

Proceedings of the  
Leyton Public Schools  
Cheyenne County School District #03  
Board of Education Meeting  
February 14, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.  
High School Multi-Purpose Room in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ryan Borges called the regular school board meeting to order at 5:30 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, February 9, 2022.

Members present: Ryan Borges, Lisa Carter, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher, and Dave Wiedeman. Members absent: Suzy Ernest. Also present were Superintendent Chris Geary, Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan, and HS Principal Ryan Plummer. In addition, there were approximately twenty-five visitors.

There were no communications. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Rushman to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

STUCO Representative, Chance Carter, presented an Open Campus proposal to the Board. He stated that the benefits of open campus include students learning budgeting and time management skills, as well as supporting local businesses. The Board will have this as an agenda item at next month's meeting.

HS Teacher, Glen Lipska, addressed the Board regarding the Washington, DC student trip May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. He asked the board to consider providing bus transportation to and from the airport. The Board will have this as an agenda item at next month's meeting.

FFA students, Erin Daniels, Jaxson Benish, and Tyler Jensen reported to the Board about their trip to the Denver Stock Show on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

REPORTS:

STUCO President, Brenton Abbott, presented his report on STUCO activities and fundraisers.

Ms. Carter presented the Wellness Committee report from their January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. They reviewed the wellness policy, smart snacks and items for the vending machines.

Mr. Wiedeman presented the Curriculum Committee report from their January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. They are considering new math curriculum for next school year. In order to use ESSER funds the curriculum must meet the green approval rating. Other items discussed were Year-at-a-Glance documents on the website, the phonics program, and credit recovery.

Mr. Borges presented the Transportation Committee report and stated that there were bus repair issues and difficulties in finding vans to purchase. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. Geary to get an estimate on the bus repair, check on the transmission warranty, and to pay a finder's fee in searching for vans.

Mr. Rushman attended a NASB Legislative session on January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 1<sup>st</sup>. They reviewed proposed education bills that will go before the legislature this session. He reported that LB 890, which would have given our District more state aid, has been presented and did not go through.

Mrs. Morgan presented the Elementary/JH Principal's report. She also presented a certificate to Mr. Borges from the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) for Leyton 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in the assessment. Mrs. Morgan added that the JH Science Fair will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> and is open to the public at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Plummer presented the Secondary Principal's report.

Mr. Geary presented the Superintendent's Report. He asked the Board for clarification on their October 2021 approval of the use of COVID days in place of sick days. After discussion, it was decided that the teacher is responsible for communicating how remote learning will occur in their classroom.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Moved by Carter, seconded by Schumacher to excuse Suzy Ernest from tonight's meeting. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Wiedeman to recognize Ashley Hopkins for analyzing and providing reports for our Cognia Surveys which has saved many hours for the School Improvement Team; to the December Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Brayden Hansen, 1<sup>st</sup>-Wyatt Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kasen Miller, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Maddy Mitchell, 4<sup>th</sup>-Lexi Serrato, 5<sup>th</sup>-Connor Rieken, 6<sup>th</sup>-Elizabeth Higgins, 7<sup>th</sup>-Riley Benish, and 8<sup>th</sup>-Halle Carter); to the January Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Jade Kepler, 1<sup>st</sup>-Honor Syverson, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Easton Mousel, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Adyleigh Rushman, 4<sup>th</sup>-Cainyn Rushman, 5<sup>th</sup>-Dillon Schmidt, 6<sup>th</sup>-Max Wiggins, 7<sup>th</sup>-Marlee Wiggins, and 8<sup>th</sup>-Alec Watchorn); to Jonathan Reimers for being selected to perform with Missoula; to Jill Bartling for organizing the staff Olympics and to Mr. Plummer for helping announce; to the JH Boys' Basketball Team for being MAC Conference Tournament Runner-Ups; to the JH Girls' Basketball Team for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the MAC Conference Tournament; to Elizabeth Higgins for winning the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee and will represent Cheyenne County at the State Spelling Bee in Omaha on February 26th; to Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutton, and Mrs. Ivie for administering Winter MAPs at the High School; to Matt Gillespie for his help running the clock for all of our home sporting events; and to Ryan Fortune and Jacob Noel for making adjustments around the track so that Lane 8 isn't so crowded. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on January 10, 2022 and the Special Board Meetings on January 12, 2022; January 24, 2022; and February 7, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Borges to approve the resignation from Ila Mitchell, HS Kitchen Staff, effective today. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Rushman to approve the resignation from Tess Longshore, HS Kitchen Staff, effective at the end of the school year. Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Carter to approve the resignation from Monica Wasielewski, HS Ag Teacher, effective at the end of the school year, with regret. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Carter to approve the resignation from Amy Henke, School Nurse, at the end of the school year, with regret. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Schumacher to approve the resignation from Dana Morgan, K-8 Principal/K-12 Librarian, at the end of the school year, with regret. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Rushman to approve the 2022-2023 Master Calendar as presented, but to hold approval on early student dismissal on Fridays. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed Policies #3020-#3036. No action was necessary.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Wiedeman to approve overnight stays for State Wrestling (February 16th-19th, 2022), State Boys' Basketball (the week of March 7, 2022), State Spelling Bee (February 25, 2022), and State Speech (March 17, 2022). Roll call vote: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Wiedeman to not accept the bid, in the amount of \$3,100.00, from Matt Wells for the 1998 Chevy Pickup. Roll call vote: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Schumacher to reject the bid, in the amount of \$400.00, from Matt Wells for the Western Snowplow. Roll call vote: Borges, Carter, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Wiedeman to approve NO SCHOOL for high school students on March 29, 2022. This is due to the High School hosting MAC Music. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Wiedeman to take a recess break at 7:32 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Schumacher to return to general session at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Caroline Winchester and Cynthia Huff, NRCSA representatives, worked with the Board on completing Phase 1 of the Superintendent Search.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Special Board Meeting: February 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Next Regular Meeting: March 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Rushman to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved by,

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Carter, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education

Janella Kruse,  
Recording Secretary