

Proceedings of the
Leyton Public Schools
Cheyenne County School District #03
Board of Education Meeting
March 14, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
High School Multi-Purpose Room in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ryan Borges called the regular school board meeting to order at 5:30 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 website on or before Thursday, March 10, 2022.

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

There were no communications. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public comments were heard from Chris Lind and Jenni McConnell.

Carl Dietz, representing First National Capital Markets, presented to the Board the EFAST (Education Finance Assistance, Support, and Training) services that his company provides to school districts.

REPORTS:

STUCO President, Brenton Abbott, and STUCO Junior Class Representative, Chance Carter, presented their report to the Board. They showed the hats and window decals they have for sale and displayed their new STUCO banner. They also reported that STUCO purchased a new Christmas tree and that the Cornhole Tournament was cancelled due to no teams signing up to participate.

Mr. Wiedeman was absent from the School Improvement Meeting and asked Mr. Geary to present. Mr. Geary reported that they worked on providing documentation for the upcoming Cognia visit April 4th-7th. The Cognia committee will need to meet with the Board via zoom on March 23rd and 24th and he encouraged the Board members to sign up for different time slots. There will also be an exit interview with the Cognia team on April 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Rushman reported that he attended a NASB Needs & Resources Workshop in Grand Island on February 23rd. He learned more about the state aid formula and how different things, such as option students, affect our school funding.

Ms. Primm reported on the proposed Friday 2:00 p.m. student dismissal for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Morgan presented the Elementary/JH Principal's report.

Mr. Plummer presented the Secondary Principal's report.

Mr. Geary presented the Superintendent's Report. He added that the Board needs to review the options on the 2022-2023 Staffing Plan.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Borges to recognize John Sanna and the American Legion for presenting a flag etiquette ceremony to the 5th & 6th graders and presenting a flag to each student; to the February Good Citizens (Kindergarten-Auggie Adams, 1st-Leo Tretter, 2nd-Levi Roelle, 3rd-Maddy Mitchell, 4th-Joel Hajek, 5th-Jonathon Reimers, 6th-Auvi Cranmore, 7th-Riley Benish, and 8th-Quentin Tretter); to the science fair winners (6th grade-Elizabeth Higgins, Aubri Borges, Gracyn Abbott and Lucy Tretter; 7th grade-Austin Beutler, Claire Eckhardt, and Gauge Harcsa; 8th grade-Macey Roelle, Carlyn Thomas, and Kaleb Miller); to Claire Eckhardt for

placing 3rd at the Regional Science Fair in Scottsbluff and will participate in Lincoln on April 21st; to the Cheyenne County FCE Third Grade Essay Contest winners (1st place-Maddy Mitchell, 2nd place-Adyleigh Rushman, and 3rd place-Breckyr Cranmore); to the Lions' Club for completing all of our screenings; to Macey Roelle and Carlyn Thomas, JH STUCO volunteers, for helping with the Lions' Club screenings; to the science fair judges (Galen Bartling, Jamie Bright, Jesse Henderson, Lisa Kadie, Laura Narjes, and Anne Rexroth); to all the winter coaches for their time and commitment to their respective programs; to all students for a great third quarter effort; to Brenton Abbott for making the State Wrestling Tournament; to the Speech Team (Cortney Holt, Ethan Eckhardt, Katy Jones, Holden Syverson, Logan Bartling, and Katie Eckhardt) for being District Runner Ups and qualifying for State Speech; to the High Plains Honor Band participants (Isaiah Suarez, Katy Jones, Cortney Holt, and Holden Syverson); and to Ms. Wasielewski and the FFA members for hosting a successful Labor/Silent Auction evening. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Ernest to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on February 14, 2022 and the Special Board Meetings on February 25, 2022 and March 11, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Moved by Carter, seconded by Schumacher to approve the resignation, as updated, from Tess Longshore, HS Kitchen Staff, with regret. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the resignation from Jill Bartling, Elementary Teacher, at the end of the school year, with regret. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ernest, seconded by Schumacher to approve the resignation from Ryan Plummer, HS Principal/AD, at the end of the school year, with regret. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Carter to approve the use of 2 pm early outs on Fridays for the 2022-2023 Master Calendar. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board reviewed Policies #3039-#3057. No action was necessary.

No action was taken on the approval of the STUCO Open Campus Plan, as this falls under administration guidance.

Motion by Borges, seconded by Ernest to approve the use of a school vehicle and provide a driver for the Washington DC trip for Leyton students. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Wiedeman to approve an additional assistant track coach. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Wiedeman. No: Schumacher and Borges. Motion carried 4-2.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Schumacher to approve the repairs to Jennifer's route bus as proposed by Gurley Diesel. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

No action was taken on the service contract with First National Capital.

Motion by Rushman, seconded by Borges to approve Alexandria Jeppson for early graduation according to policy #5066. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board directed Mr. Geary to continue looking for vans and/or Suburban(s) with the use of ESSER Funds.

Motion by Ernest, seconded by Rushman to dispose of a bus, blade, and lights by any means necessary, to obtain the best return of taxpayer funds. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Rushman to approve policy #6027 (Field Trips) as revised. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ernest, seconded by Schumacher to approve an overnight stay for State FFA, April 5th-9th. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ernest, seconded by Wiedeman to go into closed session with the board, legal counsel, and the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. The Board intends to discuss identifiable student information and confidential personnel information during this closed session. This closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest. The closed session will include the Board; John Selzer, legal counsel; and Superintendent Chris Geary. Time entered was 7:27 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ernest, seconded by Borges to return to open session at 7:36 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved by,

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Carter, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Janella Kruse,
Recording Secretary