

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 12, 2020 – 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met on Monday, October 12, 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 October 6, 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 7:30 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, HS Principal Nick Brost, and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: None.

1.3 COMMUNICATIONS/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A thank you from the Bridgeport Public Schools' Senior Football Moms was acknowledged. Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

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 reported that STUCO had held six official meetings regarding Homecoming activities and one unofficial meeting to write thank you cards. The winners of the Homecoming activities were announced: 1) Hallway Decorating - Sophomores; Sheet Decorating – Seniors; Float Decorating – Seniors; and Dress Up Contests - Seniors. Overall, the Senior class received the most points and will enjoy a pizza meal at a later time. STUCO worked concessions on September 25th with the help of the JH STUCO, who received a percent of the profit. Zac also reported that STUCO will be sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest beginning next week.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Mrs. Rexroth attended the NASB Virtual Membership Meeting. She said that it was very “viewer engaged” for a Zoom meeting and that several “A-Listers” presented.

4.2.2 Mr. Borges provided the minutes of the Technology Committee Meeting on September 21st. Access points were moved in the building to provide stronger signals to the classrooms and new access points were added in the gym to help live stream games and activities. It was noted that the A/C in the computer room in Gurley was not working properly and a service call was placed to work on it. The committee reviewed and approved purchases that needed to be placed by September 30th for the 2019-2020 REAP funds. I-pad replacements will be considered for the 2020-2021 REAP funds. The committee reviewed Policy #3439 (Drones) after Mrs. Schumacher asked about the use of drones as part of her classroom activities.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended numerous meetings including the HAL forum and JH STUCO officer speeches. She started the backpack program for the 20-21 school year and set up the K-6 Acadience database, entered scores, and printed reports for the teachers. She completed five formal teacher observation/evaluations, SafeSchools/Jason Foundation training videos and tests, and started the Title IX Decision Maker training. Mrs. Morgan also held an evacuation drill to the Gurley Community Hall. She reported that Parent-Teacher conferences were held earlier today

and that she would have attendance percentages available at the next meeting. Mrs. Morgan acknowledged all the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students for being academic eligible for six straight weeks – zero ineligible students so far this year.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended several meetings including an English Language Learners meeting with ESU #13, two Collaborative Plan meetings with the county attorney, and the JH MAC Volleyball Tournament. He administered the ACT test to the seniors and is in the process of conducting NWEA MAP tests at the high school. He noted that Mr. Matt Haley completed a FFA training to become a FFA-Partner; and therefore welding classes can now count as a FFA class. Mr. Brost reported that ineligibility is much better than it was for the same time period last year, reducing ineligibles by approximately 50% compared to last year. He contributed that success to the use of the "Warrior Period" and the MTSS team.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Geary congratulated both principals for having a successful 1st Quarter by reducing the number of students who were ineligible.

4.6.1 CONTRACT DAYS

Mr. Geary completed 21 days of his 2020-2021 contract in September, plus an additional 29 hours. For the first quarter, he completed 59.5 days and an additional 65 hours. He asked the Board to help him define a "working day". The current definition being used is 7-10 hours, including supervising activities and other duties as necessary, i.e. driving bus, etc.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended the ESU Superintendent Advisory Council and NRCSA West District meeting. He also attended the Technology Committee and the NASB Virtual Area Membership meetings. He reported that the DL bill has expired and that ESUCC is creating a video to highlight the value of Distance Learning. He filmed a segment with Andrew Eastman and will announce when the video is complete. Mr. Geary stated that his office time in Gurley is valuable as he is visible to the students and able to celebrate the teachers and support staff.

4.6.3 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary reviewed the action items including legislative changes to policies #2008; #3001; #3004.1, #4043, #5018 and #5067. He stated that in order to effectively "supplement, not supplant" regular district funding, the technology committee is recommending the purchase of items through REAP funding. Mr. Geary reported that Leyton will host the MAC One Act competition on November 17th and requested that there be no school for high school students only on that day. He noted that the COVID resolutions that were passed in March were never used and have expired. These resolutions can be terminated to make in clear that they are no longer in force.

4.6.5 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary noted that his evaluation will be an agenda item for the December meeting and that survey/evaluation forms for Board members will be distributed at the November meeting. He stated that negotiations will need to begin before the end of the month. Mrs. Rexroth and Mrs. Cruise are on that committee and will need to meet with the LEA to discuss a new Negotiated Agreement. The Board will be using a new software program from Sparq to input the information needed for negotiations. Mr. Geary provided a handout to show what property taxes pay for at the ESUs. He stated that the ESUs are able to hire the personnel that individual schools can't afford to hire, i.e. school psychologists, speech therapists, etc.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to recognize Mr. Dan Carlson for sharing his weather knowledge with the 5th grade students; to the September Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Sophia Luna, 1st-Kasen Miller, 2nd-Adyleigh Rushman, 3rd-Skylar Draper, 4th-Kennedy Roelle, 5th-Colt Van Anne, 6th-Madison Frerichs, 7th-Alec Watchorn, and 8th-Shawnee Gamble); to Kristin Kasten and Michelle Keszler for completing Acadience testing; to Jourdan Schumacher for picking up MAP snacks for our students; to Megan Rathman for assisting in the re-testing of Kindergarten and 1st grade in Acadience; to Ms. Cindy, Ms. Heidi, and Grandma Annie for always being so flexible with the schedule; to Coach D and the JH Girls' Volleyball team for winning the MAC Tournament; to the HS Student Council members, adviser and community members for all of their work in planning and facilitating activities during homecoming week; to the 11 first year STS students who have completed their five hours of OSHA certification; to the L-Club members who have volunteered to help host Junior High volleyball and football games; to Ms. Primm for assisting with the administration of the ACT test for seniors; to the E-Sports Team on their first win in Rocket League on September 23rd and their first Starcraft II team win on September 29th, and to Zander Schoolcraft who is currently ranked 3rd in the state for small schools. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 14, 2020 and the Special Board Meeting on September 17, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

5.5.1 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. Mr. Geary noted that the month-to-date and year-to-date reports will be available at the next meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

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

5.6 APPROVAL OF PROPERTY TAX RESOLUTION

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

5.7 APPROVAL OF 19-20 REAP EXPENDITURES

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

5.8 APPROVAL OF MASTER CALENDAR AMENDMENT

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Henke to approve NO SCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY on November 17, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.9 TERMINATIONS OF COVID RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Borges, seconded by Bartling to terminate COVID resolutions: "Emergency Expenditures and State or Federal Relief", "Return to Work Agreement, in Exchange for Leave During COVID-19 Closure", and "Board/Superintendent Authority". (See March 27, Special Board Meeting Packet.) ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10 APPROVAL OF POLICIES

5.10.1 Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to approve policy #2008 (Meetings) as amended. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10.2 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve policy #3001 (Budget) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10.3 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve policy #3004.1 (Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10.4 Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to table policy #4043 (Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships between Employees and Students) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10.5 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve policy #5018 (Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices) as presented. Mr. Geary noted that while this allows parents to opt their child out of the state assessments, the student will receive a zero on the test. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10.6 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve policy #5067 (Student Assistance Team or Comparable Problem Solving Team) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.11 The Board reviewed the District Safety Plan. No action was necessary.

5.12 The Board reviewed the Nebraska Accountability Disclosure Commission Opinion. No action was necessary.

5.13 APPROVAL OF NASB VOTING DELEGATE

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve Mrs. Rexroth as the 2020 NASB Voting Delegate. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.14 APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY RECYCLING

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

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: November 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Please note the winter time for this meeting and subsequent meetings through March 2021.

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:53 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary