

# Leyton Warrior Newsletter

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

April, 2020



Above: Qualifying for the State Science Fair-8th Graders Trenton Rushman & Peyton Abbott, 7th Grader-Zaili Benish, and Senior-Alyson Holt. Left & Below: Other Regional Science Fair Qualifiers- Jaxson Benish, Claire Watchorn & Natalie Reimers, Katie Eckhardt, Shawnee Gamble, Josette McConnell, Alec Watchorn, and Macey Roelle. Special thanks to Alyson Holt for these photos!



# April Newsletter ~ 2020

The NSAA has suspended all activities  
until May 1, 2020



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**\*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  
March 9, 2020 – 6:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, March 9, 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](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before March 3, 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 COMMUNICATIONS

None

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

3.1 Industrial Arts Teacher, Matt Haley, and two of his students, Logan Borges and Dominick Russ, presented their idea to build and sell a "tiny home". This project would allow students to learn on-the-job trade skills such as carpentry, plumbing, and electrical. It would also enable the students to use management skills such as leadership, planning, cost control and negotiation. After much research, the students thought that purchasing a shipping container to remodel would be the best option and also be the most marketable. They will do more research and present their findings to the Board in April.

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

STUCO President Maddy Watchorn and STUCO Vice President Zac Henke reported that country dance lessons are ongoing with five students and five parents participating. New participants can still attend on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-5 p.m.

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Member Bartling reported that they held a building/grounds meeting to review drawings for the science room. He stated that those drawings were available for the Board to review and that they would be voting later in the meeting to approve the science room remodel plan and the publication of the Notice for Bids.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan reported that she attended administrator meetings, a HAL Stem activity, a KSB Personnel Seminar, an Energizing Leadership Workshop, and professional development. She completed a lockdown drill, ELEOT observations, Title 1 documentation, and seven teacher planning conferences and observations. Mrs. Morgan distributed 167 backpack meals December-February and filed the Backpack Program Quarterly Report. She assisted as a basketball administrator, organized and hosted the 6-8 grade science fair, conducted elementary teacher interviews and served as a guest reader to kindergarten through third grade students on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Morgan had "Lunch with the Principal" for the February good citizens on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost reported that he attended an IEP meeting, a KSB School Law seminar, HAL activities, administrative meetings, professional development, a MAC AD meeting and an Energizing Leadership conference. He conducted a lockdown drill and a bus evacuation drill. Mr. Brost

served as one of the judges for the 6-8 grade science fair, as a guest reader for K-3 grades for Read Across America Week, and on the Cognia Engagement Review Team for Franklin Public Schools. He completed nine planning conferences and teacher evaluations.

#### 4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Geary announced that they had just completed the Board Retreat meeting and that Board goals will drive his work for the next year. Some of those goals include being more proactive in communication, identifying HAL learners, and training teachers how to use the MAP test results and communicate those results to parents.

##### 4.6.1 Special Recognition

4.6.1.1 Mr. Geary thanked everyone who came to the Superintendent Scoop meetings in Dalton and Gurley. More than two dozen people attended the meetings and he enjoyed hearing their thoughts about preschool, school improvement, and the budget. He also recognized the boys' and girls' basketball teams for successful seasons which showed much growth.

##### 4.6.2 Meeting/Travel

4.6.2.1 Mr. Geary reported that he served as a lead evaluator for the Ogallala High School Cognia external review on March 2-4. He reminded the Board that our visit is scheduled for the spring of 2022. He stated that the Building and Grounds committee met with Ryan Stearns to discuss and approve the final plan for the science room remodel. He recommended that the plan be approved and submitted to bidders. Mr. Geary attended the NRCSA Legislative Forum in Lincoln and visited with Senators about school funds and property tax relief. He also served as a substitute bus driver and drove the charter bus for an activity.

##### 4.6.3 Construction Updates

4.6.3.1 Mr. Geary stated that the general contractor will be returning later this month to install the fence and complete punch list items. We are holding a \$10,000.00 check until this work is completed.

##### 4.6.4 Action Items

4.6.4.1 Mr. Geary asked the Board to consider approving new hire recommendations, a resignation, new members for the Leyton Foundation Board, revisions to Policy #3012 and the science room remodel plan.

##### 4.6.5 Other Items

4.6.5.1 Mr. Geary reported that there were no new updates on sharing a Spanish teacher with another District. He stated that the administration team has implemented High Ability Learner (HAL) activities this year. They are working to identify other students who may qualify. Mr. Geary asked the Board how to proceed with a major bus repair.

#### 5 REGULAR AGENDA

##### 5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

##### 5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to recognize the science fair winners (Sixth grade: 1<sup>st</sup>-Josette McConnell, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Alec Watchorn, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Macey Roelle; Seventh grade: 1<sup>st</sup>-Zaili Benish, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Katie Eckhardt, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Shawnee Gamble; Eighth grade: 1<sup>st</sup>-Peyton Abbott and Trenton Rushman, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jaxson Benish, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Natalie Reimers and Claire Watchorn. Overall winners: Engineering-Peyton Abbott and Trenton Rushman; Scientific Method-Zaili Benish); to the science fair judges (Nick Brost, Dan Carlson, Jesse Henderson, Amy Henke, Rob Higgins and Laura Narjes); to Mr. Coffey and Mrs. Lecher for their hard work on helping kids with their science fair projects; to Chris Lind and the kitchen staff for making and serving punch and cookies; to Mrs. Rios for picking up our science fair trophies; to our winter sports teams (junior high basketball, high school basketball and wrestling) on the successful completions of their seasons; to Aly Holt for having her photograph featured in Ben Sasse's offices across the state; to the girls' basketball team for their thoughtfulness and compassion for basketball opponents who had faced personal hardships; to Maddy Watchorn and

Sage Rummel for taking and passing their Nursing Assistant test; to Aly Holt for successfully completing the design and build of a rocket that protected a raw egg; and to the February Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Leah Jenson, 1st-Maycee Smith, 2nd-Skylar Draper, 3rd-Paige Frerichs, 4th-Elizabeth Higgins, 5th-Dominic Gallegos, 6th-Macey Roelle, 7th-Sydney Fortune and 8th-Claire Watchorn). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on February 10, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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 – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.5.2 Motion by Bartling, seconded by Cruise to approve bills and financial reports from the remaining funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.6 APPROVAL OF HEAD OF MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the hiring of Jacob Noel as the Head of Maintenance beginning April 1, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.7 APPROVAL OF POLICY #3012 (SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM AND CHARGES)

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to approve policy #3012 (School Meal Program and Charges) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 APPROVAL OF LEYTON FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Borges to approve Hannah Geller, Sheena Jenson, and Jennifer Eckhardt as new members for the Leyton School Foundation. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.9 APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED TEACHER HIRING

Motion by Borges, seconded by Bartling to approve the hiring of Ms. Kathleen Winckler as a certified teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve, with regret, the resignation of Rylee Blumenkamp and to thank her for her service. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.11 APPROVAL OF SCIENCE ROOM PLAN AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to recess at 7:17 p.m. to allow time availability to speak with the engineer. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

No action was taken during the recess.

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to return to general session at 7:26 p.m. to call the engineer. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the plan for remodeling the science room and publication of the Notice for Bids for this project. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 6.1 Special Board Meeting—Science Room: Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 12:00 PM at Wheat Belt  
 6.2 Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:35 PM.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling, Borges and Henke. VOTING NO  
 – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

  
 Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

  
 Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - March 2020					
Jill Bartling	\$ 52.66	Great American Financial	\$ 1,017.52	Shawn Oakes	\$ 124.20
Holly Benish	\$ 96.60	Gurley Diesel	\$ 2,332.78	One Source	\$ 20.00
Black Hills Energy	\$ 3,959.74	Alison Haley	\$ 89.70	Allie Peters	\$ 197.10
Leo Bowen	\$ 1,311.00	Wendy Hansen	\$ 188.60	Platte Valley Vac	\$ 44.95
Heather Bowen	\$ 800.98	Harris School Solutions	\$ 1,736.44	Irma Rios	\$ 131.10
Nick Brost	\$ 227.70	Amy Henke	\$ 65.55	Roods Tire	\$ 16.00
Capital Business	\$ 1,467.76	Homestead Market	\$ 47.22	Christy Schumacher	\$ 208.65
Cardmember Services	\$ 5,404.74	Ideal Linen Supply	\$ 1,234.64	Sidney Regional Medical	\$ 735.00
Cornhusker Marriott	\$ 208.00	JW Pepper & Son	\$ 43.68	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	\$ 258.81
Crossroads Music	\$ 129.00	Jeremy Kepler	\$ 400.20	SOAR	\$ 935.20
Dalton Telephone	\$ 629.20	Kid's Korner Childcare	\$ 265.00	The Dock	\$ 130.00
DAS State Accounting	\$ 229.32	KSB School Law	\$ 126.00	The Shop in Dalton	\$ 53.90
Lindie DeBlois	\$ 40.25	Librarians' Book Express	\$ 184.29	Village of Dalton	\$ 469.18
DP Electronics	\$ 50.00	T'Neal Lind	\$ 41.40	Village of Gurley	\$ 689.13
ESU #13	\$ 12,562.67	Matheson	\$ 657.09	Wheat Belt	\$ 4,874.81
Finney's	\$ 33.48	Dana Morgan	\$ 132.48	WPCI	\$ 100.00
Frenchmen Valley	\$ 2,257.63	Becky Murray	\$ 81.94	Young's Plumbing	\$ 1,039.10
Cody Gamble	\$ 65.55	Nebraska Safety Center	\$ 200.00		
Chris Geary	\$ 1,044.73	NIBC	\$ 85.00		
Column Total	\$ 30,571.01	Column Total	\$ 8,929.53	Column Total	\$ 10,027.13
				Monthly Total	\$ 49,527.67

Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Strategic Planning Meeting – 2:30 p.m.  
March 9, 2020

The Leyton Board of Education met Monday, March 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at Points West Community Bank Meeting Room for a Strategic Planning Meeting. 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](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before March 3, 2020. Said posting gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Board President Jed Benish called the Strategic Planning Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- 1.2. The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke (arrived at 2:54 p.m.), and Anne Rexroth. Absent: None.
- 1.3. The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary. Absent: Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan and HS Principal Nick Brost.

2. HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- 2.1. None

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3.1. EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

- 3.1.1. Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to excuse Kevin Henke from the meeting until his arrival. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

3.2. STRATEGIC PLANNING

- 3.2.1. Mr. Geary began the discussion with the school lunch program and how it would affect the budget if the Board decided to cover all costs of the program. Some area schools are able to provide free meals to all students based on their percentage of free/reduced students. Board Members would like to see what area schools are doing and encourage parents to complete free/reduced lunch application forms.
- 3.2.2. Mr. Geary stated that another issue affecting the budget will be the addition of certified staff to legally meet the needs of identified students. These contracts will be considered for approval at the April Board meeting.
- 3.2.3. Mr. Geary said that several parents have asked that a preschool be added to the District. The members expressed that this was looked at in the past, but then the community did not want it. The Board agreed to form a preschool advisory committee and visit with area schools who currently have the program. They expressed the need to look at grants for startup costs as well as on going funding. In order to research everything properly, the Board felt that the goal for implementation should be the 2021-2022 school year. The Board suggested that there be another Strategic Planning Meeting in October 2020 to review the preschool advisory committee's recommendations and to complete grant paperwork.
- 3.2.4. Mr. Geary led the discussion on MAP testing and stated that it shows both achievement and growth scores. The three components of MAP testing are the student, the teacher, and the curriculum. He said that school districts are being compared whether we like it or not and this is the best tool we have to get the information we need. Board members stated that we need to better align our curriculum to the MAP test and then our scores will

improve. Mr. Geary informed the Board that curriculum work is ongoing and progress is being made.

3.2.5. Mr. Geary presented the School Improvement Plan handout and reviewed that we need to improve three areas: 1) ELA (Vocab/Reading) across all curriculum; 2) Student Attendance and 3) Communication. Mr. Geary stated that we need two way communication on this and asked the Board for discussion on the goals of the improvement plan. He also said that parent surveys will be done at Parent-Teacher Conferences as part of the school improvement process.

3.2.6. Discussion was held on other budget issue concerns such as transportation and what vehicle/s to use on routes; the need for locker rooms; and track updates. The Board stated that they would like to see the science room remodel done for 2020; the preschool implemented for 2021; and locker rooms built for 2022.

### 3.3. BOARD GOALS

3.3.1. Mr. Geary asked the Board if there was a reflective tool for how they are doing. Some members suggested that perhaps it was how the District improved fiscally, or the facilities, or the curriculum. The Board asked Mr. Geary to look at evaluation templates for them to review. The Board suggested that the District should focus on communicating to the public what we do spend on education and reduce the number of students who need to take Enrichment or who are ineligible.

### 3.4. ADMINISTRATIVE GOALS

3.4.1 Mr. Geary reviewed the information from the meeting and stated that his goal would be to communicate and celebrate the things we are doing in the school and to find additional methods to identify HAL (High Ability Learners) students.

### 3.5. POLICY REVIEW

3.5.1 None

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

4.1. Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Bartling to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Henke, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.



Ryan Borges, Board Secretary



Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary



LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING  
March 27, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

The Leyton Board of Education held a special meeting virtually via Zoom on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. 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](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before March 23, 2020. Said posting gave date, time, and zoom connection information.

1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Board President Jed Benish called the special school board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1.2 ROLL CALL

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

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

2 REGULAR AGENDA

2.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

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

2.2 ADOPT AN EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES RESOLUTION:

Borges offered amendments to the resolution. Following discussion, motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to approve the "COVID-19 Resolution: Emergency Expenditures and State or Federal Relief" as originally presented without amendments. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Bartling, Benish and Rexroth. VOTING NO – Borges. MOTION CARRIED: 4-1

2.3 APPROVAL OF RETURN TO WORK AGREEMENT

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rexroth to approve the "Return to Work Agreement", with Option 3e, as amended. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Borges, Benish, Rexroth and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

2.4 APPROVAL OF COVID-19 RESOLUTION: BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORITY

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve the "COVID-19 Resolution: Board/Superintendent Authority" as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

2.5 APPROVAL OF OPTIONAL COVID-19 RESOLUTION: BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORITY

There was no motion to approve the "COVID-19 Resolution: Board/Superintendent Authority" Optional Paragraph. MOTION FAILED.

3 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

President Benish thanked everyone for attending the meeting and to hang in there as we go through this together. He also recognized the Board for educating themselves on the situation and for working together to understand and pass these resolutions.

3.1 Special Board Meeting – Science Room via Zoom: Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

3.2 Next Regular Board Meeting via Zoom: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

4 MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Rexroth to adjourn the special school board meeting at 5:12 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Rexroth, Cruise, Bartling and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

  
Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

  
Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary

April 2020

## A Message from the Superintendent

What a crazy turn of events the last month has brought to us. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has impacted all of us on so many levels. It really is difficult for me to comprehend. However, I am confident in our plans. School is functioning, students are learning, and meals are being served. As of this writing, we are still allowed to have our classified staff work in the schools. If that should change, and it becomes necessary to completely close schools, the board has authorized payment for those staff. I don't know what's going to happen...we've never been through anything like this before. But I do know that we'll make it through. We will return to 'normal' someday. And I am hopeful that we all will have learned skills during our quarantine that make us all stronger – stronger leadership, stronger teachers, stronger students, and stronger families.

I would like to take a moment to clarify some misinformation that I've heard circulating in the community regarding the special board meeting held March 27, 2020. First is that the board has given me permission to violate board policy. Here are the facts. The approved resolution states, in part, that

“the superintendent, in consultation with the Board President, is authorized to make emergency expenditures and pay all claims and take any other action authorized by law during the emergency and any resulting school closure, including taking actions that may otherwise conflict with board policy or that would otherwise exceed the authority given to the superintendent in board policy if necessary based on this emergency and the COVID-19 pandemic”

This resolution does NOT allow me blanket authority to go outside Board Policy! This resolution is specifically designed to be used ONLY in an emergency and ONLY as it relates to COVID-19. I can assure you that I have absolutely NO interest in operating outside of Board Policy, and your elected Board has NO interest in allowing such a dangerous way of doing business. This resolution was enacted at the recommendation of our school attorney in order to protect our district during this emergency. Your board and I continue to be bound and directed by Board Policy. Please call me if you have any questions.

Second is the Return to Work Agreement. This resolution was provided by our attorney and is necessary to allow our classified staff to be paid in the event they

are prohibited from working because of COVID-19. Because it is ILLEGAL to gift public funds, employees have been given the opportunity to sign this agreement (NOBODY would be forced to sign it) so that they can be paid for not working – in exchange for their promise to return to work. The agreement gives both parties assurance that employment will continue after the COVID-19 closure and protects employees' fringe benefits and retirement.

In summary, I invite you to contact me at school if you have concerns or questions about operations here at school. I hope we never have to implement these resolutions – but if we do, you can be sure it will be a team effort with much consultation. The Board and I will never hide what we are doing or what is the motivation for those actions. Rest assured, the Board and I are committed to doing what is in the best interest of our students!

Our annual Board Retreat was held March 9, 2020. Little did we know that a couple of days later our worlds would be turned upside down. There are a couple of exciting items to report from that meeting. First is the science room renovation. Contractors were in the science room this past week with the architect's plans in hand. We will be opening bids on April 7, 2020 and there is a Special Board meeting scheduled for April 9, 2020 to consider those bids. The money for this project was budgeted in the 2019-2020 Building Fund. These funds have already been levied and will continue to be paid during THIS school year. Future projects will require future levies. The other exciting development is a preschool. The community has asked the Board to consider having a preschool in our district. They have committed to investigating that possibility. However, the COVID-19 pandemic will make visiting other preschools this school year, impossible. We will not give up. You may not see the activity you anticipated, but please know that studying the feasibility of a preschool is not forgotten. Please make your voice heard. This will necessarily require raising the levy to have the funds necessary to renovate our space and purchase the required equipment for a preschool. Please be watching for your chance to provide input on the preschool.

Stay safe. Wash your hands. Practice social distancing. Stay home if you can. Please let me know if you have any questions – I would love to visit with you.

A handwritten symbol consisting of three vertical lines of varying heights, resembling a stylized '111' or a simple drawing of a hand. To its right is a handwritten signature in cursive that appears to read 'Chris'.



## A Message from Mrs. Morgan

Let me start by saying I miss you all! It is hard to believe that it has only been a few short weeks that we haven't seen each other. It seems like so much longer. I hope that you are all taking care of each other and your families. Please stay healthy and happy. I would like to introduce our February good citizens. We fortunately had our lunch together on March 11, from Dairy Queen. We had some St. Patrick's Day sugar cookies for dessert. ☺ Good citizens from L to R standing: Elizabeth Higgins-4<sup>th</sup>; Dominic Gallegos-5<sup>th</sup>; Leah Jenson-K; Paige Frerichs-3<sup>rd</sup>; Maycee Smith-1<sup>st</sup>; Macey Roelle-6<sup>th</sup>; Skylar Draper-2<sup>nd</sup>; Seated L to R: Claire Watchorn-8<sup>th</sup> and Sydney Fortune-7<sup>th</sup>. We really enjoy our lunches together and our conversation is always very lively. I continue to be impressed by our students and want to thank you parents for your continued support. I am thankful to be a member of this community!

As promised I have also included a picture of our science fair winners with our 6-8 grade teachers, Mrs. Lecher and Mr. Coffey. Our 2019-2020 science fair winners are from L to R standing: Trenton R. & Peyton A. (8<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> place and overall engineering winners), Jaxson B.-8<sup>th</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> place, Claire W. & Natalie R.- 8<sup>th</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> place; L to R kneeling: Alec W.-6<sup>th</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> place, Macey R.-6<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place, Josette M.- 6<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> place; Katie E.-7<sup>th</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> place, Shawnee G.-7<sup>th</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>, Zaili B.(7<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> place and overall scientific method winner). I would also like to thank our science fair judges: Nick Brost, Dan Carlson, Jesse Henderson, Amy Henke, Rob Higgins, and Laura Narjes. Regional winners are on the front page of our newsletter!



During this time of uncertainty, please stay healthy and safe. Communicate with your child's teacher(s) often. We will get through this!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can assist you with. I can be reached at school by email.

Respectfully,  
Dana Morgan-K-8 Principal  
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April 2020

High School Principal/AD Newsletter

Hello Leyton Families. First and foremost, I hope our newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe. It has been a crazy turn of events at school during the last few weeks. The situation with the COVID-19 virus is rapidly changing and it seems there are new challenges for us to face every day. At the time I am writing this letter, school is closed until May 1<sup>st</sup> and the NSAA has suspended all activities until May 1<sup>st</sup> also. The school closure will impact our spring events, including prom and graduation. I want all of you to know that we are committed to doing our best to have these events to honor our students under the restrictions placed on us. Prom and graduation may not happen at their normal times and may not even look the way we are used to but we are working, and will continue to work, to have these events at a time that is appropriate.

The Nebraska Department of Education has also suspended our NSCAS Assessments. These assessments include: 1) NWEA MAP tests for Kindergarten-Junior students, 2) NSCAS tests for 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade, and, 3) NSCAS ACT test for all Juniors. Currently, there is not a plan to make up any of these assessments.

During the closure, our teachers have been busy moving their content from their physical classrooms to their virtual classrooms. I want to applaud our teachers on their hard work on their curriculum and their dedication to our students. Our education as we move forwards through the month of April is going to be different than what our students, teachers, families and community are used to seeing. Instead of having they physical building for our students and teachers to meet in, our teachers and students will be meeting through online video conferences. Teachers have gathered up their necessary materials from school and have created workspaces at their homes.



Some of our teachers' home-office workspaces, including Mr. Oakes, Mrs. Schumacher, Mr. Gamble, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Post, Mr. Brost, Mr. Hutton, and Mr. Lipska.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns call the school or contact me at [nick.brost@leytonwarriors.org](mailto:nick.brost@leytonwarriors.org).

Go Warriors!

*Nick Brost*

April 2020

# Counselor Corner

## Newsletter

Allie Peters

Happy Spring, Leyton Warriors!

Our final quarter is going to be different than any time we've spent together in school, but I know all of us will come away with improved perspective and a new knowledge base. Here are some resources and tips to help end the year strong. Please use the self-assessment on the next page to see how you can help your children be successful during this transitional time. As always, I'm available for any support or questions. [allie.peters@leytonwarriors.org](mailto:allie.peters@leytonwarriors.org)

Nebraska educators teaching live lessons daily for all grade levels.

<https://panhandle.newschannelnebraska.com/teacher-tv>

"The Imagine Neighborhood" podcast is designed for you and your child to talk together and grow social-emotional skills. <https://www.imagineneighborhood.org/>

"Little Children, Big Challenges" series of videos available on YouTube by Sesame Street aimed towards building resiliency.

Mind Yeti- guided meditations and mindfulness exercises for younger students. [mindyeti.com](http://mindyeti.com)

For a screen free option, Audible is offering hundreds of free audio books for ages 0-18 at [stories.audible.com](http://stories.audible.com).

For high school students: I will be posting college prep, ACT, and career advising materials to their Google Classroom.

"Lunch Bunch" will be every Thursday at 12:00 for all students to chat, ask questions, and laugh together. Log in with this zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/518131958?pwd=Q21rNIA3T1Q1TzUrK1I2YzJpa0l0dz09>



# parents

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

COVID UPDATE: ISSUE 1

Parent's Name:

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Date:

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Child's Name:

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Evaluation Period:

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While you are home with your children here is what you need to know about COVID-19 and here is what your children need from you. **This does not need to be submitted to your school it is a self-evaluation.**

Help me create a new schedule

Let me play outside

Spend time with me

Give me clear rules to follow

Clean frequently touched surfaces

Feed me complete and healthy meals, let me help

Help me connect with friends virtually

Make sure I wash my hands

Help the world come together while staying apart

Be kind to yourself, set new expectations

### GRADING SYSTEM

# A

Excellent

# B

Great

# C

Good

# E

Effort

I'm trying!!!

# F

Nobody fails we are in uncharted territories - and doing our best!

#### NOTES:

**PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING = PLEASE KEEP 6' AWAY FROM OTHERS**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING TO FLATTEN THE CURVE**

COVID-19 Unified Command  
A PARTNERSHIP



PANHANDLE PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT (308)243-5744 24/7  
SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (308)630-1580  
TO SELF REPORT OR IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL BEFORE SEEKING MEDICAL CARE

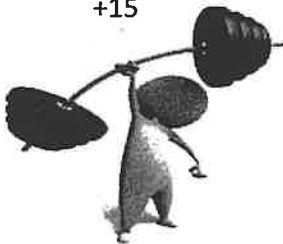
# Leyton Warriors Weight Room Gains through the 2019-2020 school year.

The students maxed out on bench press, leg squat, and power cleans at the beginning of the school year. Not all the athletes had a chance to re-max on the 3 olympic style lifts due to the fact that they have athletic contests that were too close to the max-out days or they were injured and were held out.

The gains that are seen are the 3 olympic lifts combined together. (bench press, squat, cleans)

**The level of achievement surpassed my expectations!!**

<b>Blake Miller</b>	<b>Matt Monheiser</b>	<b>Logan Bartling</b>	<b>Logan Craig</b>
+195	+155	+145	+145
<b>Dawson Juelfs</b>	<b>Cort Rummel</b>	<b>Josh Backman</b>	<b>Chance Carter</b>
+140	+110	+110	+100
<b>Tyenne Berner</b>	<b>Jakob Kruse</b>	<b>Scout Gamble</b>	<b>Jeremy Carley</b>
+90	+85	+80	+75
<b>Damyn Russ</b>	<b>Brenton Abbott</b>	<b>Megan Ernest</b>	<b>Chase Rushman</b>
+70	+65	+65	+60
<b>Tyler Bayne</b>	<b>Tyson Bayne</b>	<b>Levi Weyerts</b>	<b>Brayden Haley</b>
+50	+50	+50	+45
<b>K.J. Bush</b>	<b>Jake Keim</b>	<b>Zander Schoolcraft</b>	<b>Axi Benish</b>
+45	+40	+20	+20
<b>Lisa Dobrinski</b>	<b>Dillon Juelfs</b>	<b>Alex Jeppson</b>	
+15	+15	+10	





# IT'S TIME TO ORDER THE LEYTON K-12 YEARBOOK FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR!

Costs for this Year's Annual are the Same as Last Year:

\$40.00 without a personalized name

\$45.00 with a personalized name

**Our yearbook deadline has been extended due to building closures and activity postponements. We will be able to include any school activities through June, if they are able to be held. Our ordering deadline is June 15, 2020. Delivery date is unknown at this time.**

YOU WILL HAVE TWO OPTIONS FOR ORDERING:

1. Mail Order Option: Please mail the order form at the bottom of this page with your money enclosed to the Leyton High School office:
  - **Leyton High School, Attn: Yearbook-Christy Schumacher**  
**P. O. Box 297, Dalton, NE 69131**
2. Online Order Option: Please access our Jostens Website to order, where there are options to make one payment or three installments:
  - The website address is:  
[https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1058933/Leyton-High-School/2020-Yearbook/20200327041519593114/CATALOG\\_SHOP/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1058933/Leyton-High-School/2020-Yearbook/20200327041519593114/CATALOG_SHOP/)

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## 2019-20 Leyton Yearbook Order Form

Person Ordering \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Yearbooks Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Yearbooks

Number of Personalized Orders \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Personalization

Total Amount Included: Check / Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Names for Personalization:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your option for delivery:

DELIVER TO MY CHILD(REN): \_\_\_\_\_

PICK UP AT THE DALTON SCHOOL OFFICE

PICK UP AT THE GURLEY SCHOOL OFFICE

Hello Leyton Warriors! I hope this finds you all in good health.

We've had a busy year in the library. Of course, we read stories, made crafts, and checked out books. But this year, we also tried a few new things. We had a "Book Tasting" in which kids were seated in our book café and enjoyed three courses of picture books, rating each one based on first impressions. Upper grades participated in "Book Speed-dating." During this activity, students spent two minutes with a book and used a score sheet to judge whether they would read that book based on various categories, including title, appearance, and synopsis.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders and kindergarten class were paired together as reading buddies, reading stories and making crafts. Before our school closing, 5<sup>th</sup> graders had been working on writing their own stories and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class had been researching famous figures for their wax museum. I hope to revisit these projects in the future.

I just want to add that I miss my library students very much and hope you are all doing well! Don't forget to keep reading, **20 minutes a day!**

🐼 Mrs. Jones



HERE'S THE IMPACT OF  
**READING 20**  
MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads    A student who reads    A student who reads

**20:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

**5:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

**1:00**

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

**SCHOLASTIC**

Source: Rugg, Anderson and Herman, 1987



## Lunch Delivery during Covid-19 Closure

Menus will be posted on a week by week basis. Please remember to call in to the high school (308-377-2301) by 6pm the day before to order your meal by the day, week, or month. You may also email [krystal.borges@leytonwarriors.org](mailto:krystal.borges@leytonwarriors.org) to request meal delivery or to ask any questions about the program. Lunch delivery is open to all students currently enrolled in the Leyton Public School district. Currently, we are providing meals to 54 students. Menus are subject to change depending on distributor availability of some items. As always, delivery will be weather and health pending. Please look to our Facebook pages and the website for any changes to menus or delivery. Thank you!

### Delivered 04/06/20

**Monday Lunch (04/06/20):** Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, fruit, milk

**Tuesday Breakfast (04/07/20):** Cereal, Pop Tart, fruit, milk

### Delivered 04/07/20

**Tuesday Lunch (04/07/20):** HB, baked beans, fruit, milk

**Wednesday Breakfast (04/08/20):** Pancakes, sausage links, fruit, milk

### Delivered 04/08/20

**Wednesday Lunch (04/08/20):** Smoked turkey croissant, tater tots, fruit, milk

**Thursday Breakfast (04/09/20):** Yogurt cup, Pop Tart, granola, fruit, milk

**There will be no delivery of meals April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup> for Easter Break. We will resume delivery on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for understanding.**

### Delivered 04/14/20

**Tuesday Lunch (04/14/20):** Chicken Alfredo bake, green beans, fruit, milk

**Wednesday Breakfast (04/15/20):** PB & J, fruit, milk

### Delivered 04/15/20

**Wednesday Lunch (04/15/20):** Enchilada, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit, milk

**Thursday Breakfast (04/16/20):** Pancake on a stick, fruit, milk

### Delivered 04/16/20

**Thursday Lunch (04/16/20):** BBQ turkey sandwich, corn, fruit, milk

**Friday Breakfast (04/17/20):** Cereal, Pop Tart, fruit, milk

### Delivered 04/17/20

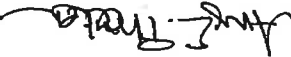
**Friday Lunch (04/17/20):** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fruit, milk

**Monday Breakfast (04/18/20):** Yogurt cup, Pop Tart, fruit, milk

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Dalton, NE 69131

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## BOXHOLDER



Amy Thacker

Title I Teacher/Kindergarten SpEd

Sincerely,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of where the Annual Parent Meeting PowerPoint Presentation is as well as the Schoolwide Title I Plan for Leyton Public Schools. Since we were unable to meet and discuss in-person, I wanted to give everyone an opportunity to view my presentation. You can view both documents on the Leyton Warriors website at [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) under the District tab that says, "Title I". The presentation allows for you to explore and familiarize yourself with Title I related information/resources, and your involvement with your child's school as a parent whose child is supported by Title I. It would be greatly appreciated if you have any questions or suggestions, please email them to me at [amy.thacker@leytonwarriors.org](mailto:amy.thacker@leytonwarriors.org). Your opinion and/or suggestions regarding the education of your children are important to the success of our school. Viewing the PowerPoint Presentation should take only 5-10 minutes. Thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with our Title I program at Leyton. Help us cultivate life-long learners!

Dear Parent & Guardian,