

Proceedings of the
Leyton Public Schools
Cheyenne County School District #03
Board of Education Meeting
January 8, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.
High School Library in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER/REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

President Ryan Borges called the regular school board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The public was informed of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the library. 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 Thursday, January 4, 2024.

The meeting was turned over to Superintendent McLaughlin to begin the reorganization of the Board.

Nomination by Schumacher, seconded by Benish for Ryan Borges as President of the Board of Education. Moved by Ernest to cease nominations and elect Ryan Borges as President of the Board of Education. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried: 6-0. Mr. Borges was elected as the President of the Board of Education. Mr. Borges, after assuming the office of the President, presided over the rest of the meeting.

Nomination by Wiedeman, seconded by Ernest for Sam Schumacher as Vice President of the Board of Education. Moved by Rushman to cease nominations and elect Sam Schumacher as Vice President of the Board of Education. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, and Ernest. No: None. Abstain: Schumacher. Motion carried: 5-0-1. Mr. Schumacher was elected as Vice President of the Board of Education.

Nomination by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher for Suzy Ernest as Secretary of the Board of Education. Moved by Borges to cease nominations and elect Suzy Ernest as Secretary of the Board of Education. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried: 6-0. Mrs. Ernest was elected as Secretary of the Board of Education.

Nomination by Schumacher, seconded by Rushman for Shad Benish as Treasurer of the Board of Education. Moved by Borges to cease nominations and elect Shad Benish as Treasurer of the Board of Education. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried: 6-0. Mr. Benish was elected as Treasurer of the Board of Education.

The following Committee Appointments were made by President Borges:

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

Members present: Shad Benish, Ryan Borges, Suzy Ernest, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher, and Dave Wiedeman. Members absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Matt McLaughlin and K-12 Principal Charles Jones. In addition, there were five visitors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no communication.

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

REPORTS:

Mrs. Alison Haley, STUCO Sponsor, provided their monthly report.

Mr. Jones presented the Principal's Report.

Mr. McLaughlin presented the Superintendent's Report.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Borges to enter Executive Session at 9:19 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Benish. No: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to return to Regular Session at 10:16 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried: 6-0. There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to take a recess at 10:17 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Benish to return to Regular Session at 10:22 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to send a formal demand letter, in regard to solving issues with the track, with a response date of no later than February 29, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Benish to recognize Mr. Oakes and the elementary students on their Christmas concert performance; to Craig Hicks for giving a presentation on AI for staff; to the NCPA Academic All-State students (Kaleb Borges, Trenton Rushman, Shawnee Gamble, and Zaili Benish); and to the Weyerts family for Emil's dedication to our school through the years. Roll call vote: Yes: Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on December 11, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Benish. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Schumacher to approve bills and financial reports from all funds as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board reviewed Policies in the 1000 series. No action was necessary.

The Board reviewed the Mission and Vision statements. No action was necessary.

Board of Education Conflict of Interest Forms were reviewed. No action was necessary.

Motion by Wiedeman, seconded by Schumacher to designate Points West Community Bank as the Depository of the District. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to designate Simmons Olsen Law Firm as the Legal Firm for the District. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ernest, seconded by Benish to designate Rauner and Associates as Auditors for the District. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ernest, seconded by Rushman to appoint Matt McLaughlin as designated official of the Board of Education with authority to apply for Elementary and Secondary Education Act Grants, to testify before legislative committees, and serve as the District Nondiscrimination Compliance Coordinator. Roll call vote: Yes: Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Benish to accept the evaluation of the Superintendent as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Benish. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Next Regular Meeting: February 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. Roll call vote:
Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved by,

Respectfully submitted,

Suzy Ernest, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Janella Kruse,
Recording Secretary