

Proceedings of the  
Leyton Public Schools  
Cheyenne County School District #03  
Board of Education Meeting  
June 14, 2021 – 7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Suzy Ernest called the regular school board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The public was informed of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the multi-purpose room. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH, at various businesses in the community, and on the [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org) website on or before Wednesday June 9, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Ryan Borges, Lisa Carter, Suzy Ernest, and Rol Rushman. Members absent: Sam Schumacher and Dave Wiedeman. Also present were Superintendent Chris Geary and former interim Superintendent Chuck Bunner. In addition approximately thirty visitors were present including John Selzer from Simmons Olsen law firm who represents the school district.

Public comments were heard from Kevin Tretter and Liz Twarling.

Special Presentation to the Board was made by Sheriff Adam Frerichs to consider joining other schools in the county in a School Resource Officer program. The program would have a member of the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office at either of the Leyton sites one day/week. Potter-Dix one day/week. And Sidney three days/week. Amongst many other benefits sited by Sheriff Frerichs, one benefit to the program would be to increase feelings of safety among students, teachers, and administrators. The yearly wage for the Deputy would be \$38,000 which would be paid for as follows: Sidney- \$22,200 Leyton- \$7,400 Potter-Dix- \$7400.

**REPORTS:**

Mr. Borges reported that the American Civics committee met before the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. June 14, 2021. Present were Mr. Borges, Mrs. Ernest, Mr. Rushman, Mr. Lipska, and Mr. Geary. Board Policy 2002, Paragraph 5 was read by Mr. Borges. Review took place of the Social Studies Standards. Review also took place of our Social Studies Curriculum. No action was taken to change the Social Studies curriculum. Review took place regarding public access to the Social Studies curriculum. Mr. Lipska reported that the curriculum is on the school website. Discussion took place regarding formative, interim, and summative assessments. Finally discussion took place regarding the administration of the civics portion of the naturalization test used by US Citizenship and Immigration Services for 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Mr. Geary gave the Superintendent's report.

Mr. Bunner gave a supplementary report.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Excusing a Board Member(s):

Moved by Borges, seconded by Carter to excuse Board members Wiedeman and Schumacher.

Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 4-0

Sheena Jenson requested we pay Special Recognition to Jennifer Dobrinski and the Gurley Lions Club for driving the kids to and from the recent swimming lessons. Moved by Carter, seconded by Borges to grant Special Recognition to Jennifer Dobrinski and the Gurley Lions Club for their efforts. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

President Ernest announced that since approving the agenda was not listed as an agenda item it would not be voted on for approval but would be on next month's agenda. No items have been added to the agenda during the twenty four hour period immediately preceding the meeting.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Ernest to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting on May 10, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Carter to approve the bills and financial reports as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Borges. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Rushman to have a Board retreat June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Borges, Carter. No: None. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Carter, seconded by Borges to approve the 2021-2022 master calendar as corrected and to rescind the Negotiated Agreement Amendment signed April 22, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Borges, Carter, Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Carter to approve the Panhandle Beginnings Day School Interlocal Agreement with ESU#13 as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 4-0

Discussion took place regarding LED lighting in both the Dalton and Gurley sites. No action was needed.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Ernest to approve of the disposal of School District Property as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Borges to indemnify Nick Brost for attorney fees in the amount of \$951.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Borges. No: None. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Carter to approve payment of expenses to Lily Amare, legal counsel for Mr. Geary, to attend the June Board retreat. Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Rushman to approve the replacement of locks and door handles in Dalton and Gurley. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Borges, Carter, Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Ernest to receive interim Superintendent Bunner's Evaluation. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Borges to receive Superintendent Geary's Evaluation. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Carter to approve the NASB Superintendent evaluation tool for use at Leyton Public School. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Borges to hold the next Board meeting July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Carter to hire Perry Law Firm for personnel matters. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Borges. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Carter to enter closed session with the board and legal counsel to discuss a potential claim by an employee at 9:28 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Borges, Carter. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Borges, to re-enter open session at 9:57 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Carter, Borges, Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Rushman to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jodi Craig with regret. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Borges, Rushman, Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Borges to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Borges, Carter. No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted and approved,



Rol Rushman, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education