

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 11, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

The Leyton Board of Education met on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 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 January 6, 2021. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Superintendent Chris Geary called the regular school board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

1.2.1 The Oath of Office was administered by Superintendent Geary and recited by all Board members.

1.2.2.1 Nominations were opened for President of the Board of Education. Mr. Wiedeman nominated Mrs. Ernest; Mrs. Rexroth nominated Mr. Bartling. Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to cease nominations for President of the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Ernest, Rexroth, Rushman, and Wiedeman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0. Secret ballots were cast with the Recording Secretary reading the final results: Ernest – 4; Bartling – 1; Abstain – 1. Mrs. Ernest was elected as President of the Board of Education. Mrs. Ernest, after assuming the office of the President, presided in the remainder of the meeting.

1.2.2.2 Nominations were opened for Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Rushman nominated Mr. Borges; Mr. Bartling nominated Mrs. Rexroth. Motion by Wiedeman, seconded by Borges to cease nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Ernest, Rexroth, Rushman, Wiedeman, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0. Secret ballots were cast with the Recording Secretary reading the final results: Borges – 3; Rexroth – 2; Abstain – 1. Mr. Borges was elected as Vice President of the Board of Education.

1.2.2.3 Nominations were opened for Secretary of the Board of Education. Mrs. Rexroth nominated Mr. Rushman. Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Wiedeman to cease nominations for Secretary of the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Ernest, Rexroth, Rushman, Wiedeman, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0. Secret ballots were cast with the Recording Secretary reading the final results: Rushman – 5; Abstain – 1. Mr. Rushman was elected as Secretary of the Board of Education.

1.2.2.4 Nominations were opened for Treasurer of the School Board. Mr. Borges nominated Mr. Wiedeman. Motion by Rushman, seconded by Rexroth to cease nominations for Treasurer of the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Rushman, Wiedeman, Bartling, Borges, and Ernest. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0. Secret ballots were cast with the Recording Secretary reading the final results: Wiedeman – 5; Abstain – 1. Mr. Wiedeman was elected as Treasurer of the Board of Education.

1.2.3 The following Committee Appointments were made by President Ernest:

Budget/Negotiations (3):	Ernest, Rexroth, Wiedeman
Building/Grounds (2):	Bartling, Rushman
Curriculum/American Civics (3):	Bartling, Rushman, Wiedeman
Safety (1):	Rexroth
Security/Crisis (1):	Borges
School Improvement (1):	Wiedeman
Transportation (1):	Borges
Technology (1):	Borges
Wellness (1):	Rexroth

1.3 ROLL CALL

1.3.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Ryan Borges, Suzy Ernest, Anne Rexroth, Rol Rushman, and Dave Wiedeman. Absent: None.

1.3.2 The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary, HS Principal Nick Brost, and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. Absent: None.

1.4 COMMUNICATIONS/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Communications were read from Cindy Reilly, Marla Davis, Becky Murray, Dana Morgan, Chris Geary, Kathy Surber, Mark Carley, Bruce Ernest, and Anna Faye Van Anne. 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

3.1 Sophomore Logan Bartling addressed the Board regarding his interest in having Bowling added as a NSAA winter sport for Leyton students. He discussed the schools that currently participate in Bowling as well as the 2020-2021 regulations. As of now, he knows of five students who are interested in participating and they could practice at Bowl Dog Lanes in Bridgeport. Board Member Bartling suggested that Logan look into Unified Bowling which is also sanctioned by the NSAA. This would allow co-ed teams as well as participation in other winter sports. There are a few schools in the Panhandle who participate in Unified Bowling. The Board asked Logan to do more research and report again next month.

3.2 K-12 Counselor Allie Primm addressed the Board regarding the recent trend of teenage vaping. She has met with Mr. Brost to develop an educational plan regarding vaping. This would include random drug dog searches, an assembly sponsored by PPHD, and vape detectors installed in areas where there are no cameras. Ms. Primm also welcomed the new board members and invited them to visit with staff members and ask questions.

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

STUCO President Zac Henke and STUCO Vice President Brenton Abbott addressed the Board on student activities. Brenton reported that STUCO held one official meeting since their last report. He provided the balances of their savings and CD accounts; and listed the final Homecoming expenses. He reported that STUCO promoted the "12 Days Before Christmas Break" activities and that nearly all students participated in the Secret Santa event. The STUCO hoodies should be done soon and they look forward to showing them at next month's meeting. A few ideas have been discussed such as installing a water-bottle fountain by the office, and improvements to the outdoor concession stand such as a cabinet/countertop, microwave, and popcorn popper. Brenton stated that the Warrior beanies are on their way and that they should be able to start selling them at the end of the month. STUCO is continuing with their shoe drive through January 15th and so far have sent off 91 pairs of shoes. Finally, the community corn hole tournament is tentatively scheduled for February 20th.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Bartling reported that the American Civics Committee had met earlier in the evening. The committee reviewed Policy #2002, social studies standards, Year-at-a-Glance documents on the website, public access, assessments and annual programs. The committee discussed that they would like to have more input and school involvement (K-12) in the Veteran's Day Program. Mr. Bartling added that the next committee meeting in June will be open for public comment.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended the elementary concert, the 8th grade holiday play, and the fourth – eighth grade spelling bee. She completed training modules for Title IX Decision Maker; collaborated with

Mr. Lipska and Mrs. Rathman on social studies assessment documents for the committee meeting; completed K-3 Reading Improvement Act requirements with Mrs. Rathman; and updated the library Destiny system with all K-12 student photos. Mrs. Morgan finished editing specials' YAG documents and posted them to the website.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended the NDE NSCAS Workday; NCSA Principal Seminar: Staff Evaluations; and basketball and wrestling contests. He participated in the NSAA District VI meeting and completed the KSB Title IX Coordinator Training. He also completed the fall sports program evaluations with head coaches. Mr. Brost rescheduled high school basketball games with Potter-Dix, South Platte, and Hemingford due to COVID. He reported that 100 percent of the high school students participate in an extra-curricular activity.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 CONTRACT DAYS

Mr. Geary completed 17.5 days in December plus an additional 11 hours. For the first half of the contract year he has completed 114.5 days and an additional 91 hours.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended the NSAA District IV meeting last week. He noted that two of the items discussed included the ACLU becoming more active in pressing for the elimination of Native American mascots; and a proposal that would allow home school students to participate in co-curricular activities at the district of their choice. He asked the Board if they would like to take an official stand on either of these issues and add it as an agenda item to next month's agenda. Mr. Geary also attended the PPHD and Governor meetings as COVID updates continue.

4.6.3 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary reviewed the action items including Board member training, science room remodel bids, Policy #5001 on attendance, and extending FFCRA leave that expired December 31, 2020. He discussed the District's Mission, Vision and the School Improvement Plan and reminded the Board that our accreditation review will be conducted in the spring of 2022.

4.6.5 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary recognized Mrs. Haley for completing the updates on the staff web pages. He added that the website renovation is almost complete. He discussed the 2021-2022 staffing plan and that they will be advertising for an elementary teacher soon. He also reported that the NASB Legislative Issues conference is February 1, 2021 and that NRCSA will have a Legislative Conference in March.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to recognize Mr. Oakes for a great holiday concert; to the Community Shepherds for their generous donations to twenty-one students' families; to the Ray Cottier Family for donating to our Needy Student Fund; to Carl Shaw for serving our students as Santa on December 18th; to the Villages of Dalton and Gurley for supplying every student and staff member with a goodie bag from Santa; to Jill Bartling for organizing the annual spelling bee; to PAC for sponsoring their annual Christmas store; to the December Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Whitlynne Boman, 1st-Leah Jenson, 2nd-Luke Florke, 3rd-Avery Adams, 4th-Cooper Benish, 5th-Auvi Cranmore, 6th-Claire Eckhardt, 7th-Halle Carter, and 8th-Tyler Jensen); to the Bridgeport Federation Wrestling Club for the donation of wrestling singlets and warmups to our wrestling team; to the winter activity coaches and sponsors for the extra time they spend working with our student athletes during the winter sports season; to all Leyton graduates who have earned post-secondary academic honors; and to our Fall Activity Season Award recipients (NCPA Academic All State:

Volleyball-Ella Draper, Courtney Holt; Football-Ethan Eckhardt, Jonathan Borges; Play Production-Katy Jones, Hannah Vath. Lincoln Journal Star All-State: Volleyball 1st Team-Sage Rummel; Volleyball Honorable Mention-Axi Benish, Ella Draper; Football Honorable Mention-Brayden Haley, Dominick Russ, Scout Gamble, Mason Reimers, Zackry Henke. Omaha World Herald All-State: Volleyball Honorable Mention-Sage Rummel, Axi Benish, Courtney Holt; Football Honorable Mention-Zackry Henke, Ethan Eckhardt, Brayden Haley, Scout Gamble.). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Wiedeman, Bartling, Borges, Ernest, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Borges, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 14, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Wiedeman, Bartling, Borges, Ernest, Rexroth, and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Wiedeman to approve Reports presented at this meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Ernest, Rexroth, Rushman, and Wiedeman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

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

5.6 BOARD TRAINING

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Borges to table the NRCSA Board Training on February 4th/6th, 2021 and to look at new dates at the end of February and coordinate training with other schools. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Rushman, Wiedeman, Bartling, Borges, and Ernest. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.7 SCIENCE ROOM RENOVATIONS

Mr. Rushman asked if this was for planning the science room remodel and Mr. Bartling responded that the plans were done last year and this is to bid out the project. Mr. Geary added that the plans are in his office and invited people to come in and review them. Motion by Bartling, seconded by Wiedeman to hire Hewgley and Associates to rebid the Science Room Renovations project for completion before August 15, 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rushman, Wiedeman, Bartling, Borges, Ernest, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 DISTRICT MISSION/VISION

The Board reviewed the District's mission and vision. No action required.

5.9 1000 SERIES POLICIES

The Board reviewed the 1000 Series Policies. No action required.

5.10 POLICY #5001

Discussion was held regarding the difference between "excused" and "unexcused" absences; and the responsibility of teachers/principals in student absences.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Wiedeman to approve Policy #5001 (Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism), but to delete #3 and #4 in the last section. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Wiedeman, Bartling, Borges, Ernest, Rexroth, and Rushman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.11 FCCRA LEAVE

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rushman to extend FCCRA leave until March 31, 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Ernest, Rexroth, Rushman, and Wiedeman. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.12 DISTRICT NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to appoint the superintendent as the District Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Ernest, Rexroth, Rushman, Wiedeman, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Ernest questioned Mr. Geary's report on staff for 2021-2022. She wanted to know why our FTE for teachers keeps going up, when they could possibly help cover other classes. For example, could the Title I teacher cover other classes. Mrs. Morgan responded that those teachers are needed full-time in their roles due to the individual student needs in the District as well as the K-3rd grade Reading Improvement Act requirements. Mrs. Ernest thanked Mrs. Morgan for her explanation.

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Wiedeman to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:28 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Ernest, Rexroth, Rushman, Wiedeman, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Rol Rushman, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary