

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

January 13, 2020 – 6:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in the District's Administrative Office. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Leyton High School, Leyton JH/Elementary School, at various businesses in the community, and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on or before January 6, 2020. 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, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke and Anne Rexroth. Absent: None.

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 REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

1.3.1 OATH OF OFFICE

1.3.2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to elect Mr. Jed Benish as President, Mr. Kevin Henke as Vice-President, Mr. Ryan Borges as Secretary, Mrs. Colleen Cruise as Treasurer, and to appoint Board Members to the following committees:

Budget/Negotiations (3): Benish, Cruise, Rexroth

Building/Grounds (2): Cruise, Bartling

Curriculum/Americanism (3): Bartling, Borges, Henke

Safety (1): Rexroth

Security (1): Henke

School Improvement (1): Cruise

Transportation (1): Henke

Technology (1): Borges

Wellness (1): Rexroth

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish.

VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

1.4 COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read from Janella Kruse, Dana Morgan, Kathy Surber and Anna Faye Van Anne.

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

2.1 Mr. Glen Lipska informed the Board that there will be twenty-nine students and six adults travelling to New York/DC at the end of May. He requested the use of a bus to take them to and from the airport. The Board stated that Superintendent Geary could make that decision and thanked him for the request.

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

STUCO President Maddy Watchorn and STUCO Vice President Zac Henke reported that nine students attended the first Friday Open Campus in spite of the cold weather and they look to see those numbers increase as the weather improves. They stated that 99% of the student body participated in the Secret Santa gift exchange and that students attending college classes are allowed to come in late when their class is not in session. STUCO is still researching a proposal for no semester tests and will be conducting a student satisfaction survey in the near future.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Member Borges reported that the Curriculum committee met on January 6th during the professional development day. They reviewed content area, standards, the NDE timeline for curriculum review, and possible supplements for JH. They reviewed phonics and different programs such as Sonday and Foundation. The committee realizes that there is a missing piece with our writing and that we can do better. They need to line up the curriculum to the standards and review dates of textbooks, especially at the high school.

4.2.2 Member Bartling reported that the American Civics committee met before the Board meeting. During the meeting, Curriculum Director Dana Morgan reviewed the components of the law and our compliance with each component and discussed how our District integrates civics throughout our curriculum.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

4.3.1 Coach Lipska reported to the Board on the football clinic he attended in November with Coach Gamble. They attended four different seminars on Sunday and attended the D-1 and D-2 Championship games on Monday before heading home. They appreciated the chance to attend and learned valuable information.

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan reported that she attended PRT leadership, a MDT/IFSP meeting, a SPED Director meeting, Administrator meetings, a science room design and a science fair meeting. She administered numerous MAP & DIBELS make-up tests, inputted all DIBELS scores and completed the K-3 Reading Improvement Act requirements. The Elementary/JH hosted health screenings for all K-8 students, the professional development day/Curriculum meeting and held the 4th-8th grade spelling bee. Mrs. Morgan had lunch with the principal for the December good citizens on January 10th.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost reported that he attended the curriculum meeting, the District VI NSAA meeting in Alliance, an Alternate Assessment meeting, two administrative team meetings, multiple high school basketball games and wrestling meets. He developed a grading rubric and guidelines for independent study courses at the high school, administered optional winter MAPS testing, and completed five first semester teacher evaluations. He reported that six out of fifteen students tested out of the Enrichment class.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 Meetings/Travel

4.6.1.1 Mr. Geary met with Senator Steve Erdman to discuss pending legislation related to school finance and student discipline. He also met with the Science Room Design Committee on December 19th. They discussed room design and functional needs within that space.

4.6.2 Construction Updates

4.6.2.1 Mr. Geary reported that we received the warranty on the roof for the latest section completed and that there is only one section, the Gurley gym, left that needs to be done.

4.6.3 Action Items

4.6.3.1 Mr. Geary stated that we did not initially purchase warranties for our new iPads but we are able to file an exemption to purchase them now. He discussed the returned transportation surveys, a quote for a new route van, and that he will finish the necessary requirements for a bus driving permit. He highlighted changes for Policy #4040 and stated that five students qualified to participate in the High Plains Band and Choir Festival in February.

4.6.4 Other Items

4.6.4.1 Mr. Geary asked the Board to consider a Board Retreat, Superintendent Goals, student drug testing and color copies for the newsletter. He would like to have the 2020-2021 Master Calendar available at the February meeting for Board approval. Mr. Geary discussed recent legislative issues such as student discipline,

free speech, and student lunches. He also supported the use of the Edgenuity program for the Enrichment class and stated that the amount of work each student completed has a direct correlation to students' achievement. Mr. Geary has completed 118.5 days of his contract as of December 31, 2019.

5 REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to enter into Executive Session at 7:06 PM to discuss a personnel issue. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

No Action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to return to General Session at 7:45 PM. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to recognize Mrs. Morgan for being appointed to the Nebraska State Library Commission for another two-year term; to Mr. Oakes for the fabulous HS/JH and Elementary Christmas concerts, for having the K-3 sing at the Christmas lunch, and for being selected as the band clinician for the Western Trails Conference; to Zac Henke for being named the Nspire Today Male Student of the Month; to Maddy Watchorn on scoring 1,000 career points in basketball; to Bud Gillespie and Matt Gillespie for running the clock at our home games; to Christy Schumacher, Donna Juelfs, and Randy Horst for keeping the official book at home basketball games; to our high school and junior high coaches for the extra time they spend working with our student athletes during the winter activity season; to alumni Abbegail Draper, Joshua Kruse, and Janessa Carley for earning academic honors at Chadron State College; to alumni Carly Fortune for earning academic honors at University of Nebraska – Kearney; to Allie Peters for taking students to shop for Secret Santa gifts; to Kristin Kasten at ESU 13 for continued help on our SIP at our January 6th Professional Development Day; to our community contributors for donating to our student needy fund for the holidays; to the Community Shephards for donating twenty-three gift certificates to the Homestead Market for the holidays; to Chris Lind for organizing, 8th graders for serving, and for everyone who helped with the Christmas lunch for our senior citizens; to the Villages of Dalton and Gurley for donating and handing out apples at our concert; to BC Poultry for donating two cases of apples to our kitchen for students and staff to enjoy; to Virg Schumacher for being Santa and the Village of Gurley for providing goodie bags; to Mrs. Bartling for organizing/running the spelling bee, Mr. Oakes for announcing, and Mrs. Lecher, Mrs. Henke, and Mr. Newkirk for being judges; to Megan Gipfert for coming in over the break to help with the curriculum committee meeting; to the Spelling Bee winners: 1st-Trenton Rushman, 2nd-Auvi Cranmore, 3rd- Shaun Slaughter, 4th- Elizabeth Higgins, 5th-Katie Eckhardt, and 6th-Hayden Marks; and to the December Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Levi Roelle, 1st-Adyleigh Rushman, 2nd-Cainyn Rushman, 3rd-Hadlee Guggenmos, 4th-Carter Lipska, 5th-Riley Benish, 6th-Faith Lee, 7th-Zaili Benish and 8th-Peyton Eckhardt). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

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 December 9, 2019. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion by Borges, seconded by Cruise to approve reports presented at this meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

- 5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS
- 5.5.1 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.5.2 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.6 APPROVAL OF iPad WARRANTY
- Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to approve the purchase of AppleCare warranty for new iPads in the amount of \$5,530.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.7 APPROVAL OF RURAL ROUTE BUS PLANS
- Motion by Bartling, seconded by Henke to continue serving rural students with bus/van service. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.8 APPROVAL OF POLICY #4040 (Employment Terms for Classified Staff)
- Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to approve Policy #4040 as amended to include that vacation time for 12 month employees is available on September 1st following their anniversary date. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.9 APPOINTMENT OF SUPT AS THE DISTRICT NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR
- Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to appoint the superintendent as the District Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.10 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT STAY
- Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve an overnight stay on February 3, 2020 for High Plains Honor Band. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.
- 5.11 REVIEW OF 5000 SERIES POLICIES
- The Board reviewed the 5000 Series Policies and requested that the class size limits on Policy #5004 be reviewed for the next meeting.
- 6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
- 6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM
- 7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT
- Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:03 PM. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary