

Proceedings of the  
Leyton Public Schools  
Cheyenne County School District #03  
Board of Education Meeting  
April 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.  
High School Library in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ryan Borges 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 library. 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 Thursday, April 6, 2023.

Members present: Shad Benish, Ryan Borges, Suzy Ernest, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher and Dave Wiedeman. Members absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Matt McLaughlin and HS Principal Kevin Thomas. In addition, there were eight visitors.

There was no communication. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

REPORTS:

Chris Lind's presentation to the Board included many "thank yous" to the people who have helped her during her years of service.

Cort Rummel, Senior Class Representative, presented to the Board an itinerary of the Senior Class Trip set for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cort Rummel, STUCO President, presented the STUCO report.

Mr. Wiedeman presented the American Civics Committee report from their meeting earlier tonight.

Mr. Thomas presented the Secondary Principal's report.

Mr. McLaughlin presented the Superintendent's Report.

Cody Gamble, Activities Director, presented special duty assignments for the 2023-2024 school year and noted areas that were vacant.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Benish to recognize the Basketball All-Conference teams (Dillon Juelfs, Justin Ernest, Zaili Benish, and Shawnee Gamble-1<sup>st</sup> Team; Cort Rummel and Sydney Fortune-2<sup>nd</sup> Team; Jonathan Kruse-Honorable Mention); the Academic All-State members (Justin Ernest, Cort Rummel, Zaili Benish, Shawnee Gamble, and Lila McLaughlin); to Tim Melton for all the work he has done on the stage installing light switches; to Suzy Ernest for baking cookies for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter honor roll and attendance students; to Rylee Blomenkamp for going above and beyond to keep our SPED department running; to the FFA organization for hosting a successful dinner and auction; and to Lane and Megan Rathman on their new family addition. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Benish. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Ernest to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on March 16, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

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

The Board reviewed Policies #5052-5067. No further action was necessary.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to amend Policy #6005 (Academic Credits and Graduation) as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Benish to approve the Return to Safe Instruction and Learning Continuity Plan as presented and to update the new vision statement. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to approve a 2<sup>nd</sup> year contract with First National Capital for services. Roll call vote: Yes: Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Benish to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mackenzie Ivie (High School English teacher) and to thank her for her service and dedication to our students. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Benish. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Schumacher to hire certified staff, Jessica Hanks, as the High School English teacher. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Benish to hire certified staff, Melissa Fesmire, as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Ernest to hire certified staff, Vali McDaniel, as the 6-8 ELA teacher. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Benish to hire certified staff, Natasha Haupt, as the High School Business Teacher. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

There was no action taken on special duty assignments.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Schumacher to approve the transfer of \$90,000.00 from the General Fund to the Nutrition Fund. Roll call vote: Yes: Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman to table motion, for one year, on the bid to paint the high school gym. There was no second. Motion died.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Schumacher to table motion, for one month, on the bid to paint the high school gym. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Ernest, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Benish. No: Rushman. Motion carried 5-1.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Benish to approve vacation dates for Mr. McLaughlin as required by his contract. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Borges to approve special education curriculum as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to table motion, for one month, on the bid of a new student information platform. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Benish to accept, with regret, the resignation of Chris Morgan (High School Boys' Basketball Coach) and thank him for his years of service. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Wiedeman, to table motion, for one month, on the bid to replace carpet and flooring at both attendance sites. Roll call vote: Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Benish, seconded by Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Benish. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved by,

Respectfully submitted,

Suzu Ernest, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education

Janella Kruse,  
Recording Secretary