

LEYTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 17-0003  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
June 8, 2020 – 7:30 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:30 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 June 3, 2020, with a location correction posted on June 5, 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 7:30 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, 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

A thank you card was read from Jill Bartling.

2 HEARINGS AND PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

2.1 Mr. Benish asked Mr. Dave Wiedeman if he could wait on his presentation regarding graduation requirements until the Board reached that agenda item. Mr. Wiedeman agreed.

(Mr. Borges asked to be excused from the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Benish excused Mr. Borges.)

2.2 Ms. Sage Rummel addressed the Board regarding a Volleyball Coaching Petition and her concerns as to why Mrs. Jodi Craig was removed from coaching volleyball. She listed the many awards and accomplishments that Coach Craig and her volleyball teams have earned over the years. Ms. Rummel stated that the players are left wondering why Mrs. Craig is no longer their coach and asked the Board to have her reinstated as the Head Volleyball Coach. She added that the petition and testimonial support from community patrons as well as past and current players were included in the Board packets.

(Mr. Borges returned to the meeting at 7:37 p.m.)

2.3 Mrs. Kelly Reimers addressed the Board regarding a community divided. She thanked the Board for allowing people to share and voice their concerns. She stated that we can't focus on the past, but should rather move forward and to a place of positivity. Mrs. Reimers added that we can't stand divided -- we need to shift our attention to love. She ended with the quote, "A school is four walls with tomorrow inside."

2.4 President Benish thanked both speakers for addressing the Board. He thanked Ms. Rummel for her hard work and for standing up for something she believes in. He stated to the audience that if anyone would like a copy of the board packet with Ms. Rummel's presentation, which includes the petitions and signatures, they could request one from the District Office.

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

4 REPORTS

4.1 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.2 BOARD REPORTS

4.2.1 Mr. Henke presented the minutes of the Security & Crisis meeting held on May 14, 2020. The committee reviewed the October 2019 minutes and revisited the use of "All Call" messages. Mr. Henke noted that an "Option 7" has been added that will allow patrons to replay the message. Other items of discussion included: 1) All Hazards Safety Plan Review; 2) Board Policy #3048 (Communicable Disease); 3) Cheyenne County LEOP; 4) Launch Nebraska Site; 5) Identifying Crisis Team Members; 6) Mental Health Response; 7) Updating Contact Information; and 8) Out of State Travel Guidelines. The Security & Crisis

Committee will meet on Friday, October 9, 2020. It was established that there is no football game that night due to it being played the night before.

- 4.2.2 Mrs. Rexroth presented the minutes of the Preschool Advisory Committee meeting held on May 15, 2020. The committee reviewed the Rule 11 document (Approval of PreK Programs) on the NDE website. It was determined that the first step of Rule 11 is to identify potential preschool students. The decision was made to send a mass mailing to all District families and patrons with a deadline of July 1, 2020 to return the information. It is essential for the committee to find out if a preschool is even feasible and/or sustainable before they consider other details. The Committee further discussed visiting other area preschools, that both sites should be considered for the preschool, NDE grants, and a NDE visit. The committee will meet again after the surveys have been returned.

4.2.2.1 Update on surveys. It was noted that at the time of the Board meeting, eleven families had submitted surveys to the school with only three potential students for the 2021-2022 school year. Patrons are encouraged to return those information surveys by July 1, 2020.

4.3 STAFF MEMBERS REPORT

None

4.4 ELEMENTARY/JH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan attended meetings for administrators, Security & Crisis, Preschool Advisory, an IEP, and many webinars and zoom meetings. She completed all K-3 Reading Improvement Act requirements and mailed individual progress reports with student report cards. She met with each teacher to complete end-of-year checkout and SLO reviews. Mrs. Morgan reviewed curriculum and classroom requisitions for the 2020-2021 school year; and continued to review/edit Year-at-a-Glance documents. She completed the High School library inventory, while Faith Jones completed the Elementary/Junior High School library inventory.

4.5 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brost attended an administrator meeting, a student IEP, a district Non-Public IDEA meeting, a Panhandle Public Health District Coach/AD Q & A Session, and several webinars.

4.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.6.1 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Geary recognized students, families and staff for completing the most challenging school year any of us dreamed was possible. He thanked everyone for pushing through the challenges and difficulties and bringing concerns to our attention so that the District can improve.

4.6.2 MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Mr. Geary continues to attend weekly zoom meetings with the Panhandle Public Health District and the Commissioner of Education to discuss ongoing plans. There is little in the way of clear expectations for moving forward. There remains conflicts between what the general population is allowed to do and the restrictions placed on schools. Mr. Geary attended a Title IX presentation from KSB School Law on new federal regulations set to be implemented August 14, 2020. Our District will need to change some policies, procedures and handbooks as a result. He attended a zoom meeting with the ESU #13 SPED Director regarding COVID considerations and unfinished learning. This will be part of our planning for 2020-2021. Mr. Geary attended the Preschool Advisory Committee meeting and stated that we really need to identify those students. If a preschool is added, the District can estimate around \$150,000.00 for remodeling expenses.

4.6.3 CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

None

4.6.4 ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Geary stated that action items would include a correction to the total credits in the graduation requirements; that lunch pricing should remain the same for next year; a bill for bus summer maintenance and repairs; and bids for the marquee, fencing, bathroom

floors at Gurley, remodeled/handicap accessible bathrooms in Dalton, and a commercial sprayer.

#### 4.6.5 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Geary reported that the Technology Committee will have an action item for the July Board meeting regarding a school Facebook page. He also reported that due to the unusual circumstances surrounding the completion of the 2019-2020 school year, we know there will be gaps in learning for our students. The fall MAP testing will be used to assess student achievement and decide how to “catch up” those gaps. The MAP assessment is the most comprehensive, detailed, and reliable measure we can use to understand how to best meet our students’ needs. Mr. Geary has worked with PPHD to develop a plan to hold a traditional graduation ceremony on June 20<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that Spanish classes will continue via Distance Learning and that we are continuing with our original 2020-2021 school calendar that was approved earlier this year. Mr. Geary has submitted the district End of Year Report and Affidavit Process for Rule 10 Accredited School Systems for this school year as well as data collections for the NDE end of year reporting.

### 5 REGULAR AGENDA

#### 5.1 EXCUSING A BOARD MEMBER

None

#### 5.2 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to recognize all of the ladies in the kitchen for continuing to provide meals for our students during the school closure and for delivering our backpack program meals during their lunch and breakfast deliveries; to Jacob Noel and Krystal Borges for the summer maintenance and grounds work at the high school; to Dave Nyffeler for using his trailer to pick up cabinets in Scottsbluff; to Megan Gipfert for holding the final teacher zoom meeting and helping complete final teacher checkouts; to Kathy Surber for organizing and ordering requisitions; to our students on the successful completion of the 2019-2020 school year; and congratulations to the Class of 2020 on their graduation. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

#### 5.3 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on May 11, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

#### 5.4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

#### 5.5 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, WARRANTS, AND TRANSFERS

5.5.1 Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve General Fund bills and Financial Reports as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

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

#### 5.6 APPROVAL OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Mr. Dave Wiedeman addressed the Board with a concern on the discrepancy of the total credits presented at last month’s meeting as 260 and Policy #6005 (Graduation Requirements) that shows 270 credits. The Board agreed that there was a mistake in the presented graduation credits and that it should have been stated as 270 total credits. Mr. Wiedeman also voiced concerns over the removal of the Speech and Information Technology classes. He agreed with Mr. Borges’ statements last month that these classes help teach necessary job skills. He stated that a speech class also helps ensure that Nebraska Speaking and Listening Standards are met and presented those standards to the Board. Mr. Wiedeman suggested solutions for transfer students

and those classes including reviewing the other school's curriculum to substitute similar classes and/or developing a test for students to "test out" of Information Technology.

Mr. Geary added that a patron had spoken with him also expressing their concern that Speech would no longer be required.

Motion by Henke, seconded by Cruise to approve the updated Graduation Requirements as presented and revise Policy #6005 (Graduation Requirements) to include 270 credits as initially decided. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling and Benish. VOTING NO – Borges. MOTION CARRIED: 5-1.

5.7 APPROVAL OF MEAL PRICING FOR 2020-2021

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to approve no increases in meal pricing for the 2020-2021 school year and approve the pricing as presented (Adult Lunch-\$3.75; Adult Breakfast-\$2.25; HS Student Lunch-\$2.85; HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch Entrée-\$1.30; HS Student Breakfast-\$1.60; HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast Entrée-\$1.00; 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Student Lunch-\$2.75; K-5<sup>th</sup> Student Lunch-\$2.60; Elem/JH 2<sup>nd</sup> Entrée-\$0.75; Elem/JH Student Breakfast-\$1.50; and Milk-\$0.40). ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.8 APPROVAL OF COACH BUS REPAIRS

Motion by Henke, seconded by Rexroth to approve the bid from Coachmasters in the amount of \$6,528.77 to be paid from the Depreciation Fund. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.9 APPROVAL OF MARQUEE PURCHASE

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Rexroth to approve the bid from Stewart Signs in the amount of \$16,132.00 for a school marquee. The funds to be used will be \$7,527.00 from the National Honor Society, \$1,078.00 from the Leyton Foundation, and \$7,527.00 from the Building Fund. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke and Rexroth. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.10 APPROVAL OF GURLEY DUMPSTER FENCING BID

Motion by Bartling, seconded by Cruise to approve the bid from Van Pelt Fencing in the amount of \$5,469.00 to be paid from the Building Fund. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Benish, Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth and Bartling. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.11 APPROVAL OF GURLEY BATHROOM FLOORING BID

Motion by Cruise, seconded by Bartling to approve the bid from England Construction for epoxy finish on four bathrooms at the Gurley site in the amount not to exceed \$3,122.00, to be paid from the Building Fund. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Borges, Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling and Benish. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.12 APPROVAL OF DALTON GYMNASIUM BATHROOM REMODEL BID

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to table approval and request more bids to remodel two bathrooms at the Dalton Gymnasium. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Cruise, Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish and Borges. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

5.13 APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL LAWN SPRAYER PURCHASE

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Henke to approve the purchase of a Commercial Lawn Sprayer, not to exceed \$6,000.00, with funds from the Depreciation Fund. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Henke, Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges and Cruise. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

6 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting: July 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

7 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Borges to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 8:22 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES –Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.