

Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for the 2020-2021 School Year
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
September 10, 2020
7:00 PM

The Leyton Board of Education met Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Multipurpose Room. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted at Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH School, at various businesses in the community and on the www.leytonwarriors.org website on August 24, 2020. Publicized notice of the meeting was printed in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on September 2, 2020. Said postings gave date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. Board President Jed Benish called the hearing to order at 7:00 P.M.
 - 1.1. ROLL CALL
 - 1.1.1. The following Board of Education members were present: Galen Bartling, Jed Benish, Ryan Borges, Colleen Cruise, Kevin Henke, and Anne Rexroth. Absent: None.
 - 1.1.2. The following Administrators were present: Superintendent Chris Geary.
2. BUDGET PROPOSAL
 - 2.1. Mr. Benish read the budget proposal and Mr. Geary provided a brief overview of the budget, including a comparison with the prior year's budget. Mr. Geary noted that the meeting notice had been posted in various locations on August 24th and in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on September 2nd. He stated that twenty copies of the budget were available at the meeting as well as some that were emailed by request. Mr. Geary added that the published budget would need to be amended to reflect cash reserve balances in the Employees' Benefit Fund, the Activity Fund, and the Nutrition Fund; but that the overall numbers would remain the same. He further compared the General Fund expenses over the past six years and showed that the 2019-2020 expenditures had gone down from the previous year. He discussed that our District averages \$300,000 per month in expenses and that the NDE likes to see schools have at least three months in reserve. Mr. Geary stated that our District meets that threshold going into the new budget year. Mr. Benish then turned it over for Public Comment.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - 3.1. Public Comments were heard from Dani Van Anne, Dennis Peters, Rol Rushman, Russ Rushman, Rob Rushman, and Jim Ernest. Items of concern included the money that was spent on the track project; that expenses are staying the same for fewer students; and that the Depreciation Fund is down from previous years. Questions asked included: 1) What other expenses are planned for the Building Fund besides the science room remodel project? 2) What were administration costs from last year and the amount of increase? 3) What are the costs per pupil? and 4) Is there too much staff or administration? Board replied to most of the comments while a few items will need to be researched.
4. MEETING ADJOURNED
 - 4.1. Motion by Rexroth, seconded by Cruise to adjourn the hearing at 7:51 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES – Rexroth, Bartling, Benish, Borges, Cruise and Henke. VOTING NO – None. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

Ryan Borges, Board Secretary

Janella Kruse, Recording Secretary