

Proceedings of the  
Leyton Public Schools  
Cheyenne County School District #03  
Board of Education Meeting  
September 16, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
High School Multi-Purpose Room in Dalton, NE

**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, September 8, 2021.

Members present: Ryan Borges, Lisa Carter, Suzy Ernest, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher, and Dave Wiedeman. Members absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Chris Geary and Elementary/JH Principal Dana Morgan. HS Principal Ryan Plummer was excused from the meeting. In addition, there were approximately forty visitors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Schumacher to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Communications were read from Jill Bartling, Becky Murray, Amy Thacker, and Kathy Surber.

**HEARINGS & PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Public comments were heard from Chris Morgan, Kathy Surber, Steve Schumacher, Christy Schumacher, Chris Lind, Russ Rushman, Barb Reimers, and Ann Rushman.

**REPORTS:**

STUCO President Brenton Abbott presented his report which included the current week's Homecoming activities. He also thanked local businesses for allowing students to decorate their windows for Homecoming.

Mr. Wiedeman, Mrs. Ernest, and Mr. Geary attended a NASB meeting on August 24th, in Gering. Mr. Wiedeman attended sessions on Budget Finance and State Legislature; while Mrs. Ernest attended sessions on the Open Meetings Act and Evaluations.

Mrs. Morgan presented the Elementary/JH Principal's report. In addition, she introduced Karson Langley who is doing her administrative practicum with Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Rowlett (Sidney). Mrs. Morgan added that the elementary/JH students have almost completed their MAP testing and that she has started her SRO Training.

Mr. Plummer's High School Principal's report was provided to the Board.

Mr. Geary presented the Superintendent's Report. He thanked Ms. Carter for facilitating conversations on the budget over the past few weeks. He also discussed SRO training, MAP testing, and Homecoming activities. Mr. Geary stated that there will be upcoming items for the Board at the next meeting including a policy revision, the need for a snow removal vehicle, and the ALICAP safety report.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

Moved by Borges, seconded by Rushman to grant Special Recognition to Suzy Ernest for volunteering in the kitchen; to Brenda Ahlm, T'Neal Lind, Shirley Melton, and the "Dalton Gang" (Ila Mitchell, Tess Longshore and Kathren McConnell) for working hard in the kitchens at both sites and helping Chris Lind; to Joe & Yoland Hruska for donating pencil boxes and crayons to our students; to our elementary/JH Welcoming Committee of Aubri Borges, Josiah Kepler, Jayla Serrato and Colt VanAnne.; to everyone who pitched in to help make the Tailgate a success; to Kelly Reimers for presenting possible grant information at a staff meeting; to the high school staff and students for a productive and fun first month of school; to Ryan Fortune and Jacob Noel for making the inside and outside of the school look amazing; to Coach Tretter, Coach Haupt, Coach Hicks,

Coach Lipska, Coach Gamble, Coach Schumacher and the athletes for their amazing starts to their respective sport; to Cary Linton for taking all the athletic and school pictures; to Matt Gillespie and Bud Gillespie for their wonderful scoreboard abilities; to Lance Juefls for announcing the football games; to Christy Schumacher for her willingness to help in any way possible for sporting events and taking pictures; to Alison Haley for all of her time spent streaming the games to YouTube; and to Janella Kruse for posting pictures of the Homecoming hallway decorations for all patrons to see. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Carter to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting on August 9, 2021; the minutes of the Budget Hearing on September 2, 2021; and the minutes of the Tax Request Hearing on September 2, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Wiedeman to approve bills and financial reports from all funds as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Carter to approve policy #5066 (Early Graduation) as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the SRO MOU in partnership with Cheyenne County Schools and the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher to approve the use of the Elementary building in Gurley and the High School building in Dalton as Red Cross Emergency Shelters and direct Mr. Geary to complete the Shelter Facility Survey for both buildings. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Carter to approve of Leyton Public Schools ARP Return to Safe Instruction Plan as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rushman to approve the bid for fixtures and materials from Compton Electric in the amount of \$32,333.90 for LED light fixtures and materials to be installed at the high school and elementary-middle school and authorize the Board President to enter into a Material Contract with the selected supplier with any changes as the Board President, with the advice of the Administration and Legal Counsel, deems is in the best interest of the School District. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Schumacher to approve the bid for installation of LED lights from Compton Electric in the amount of \$11,500.00 to install LED lighting at the high school and elementary-middle school and authorize the Board President to enter into a Construction Contract with the selected contractor with any changes as the Board President, with the advice of the Administration and Legal Counsel, deems is in the best interest of the School District. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher to approve the 2021-2022 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Borges to recess at 9:07 p.m. to seek legal counsel regarding rescinding a board motion. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Borges; seconded by Rushman to return to general session at 9:16 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher to rescind the previous motion and vote of the 2021-2022 Budget. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: Carter. Motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Rushman to reduce the 2021-2022 Budget by \$151,515.00 in the Special Building Fund. There was no second. Motion died.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Schumacher to reduce the 2021-2022 Budget by \$55,555.00 in the Special Building Fund. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Ernest. No: Carter. Motion carried 5-1.

There was discussion on the tax request and an error was discovered on the budget. Mr. Geary provided updated budget and tax request forms to the Board and the patrons in attendance.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Rushman to rescind the previous motion and vote of the 2021-2022 Budget. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the 2021-2022 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: Carter. Motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Schumacher to approve the 2021-2022 Tax Request as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: Carter. Motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Wiedeman, seconded by Carter to approve the resignation of Katie Cranmore. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Borges to accept the Board Goals as presented by NASB. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Rushman to not move forward with the NASB Community Engagement Proposal. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Wiedeman, seconded by Rushman to evaluate the Superintendent. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding the October meeting being on the same day as Fall Break. There was no motion to change the date and time of that meeting.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Next Regular Meeting: October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Borges, seconded by Rushman to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved by



Rol Rushman, Secretary

Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully submitted,



Janella Kruse,

Recording Secretary