

Proceedings of the
Leyton Public Schools
Cheyenne County School District #03
Board of Education Meeting
August 9, 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 7:00 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 website on or before Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

Members present: Ryan Borges, Lisa Carter, Suzy Ernest, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher, and Dave Wiedeman. Members absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Chris Geary, Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan, and HS Principal Ryan Plummer. In addition, there were approximately forty-five visitors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

HEARINGS & PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARDS:

Public comments were heard from Liz Twarling, Jed Benish, Jennifer Eckhardt, Cary Linton, Dani Van Anne, Stuart Morgan, Rob Rushman, Ashley Brost, Sheena Jenson, Russ Rushman, and Hannah Buchert.

REPORTS:

Mr. Geary presented the Transportation Committee Report.

Ms. Carter presented the Budget Committee and the Wellness Committee Reports.

Discussion took place on the District's school law attorneys.

Mrs. Christy Schumacher presented the report on the Microsoft IT Initiative.

Mrs. Morgan presented the Elementary/JH Principal's report.

Mr. Plummer presented the High School Principal's report.

Mr. Geary presented the Superintendent's Report. He asked the Board for input on how to handle COVID issues such as masks, quarantines, and exposure since there are no current legal mandates.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Schumacher to grant Special Recognition to all of our students for their accomplishments in 4-H over the summer; to staff members for their extra work in coming in over the summer; to all the coaches who worked throughout the summer making the athletes better; to Glen Lipska and Cody Gamble for helping clean out the storage units at the football field; to Liz Twarling and Janella Kruse for helping with Mr. Plummer's transition into the high school; to Jacob Noel for his dedication in making sure that Leyton High School is clean and looking great; to Dana Morgan, Alison Haley, Mackenzie Ivie, and Amy Henke for giving LHS a little paint facelift; and to Chris Lind, Shirley Melton, T'Neal Lind, and Kathren McConnell for their hours of cleaning and organizing the high school kitchen in preparation for the new school year. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Carter to approve bills and financial reports from all funds as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Abstain: Schumacher. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Borges to approve cashing out the Building Fund CD and placing the funds into the regular Building Fund. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the classified staff wages as discussed with SPED paras starting at \$18.00 per hour and the Food Service Director to receive a \$4.00 per hour increase. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher to interpret Policy #5066, paragraph 2, to mean that a student, at the time of application, does not currently have a "D" or "F" and will meet graduation requirements. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

No action was taken on the proposed NDE Health Standards.

No action was taken on the SRO contract with Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Wiedeman, seconded by Carter to approve adult meal prices for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Breakfast, \$2.40; Seconds Breakfast, \$1.00; Lunch \$4.00; Seconds Lunch, \$1.30. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board received public input on Safe Return to Instruction. No action was taken.

The Board received public input on the ARP ESSER III Plan.

Mr. Schumacher asked to be excused. Motion by Rushman, seconded by Borges to take a short recess at 9:24 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Abstain: Schumacher. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Motion by Ernest, seconded by Rushman to return to general session at 9:32 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board continued to receive public input on the ARP ESSER III Plan. No action was taken.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Schumacher to approve the Superintendent as the official representative of the District for State and Federal forms. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Wiedeman, seconded by Borges to authorize the Superintendent to pay end of year bills for FY 20-21. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rushman to approve the Settlement Release, and Waiver of Claims Agreement with Jodi Craig for \$55,000.00. There was no second; motion died.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Schumacher to schedule the September regular board meeting for Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Budget Hearing: September 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Tax Request Hearing: September 2, 2021 – immediately following the Budget Hearing
3. Next Regular Meeting: September 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Rushman to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved by,

Respectfully submitted,

Rol Rushman, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Janella Kruse,
Recording Secretary