

Proceedings of the  
Leyton Public Schools  
Cheyenne County School District #03  
Board of Education Meeting  
May 10, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
High School Multi-Purpose Room in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Suzy Ernest called the regular school board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The public was informed of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the multi-purpose room. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH, at various businesses in the community, and on the [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before Wednesday, May 5, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Ryan Borges, Lisa Carter, Suzy Ernest, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher, and Dave Wiedeman. Members absent: None. Also present were Interim Superintendent Chuck Bunner, Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan, HS Principal Nick Brost and Recording Secretary Janella Kruse. In addition, there were approximately sixty-five visitors.

STUCO President Zac Henke and Vice-President Brenton Abbott gave their final report on the concessions stand project. They stated that there were still Beanies and Bucket Hats for sale in the Dalton office. They also provided a review of service hours, school spirit hours, learning culture, and charitable fundraising that STUCO accomplished during the school year.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Carter to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting on April 12, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Rushman to pull out the bill for McHenry, Haszard, Roth; which will be on the June agenda; and approve all other bills and financial reports as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Public comments were heard from Mike Grant, Stuart Morgan, Dana Morgan and Barb Reimers.

REPORTS:

Mrs. Ernest reported that all board members attended the NASB Budget Seminar in Gering on April 7<sup>th</sup>; and that Rushman, Wiedeman, and Ernest attended the NASB New Board Member Training in Kearney on April 14<sup>th</sup>; while Schumacher and Carter attended the online training on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Borges reported that the technology committee had met on April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Alison Haley stated that during the meeting they discussed the five year continuous technology plan. She provided information on the technology purchase items to be approved later in the meeting. Mrs. Christy Schumacher provided additional comments regarding programs used in the classroom.

Mrs. Morgan presented the JH/Elementary Principal's Report and added that the Title I review was done with the NDE. She provided a copy of the monitoring review letter from Mr. Jim Kent, NDE Title 1 Consultant. Mrs. Morgan reported that the Curriculum Committee met and Mr. Wiedeman added that they reviewed curriculum for K-2 Phonics and HS Math.

Mr. Brost presented the HS Principal's Report including that our District recently hosted two track meets and they went very well.

Mr. Bunner presented the Superintendent's Report including information on grounds keeping, ESSER II and ESSER III funds, summer activities, school lunch prices, and the possibility of live streaming future Board

meetings. He reported that he received a letter, which he presented to the board, where an appeal was made to change the school's mascot and image. This request is being asked of other schools throughout Nebraska. Mr. Bunner discussed evaluation tools and reminded the board that his evaluation needed to be done before the end of his contract.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Borges to take a three minute recess at 7:52 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Wiedeman to go back in session at 7:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Schumacher to grant Special Recognition to the April Good Citizens (K-Whitlynn Boman, 1<sup>st</sup>-Easton Mousel, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Breckyr Cranmore, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Nora Jenson, 4<sup>th</sup>-Dillon Schmidt, 5<sup>th</sup>-Max Wiggins, 6<sup>th</sup>-Claire Eckhardt, 7<sup>th</sup>-Halle Carter, 8<sup>th</sup>-Ashley Serrato); to the JH track team and coaches for breaking several school and meet records this year; to the JH Best of the West winners (Zach Anderson, Zaili Benish, Shawnee Gamble, Ella Haley, and Macey Roelle) who also qualified for the JH State Track Meet; to Zaili Benish for being named Female Athlete of the Meet (Best of the West); to Mr. Oakes for his hard work in preparing the JH/HS music students; to the JH/HS choir and band for an amazing concert; to Ms. DeBlois and Mrs. Murray for allowing Banner County teachers to observe our Amplify Science Curriculum being taught; to PAC for breakfast and t-shirts during Teacher Appreciation week; to ESU's Kristin Kasten and Michelle Keszler for helping with Acadience testing/Eleot; to Glen Lipska for organizing and managing our home track meets; to the twelve new National Honor Society Inductees; to Mrs. Hansen for organizing the NHS induction ceremony and the Fine Arts Talent Showcase and for sponsoring both organizations; to the HS and JH track students for outstanding performances; to Ms. Wasielewski for hosting the annual FFA banquet; and to the NCPA Academic All State recipients for Spring Activities (Boys' Track-Chance Carter, Justin Ernest; Girls' Track-Axi Benish, Claire Watchorn; Golf-Peyton Abbott, Trenton Rushman; and Music-Ethan Eckhardt, Hannah Vath). Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the revision to Policy #2006 (Complaint Procedures) as amended. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Carter to approve, with regret, the staff resignation of Katie Winckler. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Carter to approve the hiring of Mrs. Marla Davis as a K-12 SPED teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Carter to approve the hiring of Mrs. Mackenzie Ivie as a 9-12 English teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Carter to approve a 3% wage increase for classified staff for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher to approve an overnight stay for District Golf on May 16, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Wiedeman to approve an overnight stay for State Track on May 18-19, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Carter to approve all technology purchases for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Schumacher to schedule a Board Retreat for June 28<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Schumacher to take Mr. Geary off of administrative leave as of May 24<sup>th</sup>; to overlap with Mr. Bunner until the end of his contract; and credit Mr. Geary for 101 days worked while on leave. There was no second; motion died.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Wiedeman to reinstate Mr. Geary effective immediately; to overlap with Mr. Bunner as needed and notify the Board in writing of the ending date; with credit for days served (92 ½ days). Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**TIME AND DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Leyton Board of Education will be Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room at Leyton High School in Dalton.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Carter, seconded by Wiedeman to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Janella Kruse  
Recording Secretary

Rol Rushman, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education