dennis Peters, Rol Rushman, Russ Rushman, Rob Rushman, and Jim Ernest. Items of concern included the money that was spent on the track project; that expenses are staying the same for fewer students; and that the Depreciation Fund is down from previous years. Questions asked included: 1) What other expenses are planned for the Building Fund besides the science room remodel project? 2) What were administration costs from last year and the amount of increase? 3) What are the costs per pupil? and 4) Is there too much staff or administration? Board replied to most of the comments while a few items will need to be researched.
4. MEETING ADJOURNED
 - 4.1. Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the hearing at 7:51 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise and Henke. 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
September 14, 2020 – 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met on Monday, September 14, 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 September 8, 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 7:32 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, HS Principal Nick Brost, and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: None.

1.3 COMMUNICATIONS/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There were no communications. The Board and all visitors stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

2.1 Motion by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mrs. Rexroth to recess at 7:34 p.m. to wait for a patron to arrive who wished to address the Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES: Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO: None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

2.2 Motion by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mrs. Rexroth to return to regular session at 7:37 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES: Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO: None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

2.3 Kevin Tretter addressed the Board as to why his children are being homeschooled this year. His decision was not based on COVID, but rather the actions of an individual. He learned this summer from a former Leyton graduate that an educator had provided alcohol and had inappropriate relations with them while they were a student. Mr. Tretter encouraged the Board to look into this matter and speak with all graduates but specifically students from 2004-2007.

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

STUCO President, Zac Henke, and Vice-President, Brenton Abbott, addressed the Board on student activities. Zac recapped some of the STUCO activities that were implemented last school year including open campus lunch on Fridays, weekly bulletins to students, having two dismissal bells for lunch, student involvement in the hiring of teachers, and swing dance lessons. They've had several meetings this year, elected officers, and finalized Homecoming activities. Homecoming Week will be September 21st – 25th and includes themed spirit days, a bonfire, a parade, and a dance.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Rexroth presented the Budget report. The Budget Committee has met and reviewed the budget documents and recommends the proposed budget and tax request of \$0.898887.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

Irma Rios, K-12 SPED Teacher, addressed the Board by having them participate in an activity with other patrons. Everyone was given several cards and they had to match up with someone in the same grade level; the same disability; and finally the same kind of help. Their final item was a Band-Aid. Mrs. Rios described how hard it is to teach so many individual skills to a wide variety of age groups and disabilities and that there isn't one plan for all students. She referred to herself as the one little "Band-Aid" trying to fix everything. She asked the Board to consider hiring a para for the high school and the elementary to help her with the students.

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended a Return to School Committee meeting, driver safety training, HAL plan and funding webinar, two MDTs, three IEPs, and meetings for administration, SPED, ESU Title 1C and 504. She also held/hosted the kindergarten graduation, 8th grade promotion, a Leyton mentor meeting, a behavioral professional development, and weekly staff meetings. Mrs. Morgan led the curriculum map discussion at the teacher in-service, continued to review and edit the Year-at-a-Glance documents, and completed lockout/fire drills and a bus evacuation. She worked with Mrs. Rios to complete SPED indicators 11/12 with the NDE and started MTSS process at the elementary, led by Ms. Primm. She stated that formal Danielson evaluations will begin on September 22nd.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended meetings for administration, the MTSS team, teacher mentors, an IEP, and MAC Conference ADs. He facilitated a student 504 team meeting, scheduled Fall NWEA MAP testing for September 21st – October 15th, and met with Sheyenne Meadows of NDE on the HAL program. He also completed lockout drills and a bus evacuation at the high school. Mr. Brost announced that Homecoming is scheduled for the week of September 21st-25th. He also stated that there has been successful implementation of the "Warrior Period" during the school day as time for study hall, guidance, enrichment and eligibility work.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 CONTRACT DAYS

Mr. Geary completed 18.5 days in August for his 2020-2021 contract, plus an additional 28 hours.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary had meetings with the Budget Committee to finalize the proposed budget based on certified valuations; with NSAA Student Representative, Brenton Abbott, to discuss his meeting and ideas for our school; and with Pam Brezenski, our ESU SPED Director, to review planning for the year. He also attended meetings for administration, MAC Conference Superintendents, ESU Superintendents, HAL, and the Leyton Foundation.

4.6.3 CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mr. Geary stated that patches have been made on the track and we are still waiting on other minor repairs.

4.6.4 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary reviewed the action items including changes to policies #3028; #4040; #6007 and #6008. He also reported that the Board would like clarification from the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission regarding conflicts of interest in small school districts where, often, board members are related in various way to employees at school. The school attorney drafted a query to address this concern.

4.6.5 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary congratulated our district staff for receiving the ALICAP safety award. Our trainings and their attention to detail have kept us all safe and as a result qualify our district for a significant discount on our insurance premium. He emailed the board a copy of our ALICAP inspection and said that Ken Navratil visited both sites and was pleased with what he found. Mr. Geary stated that we received a significant incentive for our use of the Distance Learning (DL) system, however, continuing availability of these funds is uncertain at this time. He added that at the Budget Hearing, he had suggested that we would need to amend the published Budget to show cash reserves in the Employee Benefit, Activity, and Lunch funds. Mr. Geary visited with Janice Eret at NDE and was told that it wasn't necessary to change it; it was fine as it was published.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

- 5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to recognize Brenton Abbott for being an NSAA State Representative; to Pam Brezenski, Jessica Broderick, Pam Uhl and Cassie Challburg for assisting us with ideas for transitioning kindergarten students; to Allie Primm for leading MTSS; to the elementary/junior high staff for their flexibility and willingness to work as a team in order to get our students in school and keep them here; to Coach Gamble and Coach Lipska for helping paint the lines on the football field at the high school; to the volleyball and football teams with a successful start to their seasons; to the maintenance and custodial team in the district for the extra work they have put in to help keep our facilities clean and sanitized for our students to start the school year; and to the football team for their patriotism at their first home game and their sportsmanship with the opposing team. 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
Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 10, 2020, the Special Board Meeting on August 17, 2020, and the Budget Hearing and Tax Request Hearing on September 10, 2020. Mr. Bartling noted that the minutes from August 10, 2020 should be corrected in Ms. Boggess' address to the Board from 74 days to 54 days. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS
Motion by Bartling, seconded by Borges to approve reports presented at this meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS
- 5.5.1 Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.5.2 Motion by Borges, seconded by Henke to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.6 APPROVAL OF POLICIES
- 5.6.1 Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve Policy #3028 (Sex Offenders) as amended. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.6.2 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to approve Policy #4040 (Employment Terms for Classified Staff) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.6.3 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve Policy #6007 (Senior Recognition) and Policy #6008 (Class Rank). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Cruise. VOTING NO – Borges. MOTION CARRIED: 5-1.
- 5.7 APPROVAL OF NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OPINION
- 5.7.1 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to request an advisory opinion from the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission regarding potential conflicts of interest when determining compensation for school district employees. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.8 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION
Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve, with regret, the resignation of Krystal Borges as the Lawn Care provider for Leyton Public School and to thank her for her hard work and doing as much as she did. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. ABSTAIN – Borges. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

- 5.9 APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY RECYCLING
Motion by Cruise, seconded by Henke to approve the disposal of excess technology equipment as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.10 APPROVAL OF THOMPSON INVESTIGATION REPORT
Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to accept and approve the investigative report from Tim Thompson made in response to a complaint against a school employee. Mr. Benish read summaries of the report and advised patrons that copies were available for them to review it in its entirety. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.11 APPROVAL OF FURTHER ACTION
Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to take no further action regarding the complaint against a district employee. Mr. Borges questioned if the Board could even vote on this as they were indirectly named in the complaint. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – Borges. MOTION CARRIED: 5-1.
- 5.12 APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT
No motion was made to indemnify Mr. Chris Geary for attorney fees.
- 5.13 APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 BUDGET
Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve the 2020-2021 Budget as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.14 APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 TAX REQUEST
Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to approve the 2020-2021 Tax Request as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.15 APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS
- 5.15.1 Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to approve the Classified Employee Contract for “Exempt” employees. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.15.2 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve the Classified Employee Contract for “Non-Exempt” employees. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: October 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:47 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 Public Schools - Payable Journal - September 2020

7 Mindsets	Counselor Curriculum	\$ 4,750.00	KSB School Law	Legal Services	\$ 4,473.50
Jill Bartling	Supplies	\$ 23.37	Lighthouse Electrical	Materials/Labor-Kitchen	\$ 543.93
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 540.57	Marick's Waste Disposal	Trash	\$ 130.00
Krystal Borges	Mileage	\$ 69.00	Matheson	Supplies	\$ 91.84
Leo Bowen	Mileage	\$ 1,627.83	Mobius Communications	Repair Phone Line	\$ 223.64
Heather Bowen	Mileage	\$ 279.74	Dana Morgan	Mileage	\$ 49.45
Bridgeport Newsblade	Advertising	\$ 85.50	NASB	Workshop & Meeting	\$ 125.00
Nick Brost	Mileage	\$ 192.05	NE Council of School Admins	Web Ed-Brost, Geary, Kruse	\$ 450.00
Capital Business	Copiers	\$ 1,205.63	Nebraskaland Tire	Van-Tie Rod, Brake, Align	\$ 1,453.20
Cardmember Services	Miscellaneous	\$ 5,107.90	Shawn Oakes	Mileage	\$ 62.10
CEV	Ag Curriculum	\$ 1,150.00	Performance Automotive	Temco Trailer	\$ 1,800.00
Cline, Williams, Wright	Legal Services	\$ 7,025.80	Peterson's LLC	Supplies	\$ 44.20
Cranmore Fire Protection	Supplies	\$ 60.00	Allie Primm	Mileage	\$ 41.40
Dalton Telephone	Telephone	\$ 571.76	Irma Rios	Mileage	\$ 24.15
DP Electronics	Labor-Scoreboard	\$ 150.00	Scholastic, Inc.	Magazines	\$ 721.58
ESU #13	Services	\$ 3,739.31	Sidney Regional Med Center	OT Services	\$ 116.60
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 702.86	Sidney Sun Telegraph	Publications	\$ 619.96
Juliah Fort	Supplies	\$ 17.48	Sparq Data Solutions	Software	\$ 1,800.00
Cody Gamble	Mileage	\$ 62.10	Townsend Press	E-Books	\$ 150.78
Chris Geary	Mileage/Phone	\$ 203.50	Triple O's	Supplies	\$ 56.98
Great American Financial	Copiers	\$ 339.00	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 689.13
Gurley Diesel	Labor-Oil Changes	\$ 453.32	Voyager Sopris	Testing	\$ 60.00
Amy Henke	Mileage	\$ 44.85	Wheat Belt	Utilities	\$ 5,718.49
Faith Jones	Mileage	\$ 24.15	Young's Plumbing	Parts/Labor-HVAC unit	\$ 863.10
Koke's NAPA	Supplies	\$ 299.98			
	Column Total	\$ 28,725.70		Column Total	\$ 20,309.03
				Monthly Total	\$ 49,034.73

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
September 17, 2020 – 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met on Thursday, September 17, 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 September 15, 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 7:31 p.m.

1.2 ROLL CALL

1.2.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, and Anne Rexroth. Absent: Ryan Borges.

1.2.2 The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary.

1.3 COMMUNICATIONS/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There were no communications. The Board and visitors stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 REGULAR AGENDA

2.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Henke, seconded by Bartling to excuse Ryan Borges from tonight's meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

2.2 APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Benish stated that the Board members had requested this special meeting as there was some confusion about the motion at the last meeting. He read Section 16 of Mr. Geary's contract regarding legal action. Mr. Benish also asked Mr. Geary questions from Mr. Borges who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Geary answered those questions. Mr. Benish added that there may be more charges in the future, but this concludes the complaint investigation by Tim Thompson's office. There were no further questions or discussion.

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Cruise to indemnify Chris Geary for attorney fees in the amount of \$7,025.80 pursuant to Section 79-516 and Mr. Geary's employment contract as Mr. Geary was made a party to a threatened, pending, or completed administrative or investigative proceeding, he incurred fees in connection with the proceeding, and he acted in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the school district. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

3 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Benish apologized that this motion didn't happen at the last meeting and that everyone had to come back for a second night. He has received several questions regarding the last meeting and encouraged patrons to visit with Mr. Geary if they have concerns about this motion or the policies that were revised on September 14, 2020.

3.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: October 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

4 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:40 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Colleen Cruise, Board Treasurer



Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary



Superintendent Notes; October 2020

It's already October! Wow...time flies. There is much learning happening at Leyton Schools. I enjoy my monthly walks through the halls and classrooms observing the outstanding work of our students and teachers. The school year is in full swing and things are progressing nicely.

I'm so incredibly proud of our staff and students with respect to COVID. We have continued to do our best to clean and sanitize our facilities (Thank you Mark, Bruce, and Jacob – and teachers), we are practicing social distancing when we can, and we are paying close attention to hand washing. As a result, we have not had any cases of COVID at Leyton. Thank you, also, to our parents, for ensuring that our students understand the importance of being safe and doing what we can to limit the spread of the virus.

This fall, Leyton will be participating in the SFSP (Summer Food Service Program), an extension of a grant allowed by the Department of Agriculture. This program aims to reduce the impact of COVID on our families by providing meals to all students at no charge. Students will continue to incur charges for seconds, extra milk, and additional entrées. This program began September 14 (but was retroactive to September 1) and will continue until December 21, 2020 or until funding is exhausted.

The Nebraska Department of Education will be conducting a survey regarding home internet access for students in the entire state. The goal is to better understand the needs of students as it relates to remote learning. I remain hopeful that we will NOT be required to go to remote learning in the 2020-2021 school year. However, we will be required to collect this data for the Department. Mrs. Haley, our Technology Coordinator, will be contacting each and every family to get your answers to about five questions. The information will ONLY be shared with the Nebraska Department of Education and Leyton Public Schools. Thank you for helping us help the families in our district by better understanding what we need to provide for high-quality remote instruction, should that become necessary in the future.

Leyton recently participated in another grant through Panhandle Public Health District to test for lead in the water at our elementary site in Gurley. I'm pleased to report that we collected 15 water samples in Gurley and EVERY sample was well below the acceptable limit of 15 units. Many samples were close to 1 unit, and some were so low they didn't even register.

Finally, I'd like to invite all interested parties to consider being "The Voice of the Warriors." I continue to be the announcer for football games, and will continue until a community volunteer is found – I am simply filling in on an as needed basis. I will gladly hand you the microphone! This job is for football, basketball, and track (Home contests only)! If you'd like to be the one everyone hears on the PA, give Mr. Brost a call at school, 377-2301.

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Chris

A Message from Mrs. Morgan

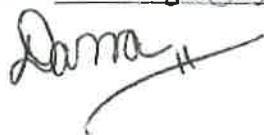
We have been very busy getting back into our routines in the elementary/junior high building for the 2020-2021 school year. As we continue to make adjustments to our everyday routine, please provide us with suggestions that you feel will aid our educational process. As the weather begins to cool down, please remember that our students go out daily. Please make sure that your son/daughter has a jacket for those cooler mornings. As we head into the fall, we will begin our MAP testing. Grades kindergarten through eighth grade will begin testing the final two days of September and run through the first two full weeks of October. These tests will help us determine any learning loss that our teachers need to address using the learning continuum tool in MAP. During parent/teacher conferences on October 12, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's MAP scores, progress, and plan for moving forward. Please help us help your child by making sure your child has plenty of rest. Thank you!



We have three new staff members in the elementary/junior high building this year and I would like to introduce them to you. From left to right, we have Julia Fort. Julia is a new SPED teacher working with students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade. Next is Amy Neumann. Amy is a student teacher working under the expertise of Mrs. Murray in third grade. As Amy completes her student teaching in third grade, she will then move to fifth grade until November. Finally we have Jamie Thompson. Jamie is our new kindergarten teacher. We are so honored to have three talented teachers to work with our staff and students. Please welcome these ladies when you see them out and about at community events and sports activities.

Important dates to remember: Beginning September 29-October 15, MAP Testing; October 5, JH/JV~VB vs. Bayard @ 5:30 (Home); October 7, JH~VB/FB vs. Morrill @ 2:00 (Home); October 10, JH ~ MAC VB @ Garden Co. @ 10:00 am; October 12, Parent/Teacher Conferences; October 16, Fall Break~No School.

As always, if you need to speak with me for any reason, please don't hesitate to call the school at 308-884-2247 or email me at dana.morgan@leytonwarriors.org. Happy Fall! © Dana Morgan, Your K-8 Leyton Principal



October 2020

High School Principal/AD Newsletter

Dear Leyton Families,

We are quickly approaching the end of the fall season. At Leyton we already have an outstanding number of students involved in activities and we believe that students who are involved in activities, whether it be athletics or fine arts, tend to do better in their classes. Please encourage your student(s) to be involved in our activities we offer. When students are involved in activities, they learn respect, discipline, communication, reliability, plus many other life-long skills. Activities your child can be involved in besides athletics at Leyton are Band, Choir, Fine Arts Club, FFA, Speech, One Act, Quiz Bowl and eSports. eSports is a new program this year at Leyton High School where students meet after school 2 to 3 times a week to practice gaming and compete in tournaments with other schools across Nebraska. If your child is interested in joining our eSports team, please contact Mr. Haley.

We have some important assessment dates coming up at Leyton. The Fall NWEA MAP testing window is from September 21st through October 15th. The MAP test is an adaptive test, which means each student gets a unique set of questions based on their responses. It is designed to find the students' current level of achievement in Language, Reading, Math, and Science. Students are able to take the MAP test three times a year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). Any student who is concerned with the results of their Fall MAP test can begin receiving supplementary instruction using Edgenuity immediately to help close the achievement gap. Another important assessment date on the calendar this fall is Senior ACT testing day. The date for Leyton's ACT test for seniors is October 6th. This is a make-up test due to the Covid-19 interruptions last spring.

The cooler weather of fall seems to have set in and snow will be falling soon. The elementary/JH students who wait for the bus at the high school are not allowed in the building until supervision is provided at 7:15am. Please plan accordingly.

As we continue through the school year, if misunderstandings and disagreements occur between your student and their teacher or coach it is important to follow the complaint procedure as outlined in the student handbook. As good communication helps resolve many misunderstandings and disagreements the first step is for the complainant to speak directly to the person with whom the complainant has a concern. In most cases, this means your student should discuss the situation with the teacher or coach. If the initial meeting does not resolve the conflict, the student would address the concern to the building principal and/or activities director. The complete complaint procedure policy (Board Policy #2006) can be found in the student handbook or on the Leyton website.

Stay Safe, and Go Warriors!

Nick Brost

Counselor's Corner

Ms. Primm

How to Help Kids with Cyber Bullying

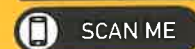
- Reassure your child that you love and support him or her.
- **Sign off the computer, tablet, or phone:** Ignore the attacks and walk away from the cyber bullying.
- **Don't respond or retaliate:** Bullies want a reaction, so don't let them know their plans worked.
- **Block the bully:** Remove this person from your friends list. You can also delete messages without reading them.
- **Save and print the messages:** If the bullying doesn't stop you can show a teacher or parents.
- **Talk to a friend:** When someone makes you feel bad it can help to talk it over with a kind friend.
- **Tell a trusted adult:** Telling an adult isn't tattling, it's standing up for yourself and potentially stopping the bully from hurting someone else.



Spread Kindness Like Confetti

- Give compliments to people you don't usually talk to.
- Hold the door for others.
- Thank parents, veterans, teachers, etc.
- Donate food and clothes to local pantries.
- Leave change in a vending machine.
- Leave chalk messages in your neighborhood.
- Leave a homemade bookmark in a library book.
- Visit nursing home residents.
- Offer to help an elderly friend, neighbor, or relative.

Don't forget to read more updates for all ages from "The Counselor's Corner" on our school website.



Money due @ time of Order... Due by Oct. 9

2020 Leyton FFA Fundraiser - Money goes towards chapter leadership activities
Please fill out 1 sheet per customer..

- Can email orders to Miss Waz, monica.wasielewski@leytonwarriors.org

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Student _____

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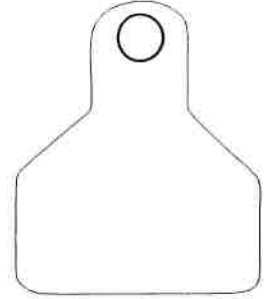
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Keychain Full color rectangle or calf tag \$5

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Christmas ornament full color or leather \$5

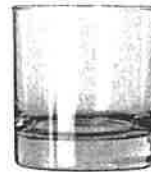
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Help Boost Kids' Safety, Privacy, and Security

When kids start to go online, whether they're playing multiplayer games, using educational apps, or just following their curiosity on Google, it's important that they understand the basics of online privacy and safety. With some general guidelines around what information is and isn't OK to share, and some help from parents when they're unsure, kids can have fun and learn a lot in the digital world.

Check out these 5 tips 

1

Discuss personal vs. private info.

Talk about the difference between what's OK to share online (favorite color) and what's not (home address).

2

Use privacy settings.

Together, go through the settings on all new apps to make sure you both know what information your kids are sharing. Especially in the beginning, it's better to share very little.

3

Avoid location tracking.

Location-aware apps can be super helpful. But apps that use a device's location to help people find your kid or offer them ads for nearby businesses should be used with caution. Turn them off if you can.

4

Power up passwords.

Work together with kids to help them come up with complex passwords. Think outside the dictionary. Use phrases and special characters that make passwords hard to guess but easy to remember. Remind kids to keep passwords private and change them regularly.

5

Skip quizzes.

Help kids identify and avoid clickbait, quizzes, special offers, and anything that asks for personal or private information. This helps keep information secure and devices safe.



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Mrs. Schumacher

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GRADES K-5 FAMILY TIPS: PRIVACY & SECURITY

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LEYTON ELEMENTARY PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCE

Oct. 12, 2020 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

GRADES K-6 SCHEDULES WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS AT A LATER DATE AND ALSO POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

7-8 GRADE PARENTS WILL MEET WITH THEIR STUDENT'S TEACHERS IN THEIR CLASSROOMS

Parents Online Access

If you would like to view your student's grades or health information.

We will set up your account and email your info for login and password back to you.

Gurley ~ Kathy Surber – kathy.surber@leytonwarriors.org

Dalton ~ Janella Kruse – janella.kruse@leytonwarriors.org

October

2020

Leyton Elementary/JH & High School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Happy Halloween!!

- Students must take at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable on their tray.
- Unlimited fruit and vegetables are offered daily.
- Flavored skim and 1% white milk is offered daily.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 B: Breakfast burrito L: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans	2 B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: HB or CB, onion rings
5 B: Pancakes, eggs L: Chicken alfredo flatbread, corn	6 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, muffin	7 B: Cereal, Pop Tart, toast L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup	8 B: Breakfast sandwich L: Pulled pork sandwich, roasted broccoli	9 B: PB & J L: Soft shell taco, refried beans, rice
12 NO SCHOOL	13 B: Pancake on a stick, tater tri L: Chili, cinnamon roll	14 B: French toast, bacon L: Breaded or spicy chicken sandwich, green beans	15 B: Cereal, Pop Tart, toast L: Beefy nachos, corn, churro	16 NO SCHOOL
19 B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: Ham slice, cheesy potatoes, cornbread	20 B: Bagel, cream cheese L: Lasagna, garlic bread, green beans	21 B: Breakfast sandwich L: Smoked turkey croissant, French fries	22 B: Waffles, bacon L: Chicken bacon ranch wrap, peas	23 B: Breakfast burrito L: Crisпитos, rice, corn
26 B: French toast, bacon L: Breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes, roll	27 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Baked potato or tot bar, muffin	28 B: Sausage patty, eggs, tater tri, toast L: Cabbage pocket, baked beans	29 B: Cereal, Pop Tart, toast L: Enchilada, black beans, rice	30 B: PB & J L: "Ghoul"ash, fingers (breadstick), Werewolf eyes (corn)

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SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Leyton Public School is looking for substitute route and activity bus drivers.
Applications may be picked up at the office in Dalton or Gurley.