

Leyton Warrior Newsletter

Leyton Public Schools, Dalton, NE-308-377-2301, Gurley, NE-308-884-2247

December, 2019



Above: Our Conference Runner-Up One Act Team. Right From Top: Cassidee Murray, Cortney Holt & Cody Barnett, Hannah Vath & Alyson Holt, Ethan Eckhardt.

Left From Top: Costume Fun for Trayven Smith-dressed as Mr. Oakes, & Maycee Smith-dressed as Mrs. Morgan. FFA Greenhand Degree recipients with advisor, Mr. Cooper, were Tyenne Berner, Gabe Tretter, Cort Rummel, Levi Weyerts & Justin Ernest. Sons of the American Legion members Peyton Abbott, Pat Ernest Jr. & Brenton Abbott stand with Veteran Tim Melton to present the flags at the Veteran's Day program. Cody Gamble, Colleen Cruise & Jesse Henderson discuss goals for continuous school improvement during in-service time.

Below: Jeremy Carley, Maddy Watchorn, Megan Ernest & Drew Haley present on Veteran's Day as Cornhusker State Representatives.

Far Below: The Elementary Costume Parade!





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- Dec. 02 – District One Acts @ Creek Valley – **Bus-Jennifer**
- Dec. 02 – Basketball Jamboree vs. Kimball @ 6 pm - **HOME**
- Dec. 03 – Jr. H Wrestling @ Bayard @ 9 am - **Suburban**
- Dec. 04 – Jr. H B/G B-Ball @ St. Agnes @ 1:30 pm –**Bus-Jennifer**
- Dec. 06-07 – B/G B-Ball Tournament @ Bayard –**Bus-Jennifer**
- Dec. 07 – H.S. Wrestling @ Mullen @ 10 am -**Suburban**
- Dec. 08 – Dalton Craft Fair & Soup Supper
- Dec. 09 – BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 10 – High School/Jr. H Concert @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 11 – J.H. B/G B-Ball @ Creek Valley @ 1 pm – **Bus-Jennifer**
- Dec. 12 – B/G B-Ball @ Peetz @ 4 pm – **Bus-Eric**
- Dec. 13 – B/G B-Ball @ South Platte (Big Springs) @ 4 pm – **Bus-Eric**
- Dec. 14 – H.S. Wrestling @ Gordon-Rushville @ 10 am –**Suburban**
- Dec. 16 – Elementary Concert @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 17 – B/G V B-Ball vs. Potter-Dix @ 5 pm - **HOME**
- Dec. 17 – Varsity Wrestling Triangular @ Kimball - **Suburban**
- Dec. 19 – Jr. High B/G B-Ball vs. Garden Co. @ 1 pm - **HOME**
- Dec. 19 – School Health Screening (Lions Club)
- Dec. 20 – End of 1st Semester
- Dec. 21 – B/G ~ B-Ball vs. Hemingford @ 1 pm – **HOME**
- Dec. 21 – Mini Cheer Camp Performance @ halftime of the boys varsity game
- Dec. 21 - HS Wrestling @ Sutherland @ 9 am – **Suburban**
- Dec. 22–26 - School Closed ~ Christmas Break ~ Moratorium**
- Dec. 27-31 – Christmas Break ~ School Closed**
- Jan. 01-03 – Christmas Break ~ School Closed**
- Jan. 03 – B/G ~ B-Ball @ Arthur @ 5 pm – **Bus-Mark**
- Jan. 06 – No Classes ~ Professional Development Day**
- Jan. 07 – Classes Resume**
- Jan. 07 – B/G ~ B-Ball vs. Haxtun @ 4 pm – **HOME**



ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
November 11, 2019 – 6:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, November 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the District's Administrative Office. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted on the www.leytonwarriors.org website, in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, and at various businesses in the community on or before November 4, 2019. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Board President Jed Benish called the regular school board meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

1.2 ROLL CALL

1.2.1 The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Kevin Henke and Anne Rexroth. Absent: Colleen Cruise.

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

1.3 COMMUNICATIONS

None

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

2.1 Rob Rauner, representing Rauner & Associates, presented the 2018-2019 audit to the Board and reported that ours is a clean audit. He noted that deficits were planned and did not concern him and that changes to state codes made comparisons impossible. Mr. Rauner reviewed the District's financial statements and thanked the Board for letting his firm do the audit.

2.2 John Sanna, American Legion District 4 Commander, made a request to the Board to lease the Leyton activity bus with two bus drivers to ensure safe transportation to Lincoln for students participating in the Girls' and Boys' State program in June. District 4 is comprised of 18 Legion Posts and 14 Auxiliary units who select and financially sponsor approximately 40 students for this program each year.

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

3.1 FFA Chapter President Aly Holt thanked the Board for letting students attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. She shared her experiences and included some insight she learned from the guest speakers.

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

STUCO President Maddy Watchorn and STUCO Vice President Zac Henke reported to the Board on Homecoming Week. These activities included dodgeball (MO), movie night (TU), bonfire (WE), a parade, pep rally, royalty announcement (TH) and a dance (SA). Each activity was attended by approximately two-thirds of the high school student body with 100% participation (K-12) in the parade and pep rally. STUCO also introduced a five week attendance incentive with the reward of open campus during finals week.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Board Member Henke reported for the Security/Crisis Committee. They had a great turnout for their meeting and discussed the evacuation drills at both sites. Mr. Henke noted that K-12 Counselor, Allie Peters, attended training on Threat Assessment and Psychological First Aid. The committee is addressing the issue of placing numbers on all outside doors and windows.

4.2.2 Board Member Bartling reported for the Building & Grounds Committee. He stated that their current projects have been completed and that the focus for summer 2020 is to carpet three more rooms and remodel the HS science room. Future projects include track bathrooms, high school locker rooms, elementary computer lab and a marquee board. Superintendent Geary noted that the engineers have been here to look at the science room and that there is a need for a concrete pad by the dumpster in Gurley. President Benish mentioned that the light pole in the parking lot at Gurley should be relocated.

4.2.3 President Benish said that the Budget/Negotiations Committee had met earlier in the evening and had finalized a change to the Negotiated Agreement with an increase in the base salary for 2020-2021.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended six IEPs, a SPED Director meeting, a Rule 10 meeting, a building/grounds committee meeting, and a professional development day with an in-depth look at data and school improvement. The Elementary/JH hosted a volleyball tournament in conjunction with the high school on October 24th; held an off-site evacuation drill, and practiced a lockdown drill. Mrs. Morgan completed six formal teacher observations; hosted CPI training for staff development; and had lunch with the October good citizens. She stated that the Library had earned \$866 in free Scholastic dollars from the book fair and that the fourth and fifth grades attended author day in Sidney. Mrs. Morgan thanked the parents for coming to parent/teacher conference with 86 out of 99 students represented.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended a Threat Assessment workshop, a school improvement planning conference, a Rule 10 Assurance meeting, four IEPs and a professional development day on school improvement. He reported that the High School practiced evacuation and lockdown drills and hosted the MAC Volleyball Tournament and the Leyton Volleyball Tournament. Mr. Brost informed the Board that it is time for the NSAA football declaration for 8-man for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years and that we've discontinued our co-op with Banner County. He also stated that parent-teacher conferences at the High School had a 46% attendance rate and that the Homecoming week activities were well attended by the student body. Mr. Brost has asked the Dalton Fall Festival Committee to consider moving the dates of the Festival to coincide with Homecoming and a home football game. The football schedule is set by the NSAA and will not be released until February 2020.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Geary provided data to the Board regarding the District's receipts, expenses, and cash flow for the last three years.

4.6.1 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Geary gave Special Recognition to Allie Peters for organizing the "Apply to College" day; to Kelly Reimers, Shirley Melton, Sherri Wiedeman, Alison Haley, and Holly Benish for helping make that a successful day for the students; to community members (Ashley Hopkins, John Sanna, Jerred Berner, Glen Bellmyer, Sheila Rathman, Lane Rathman, Jim Bush, Adam Frerichs) for serving on the School Improvement and Security/Crisis teams; and to the Gurley Lions Club for providing glasses for a student and purchasing a scale for Nurse Henke.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary attended meetings with the Cheyenne County Foundation, the Western Nebraska Administrators, the ESU Superintendent's Advisory Council, and the MAC Conference Superintendents. He attended a training with UNL researchers on developing emergency operation plans (EOP). Mr. Geary also met with both principals to complete the Rule 10 Assurance Statement. Mr. Geary attended the Cognia Conference in Chicago and learned more about the engagement review process. He also worked with Mrs. Haley to verify data for submission to the State.

4.6.3 CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mr. Geary reported that the State Fire Marshall has issued orders for us to remove our fuel tanks or become compliant. He is currently making arrangements with FVC. Mr. Geary informed the Board that the District continues to hold contingency funds for the completion of the track project (concrete repairs, fence reinstallation, and seeding).

4.6.4 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary reported that the Board will have action items on the sale of four fuel tanks, on the Negotiated Agreement amendment, on a Federal mandate for increasing salaries on "exempt" employees, on a bus lease for the American Legion (District 4), a sound system, a pole vault pit, and a track timing system.

4.6.5 EVALUATION

Mr. Geary reminded the Board that his evaluation will be an agenda item in December.

4.6.6 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary gave the Board an update on the District's new vehicle situation. He also advised them that you can find details of the AQUESTT rating at <https://aquestt.com/faqs>. Mr. Geary stated that we received a rebate check of \$1,768.00 from Wheat Belt Public Power for the new LED lights that were installed in the elementary building.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Henke to excuse Colleen Cruise from tonight's meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to recognize Angela Frerichs for sponsoring and delivering lunch to the Elementary Principal for the October Good Citizens' meal; to the Dalton and Gurley Volunteer Fire Departments for their involvement in the schools; to Chris Lind for making cookies for the Professional Development Day; to Mrs. Kristin Kasten (ESU) for leading the November 1st Professional Development Day; to the Student Council members and sponsors for organizing activities during Homecoming week; to the tournament workers for the MAC and Leyton Volleyball Tournaments; and to the October Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Kasen Miller, 1st-Zoe Tretter, 2nd-Nora Jenson, 3rd-Kaleb Lee, 4th-Max Wiggins, 5th-Austin Beutler, 6th-Carlyn Thomas, 7th-Hayden Marks and 8th-Trenton Rushman). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on October 14, 2019. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to approve reports presented at this meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

5.5.1 Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

5.5.2 Motion by Henke, seconded by Bartling to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

5.6 APPROVAL OF DISTRICT AUDIT FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Borges, seconded by Henke to approve the 2018-2019 District Audit as presented by Rauner and Associates. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

5.7 APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL OF BULK FUEL TANKS

Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to approve the disposal, per policy #3019, of four 500 gallon bulk fuel tanks in the amount of \$750 each for tanks with new pumps and \$650 for tanks with old pumps. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

- 5.8 APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
Motion by Bartling, seconded by Henke to approve the Negotiated Agreement Amendment as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.
- 5.9 APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY POSITION WAGE
Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to table the approval of the Technology Coordinator's wage until the December meeting pending more information on benefits. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.
- 5.10 APPROVAL OF BUS LEASE FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION
No Motion made. MOTION DIED.
- 5.11 APPROVAL OF SOUND SYSTEM PURCHASE
Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to approve the purchase of a sound system from DP Electronics in the amount of \$5,385.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.
- 5.12 APPROVAL OF TRACK EQUIPMENT PURCHASES
- 5.12.1 Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to approve the purchase of a pole vault pit and accessories in the amount not to exceed \$16,200.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.
- 5.12.2 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to table the purchase of a Lynx timing system pending more information on warranty and annual fees. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.
- 5.13 REVIEW OF 3000 SERIES POLICIES
The Board reviewed the 3000 Series Policies and found that no action was necessary. They will review the 4000 Series Policies for the December Board meeting.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:02 PM. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.


Ryan Borges, Board Secretary


Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

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Jill Bartling	\$ 50.52	Alison Haley	\$ 194.88	Outlaws Meat Co.	\$ 1,062.15
Holly Benish	\$ 125.28	Wendy Hansen	\$ 205.32	Allie Peters	\$ 73.08
Black Hills Energy	\$ 2,323.07	Amy Henke	\$ 93.96	Peterson's	\$ 42.04
Bomgaars	\$ 24.48	Hewgley & Associates	\$ 39,358.64	Quality Inn - Grand Island	\$ 72.95
Leo Bowen	\$ 1,630.96	Homestead Market	\$ 116.22	Rauner & Associates	\$ 9,956.78
Heather Bowen	\$ 910.02	Ideal Linen Supply	\$ 3,102.13	Regional Care	\$ 40.00
Broad Reach Books	\$ 224.96	Faith Jones	\$ 13.92	Irma Rios	\$ 139.20
Nick Brost	\$ 180.96	Jostens	\$ 161.87	Safelite Fulfillment	\$ 449.97
Capital Business	\$ 1,356.92	JW Pepper	\$ 383.98	School Nurse Supply	\$ 918.00
Cardmember Services	\$ 2,701.90	Jeremy Kepler	\$ 605.52	Jourdan Schumacher	\$ 45.58
Crossroads Music	\$ 120.00	Kid's Korner	\$ 530.00	Christy Schumacher	\$ 194.88
Dalton Telephone	\$ 612.70	Know Buddy Resources	\$ 257.74	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	\$ 199.48
Day & Night	\$ 518.45	Janella Kruse	\$ 392.08	Smart Apple Media	\$ 367.08
Deaver Tire	\$ 40.00	KSB School Law	\$ 945.00	SOAR	\$ 1,317.60
DP Electronics	\$ 879.00	Marick's Waste Disposal	\$ 130.00	Kathy Surber	\$ 6.96
ESU #10	\$ 120.00	Matheson Tri-Gas	\$ 436.08	USA Today	\$ 340.15
ESU #13	\$ 14,386.98	Dana Morgan	\$ 220.92	Village of Dalton	\$ 509.53
Finney's	\$ 43.88	Nebraska Safety Center	\$ 150.00	Village of Gurley	\$ 689.13
Frenchmen Valley	\$ 5,519.53	Nick Newkirk	\$ 6.96	Wheat Belt	\$ 4,453.77
Cody Gamble	\$ 132.24	NIBC	\$ 85.00	WPCI	\$ 100.00
Chris Geary	\$ 1,012.34	Shawn Oakes	\$ 167.04	Young's Plumbing	\$ 1,390.80
Great American Financial	\$ 934.00	One Source	\$ 80.00		
Gurley Diesel	\$ 2,244.19	LG Playground	\$ 98.00		
Column Total	\$ 36,092.38	Column Total	\$ 47,735.26	Column Total	\$ 22,369.13
				Monthly Total	\$ 106,196.77

December 2019

A Message from the Superintendent

Last month we reflected on the question, "What's your why?" This month I'd like our focus to be, "How are we doing?" In this month's newsletter, we have provided our "Annual Report" to help answer that question. Please let me know what you think of this year's report! If you have any questions about the information presented, please ask. We are also working to update our "School Improvement Plan" which identifies how we can continuously improve our schools. We would love to have your input! Please contact the school your child attends if you're interested in serving in that capacity. Below are some of my observations from our data:

- 1) The board has set an ambitious goal of having 80% of our student attain "proficient" status on the mandated state testing. A few classes have reached that goal already, many are close, and some need significant work to reach that level.
- 2) Student attendance needs improvement-we have the second lowest attendance rate of schools in our geographic area! 30% of our students miss more than ten days of school every year – They've missed more than two weeks! We all know that makes it hard to learn. We need to find more creative ways to keep kids in school – and we need parents' help. (Note: This doesn't include absences for school activities.)
- 3) The lion's share of our budget revenue comes in the form of local property tax. The legislature continues to battle the governor in the epic battle to fund public education. There will be (again) a number of different ideas presented during this legislative session. Our state senator, Steve Erdman, spoke at the annual Veteran's day program at the high school. I have, and will continue to advocate for our district and rural schools in our state. I encourage you to contact him and express your thoughts as well.
- 4) As valuations decrease the levy will necessarily increase to raise the same amount of funding for our district. We will continue to monitor our spending and provide the best value for your investment. This natural ebb and flow of property value is not a surprise and will continue.
- 5) Teacher salaries are the highest they have ever been. Following the largest raise in recent memory, our teachers are being paid very well. Did you know that the range of teacher salaries, including benefits, in our district is from \$57,448 to \$97,755? Our lowest paid teacher compensation package is almost \$60,000 and some of our teachers are earning almost \$100,000 in salary and benefits!
- 6) Until the legislature gets school funding balanced we will likely see a continuation of no (or very little) state aid.

Sincerely,



Chris Geary, Superintendent



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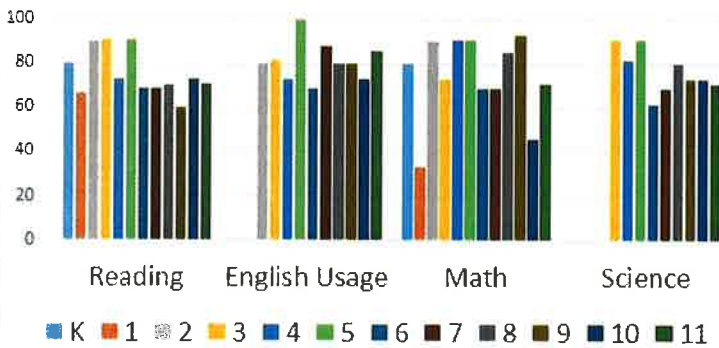
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2019 Annual Report

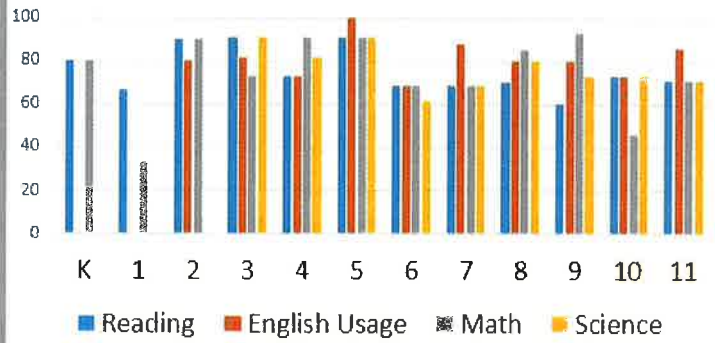
This Annual Report is intended to provide a "snapshot" of information for district patrons. All of the information is based upon the 2018-2019 school year. We encourage you to visit our schools and to take an active role in the education of Leyton Public Schools. This report is produced by the Superintendent. All comments and questions concerning this report should be directed to the superintendent at 308-377-2301. Thank you.

Each year assessments are given to students in grades K-11 in four subject areas. The results are below. The graphs show the percent of students who scored at or above proficient.

S18 MAP by Subject



S18 MAP by Class



7:1
student/teacher ratio



162 Enrollment
56 High School
106 Elementary/JH
46% Female
54% Male



21 Teachers
6 Masters Degrees
5 Share time at both sites

6.8% Minority Students
OPTION STUDENTS
36 in
26 out
net 10



14 years
Average teacher tenure



43%
Free and reduced lunch



100%
Graduation rate



1:1
Devices Districtwide

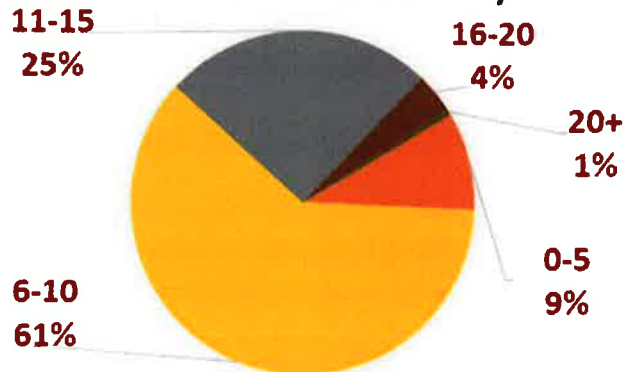


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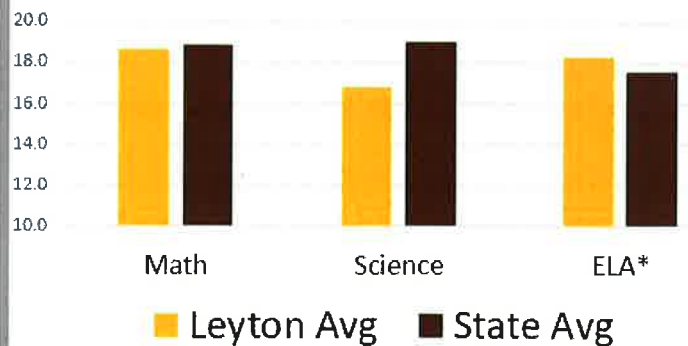
School Improvement Goals

- *Improve reading skills
- *Improve math skills
- *Enhance unification and collaboration between campuses

Student Absences in Days



ACT Scores





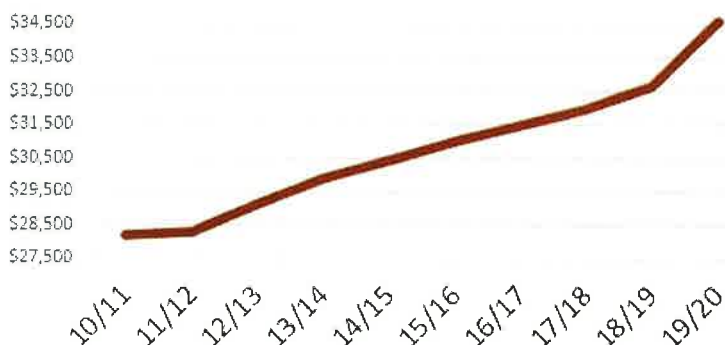
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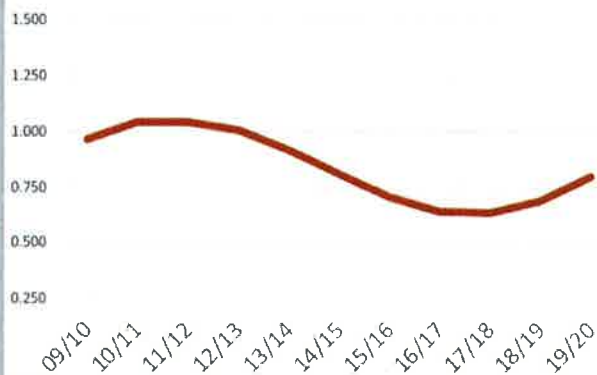
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Vision: Unprecedented Success
Unparalleled Joy

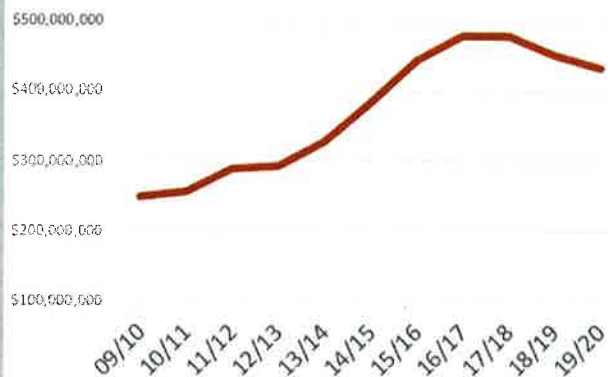
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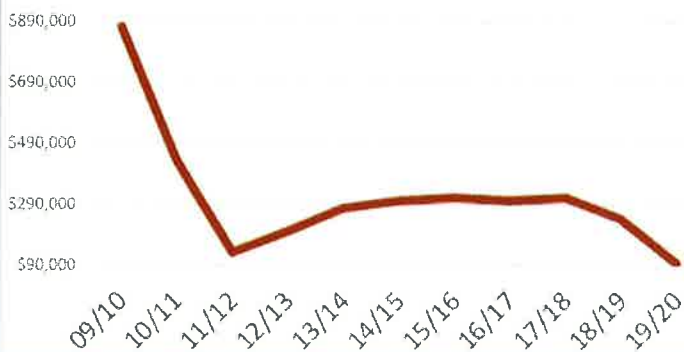
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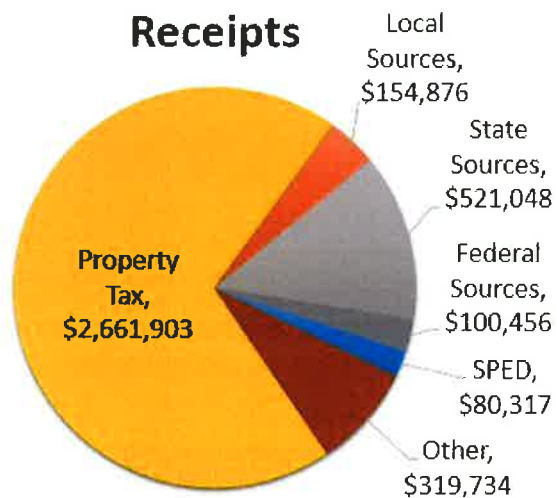
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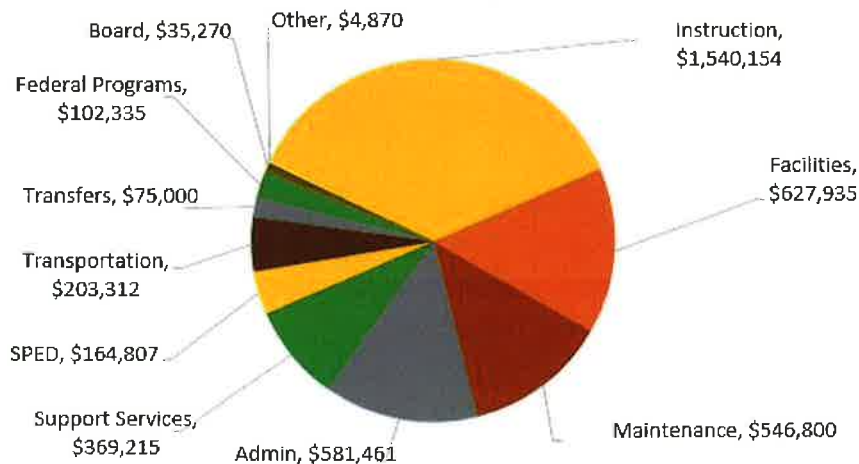
State Aid



Receipts



General Fund Expenditures



A Message from Mrs. Morgan

December is here and with it comes cooler weather and a flurry of activities at Leyton Public School. Please remember to make sure your child comes to school with coats, hats, gloves, and boots if there is snow on the ground. We go outside daily and want everyone to be warm. Thank you for your attention to this.



Congratulations to our October Good Citizens! These students had Subway with me on November 8. What a great time we had! Please join me in congratulating from L to R front row: Kasen Miller-Kindergarten; Kaleb Lee-3rd; Zoe Tretter-1st; Nora Jenson-2nd; Hayden Marks-7th; L to R back row: Carlyn Thomas-6th; Max Wiggins-4th; Trenton Rushman-8th; and Austin Beutler-5th


I am so proud of these students for continuously displaying traits of The Warrior Way!



We have many exciting things planned at the elementary/junior high building for the month of December and our junior high basketball season kicks off on December 4. We LOVE community support and would love to see you at as many events as you can attend.

Important dates in December: 12/10- JH/HS Christmas Concert at the High School-6:30 PM: 12/12 Senior Citizens of Dalton and Gurley come join us for our Christmas meal: 12/16-Elementary Concert at 6:30 at the Elementary School: 12/20- Santa will be in the building-pre-school aged students invited at 8:15 AM. As always, please call me at school at 308-884-2247 or email dana.morgan@leytonwarriors.org with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully, Dana Morgan-K-8 Principal

Dana 

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High School Principal/AD Newsletter

As we enter the winter activity season with wrestling, boys and girls basketball, speech, play production, cheer team, FFA, and other activities students are involved in, we are only going to get busier. Parents, students, and teachers need to work together to ensure students do not fall behind as students miss class for school activities. According to the handbook, students must complete any work required by the teacher prior to the absence. Teachers have been flexible and understanding for students absent for school activities, but all of us need to pay extra attention to our schedules as we enter one of the busiest times of the year.

The student council at the high school has created an incentive program dealing with student absences. Students who are absent less than one half of a school day through November and December will be rewarded open campus for lunch during the final week of school this semester.

The week of December 2nd will begin the winter MAPS testing session. The winter MAPS test is **optional** for students at the high school. Your student may choose to take the winter MAPS test for a couple reasons:

- 1) Test out of 9th Hour Enrichment.** If your student is currently in 9th Hour Enrichment they may test out by achieving scores that exceed the 50th percentile.
- 2) Progress Monitoring.** If your student feels they are at risk of scoring below the 50th percentile on the Spring MAPS test, they may choose to take the Winter MAPS test to check their progress.

During the month of April, we will be having our spring MAP testing session. Students who achieve below the 50th percentile in Reading, Language Usage, Math, or Science will be provided supplemental instruction during the 2020-2021 school year, with the opportunity to test out during next year's winter MAPS testing session. The supplementary instructional tool that is being utilized during Enrichment is Edgenuity. Edgenuity is an online program that provides individualized instruction based on a students' MAP test scores. Any student who would like to receive additional instruction using Edgenuity may contact their teachers to get their profile set up at any time. Any questions regarding MAP testing or Edgenuity can be directed to me at the high school.

On Monday, December 2nd, Leyton High School is hosting a Jamboree Basketball Game versus Kimball. All of the admission from the game will go to the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame (NHSSHOF) to support the continued growth and expansion of the Hall of Fame. No passes will be accepted. Created in 1994 and has adopted the motto "Honoring the Past, to Inspire the Future," the NHSSHOF is located in the NSAA office in Lincoln and features over 500 athletes, coaches, athletic directors and contributors of all high school sports from Nebraska. My family has visited the Hall of Fame a few times and I would recommend it to anyone visiting Lincoln with an interest in Nebraska high school sports. More information on the Hall of Fame can be found at <https://nebhallowofame.org/>.

Nick Brost

Nick Brost

December, 2019

School Counselor

Newsletter

Allie Peters

Of all the things we help our children learn and do, helping them to develop a healthy self-esteem is probably most important. This is because self-esteem affects all aspects of their lives – how they learn, how they interact with friends, how they treat others, how they problem solve, how they handle adversity, and how willing they are to try new things. Here are some tips to help your child develop healthy self-esteem.

Praise your child

Notice when your child has done something well and tell them! *Easy on the criticism.* They should hear 5 positives for every 1 negative thing you say.

Criticize the behavior When your child misbehaves, talk about the behavior, such as, "What you did was hurtful, and I know you are a nice kid. How can you make this better?" Do not label your child "bad."

Validate feelings

If your child gets a blow to their self-esteem, they need you to allow them to feel sad, hurt, or mad. After, you can boost them up with positives.

What is self-esteem?

Self-esteem is our beliefs about our self - how capable and loved we feel.

It is our shield against life's challenges.



Give your child chores

Children learn how to function in groups by learning how their own family cooperates. Set your child up to be a team player by giving age appropriate chores at home. Offer praise for their work!

Give the gift of time

Your children know how busy you are, so when you find 10 minutes to listen about their day or play a game, they will feel worthy and loved. The gift of time spent is worth much more than the gift of money spent.

Avoid harmful comparisons

Do not compare your child to others, especially siblings. Instead of saying, "Why can't you be more like so-and-so?" try, "Do you notice that so-and-so does this?" Let your child know that it's okay to be different, and that you don't expect perfection.

Student Council Community Service Project.

Members of the Leyton High School Student Council had the privilege of giving back to our community earlier this fall. We were approached by the Community Shepherd's requesting assistance in scraping the west side of a home so that it could be primed and painted before winter set in. Well... after 2 ½ hours of scraping, along with great conversation, giggles and Drew's musical entertainment, we finished the project. Members pictured include, Maddy Watchorn, Jeremy Carley, Drew Haley, Aly Holt, Megan Ernest, Zac Henke, Jakob Kruse, Brenton Abbott, Chance Carter and Hannah Vath. Members of the Community Shepherd's pictured include Jim Larson and Shirley Gillespie. Also pictured, Claire Watchorn.



Amy Henke,
Student Council
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A note from...

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Thank you



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your support during



our Homecoming activities!



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**Merry
Christmas**

**OPEN
HOUSE**

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Time: 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Dalton Christmas Bazaare-Dalton Gym

Leyton Entrepreneurship Class

Sugar Shack Cents

Ceramic

Bath & Body

Tart Warmer

Melting

Works

Wax Tarts

Candles

Ornaments



EVERYTHING CASH & CARRY!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

THURSDAY, DEC. 12TH



**For all Senior
Citizens of the
Leyton Community
(No extra guests
please.)**

Date: Thursday, Dec. 12th

Time: 12:00

**Leyton Elementary/Junior
High School—Gurley NE**

Price of the meal: \$4.00

**Please RSVP by
12/06/19 to
308-884-2247**

NEEDY STUDENT FUND

Leyton Elementary-Junior High School is once again collecting money for our needy student fund. This fund is used to help make Christmas fuller for families in our school.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

SANTA IS COMING TO VISIT



Santa Clause is coming to visit at Leyton Elementary/Jr. High school on Wednesday, December 20th, 2019. He would like the preschoolers to be there at 8:15 a.m.

December

2019

Leyton Elementary/JH & High School Menu

Merry Christmas!!





Students must take at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable on their tray.

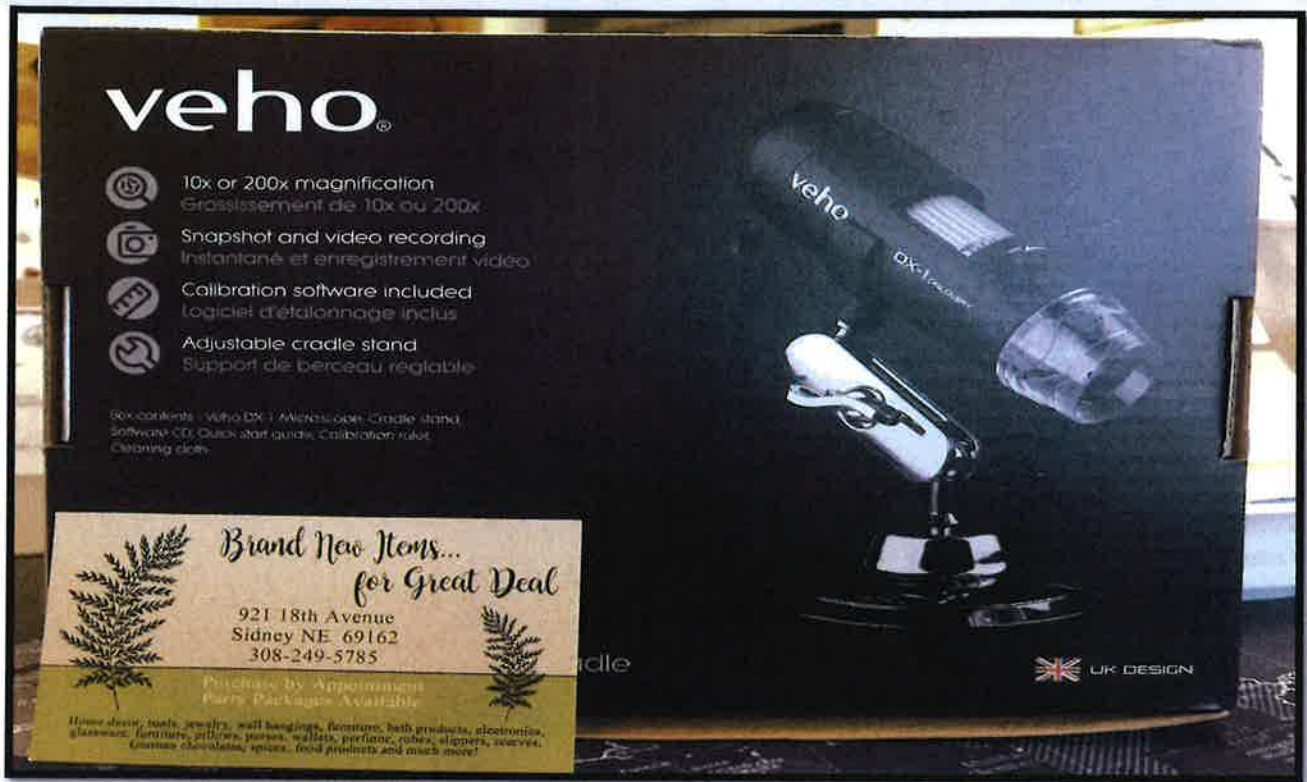
Unlimited fruits and vegetables are offered daily.

Flavored skim and 1% white milk is offered daily.

An assortment of fresh and canned fruit are available every morning as well as fruit juice up to twice a week with breakfast.

A full fruit and salad bar is available with every lunch meal.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Cavatini, garlic bread, peas	3 B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: Mini corn dogs, green beans, cookie	4 B: Pop tart, cereal, toast L: Breaded or spicy chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries	5 B: French toast, bacon L: Soft shell taco, refried beans, churro	6 B: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs L: Tater tot casserole, corn, roll
9 B: Pop tart, cereal, toast L: Chili, cinnamon rolls	10 B: Breakfast burrito L: Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, peas	11 B: Pancakes, sausage patty L: Goulash, green beans, breadstick	12 B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: CHRISTMAS DINNER	13 B: PB&J L: Hot ham & cheese, French fries
16 B: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs L: HS: Baked potato bar Elem/JH: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, cornbread	17 B: Pop tart, cereal, toast L: Turkey & noodles, green beans, roll	18 B: Yogurt cup, granola, toast L: HB or CB, baked beans	19 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Beefy nachos, corn, muffin	20 B: French toast, bacon L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup
23 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	25 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK
30 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	31 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK			



Thank you Brand New Items for supporting our elementary/junior high school by donating this Veho DX-1 Microscope for our students and staff to use!!! Respectfully, Dana Morgan ☺ *Dana*

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