

Minutes of the Board of Education
Leeds Public School District No. 6
March 18, 2020
Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m.

UNOFFICIAL minutes of the Leeds Public School District Board, to be read and approved at the next REGULAR meeting.

Present in the Math Classroom: DeShawn Tofsrud, Jeff Jacobson, Kim Nelsen, Brandi Anderson, Eric Haagenson, Supt Robert Thom, Elem Principal Roger Jensen, HS Principal April Duchscher, and Maria Dunlap, Business Manager

Visitors: LEA representative, Stacy Follman

Guests were present via teleconference call.

Jeff Jacobson presented Gym Floor Committee report. The District received a proposal and design from Haldeman Homme to sand and refinish gym floor and volleyball equipment. The committee has received about \$12,000 in donations and along with the previous donations totals approximately \$30,000.00 available. The committee discussed painting gym floors, rehangng banners, chairs for teams, and refinish storage doors in front of stage, as donations and funds become available.

Brandi Anderson moved to accept Haldeman Homme's proposal to sand and refinish the gym floor for \$24,675.00; repair cracked maple floor boards for time plus material basis of \$125.00/hour; and install new volleyball sleeves and covers for \$3,500.00. Motion was seconded by Eric Haagenson and approved by DeShawn Tofsrud, Jeff Jacobson, Kim Nelsen, Brandi Anderson, and Eric Haagenson.

Jeff Jacobson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Minutes of the February 19 and March 5, 2020, meetings; February Financial report; 2018-2019 Wildcats Sports Coop Financial report; and list of bills. Motion was seconded by Kim Nelsen and approved by DeShawn Tofsrud, Jeff Jacobson, Kim Nelsen, Brandi Anderson, and Eric Haagenson.

Roger Jensen presented the Elementary Principal/Guidance Counselor's report: Pre-K screenings and ACTs are completed; K-6 reading afternoon was successful; 6th Gr Career Fair and State Spelling Bee's were cancelled; and education packets were sent home to students.

April Duchscher presented the HS Principal's report: Chris Bubach helped all teachers work on their school web pages during teacher in-service; Sophomores and Junior continue to work on our "Building Tomorrow's Leaders" project; 7 students advanced to State in FCCLA STAR events—but has now been cancelled; 2 students applied for the NDHSAA Distinguished Student honor—only one can be submitted, Kearyn Nelsen was selected to submit her application to the state level; HS Knowledge Bowl team is Levi Iverson, Blayne Anderson, John Fischer, Kearyn Nelsen, Jarrel McGarvey, alternate Desidy Schwanke; JH Knowledge Bowl team is Holdyn Jacobson, Keira Kitzmann, Chas Bisbee, Gavin Haagenson, Maci Iverson, and alternate Kaden Nelsen; Knowledge Bowl is scheduled for April 16 in Cando; Blayne Anderson and Carter Tandeski earned all-district boys basketball honors, Blayne made All-District Tournament team and Carter made the All-Region team; track started March 3; Elementary volleyball started on March 11 for grades 4-6 with 14 girls; Hunter Safety is postponed; Sophomore Ag students attended Ag Day in Harvey on March 5; Class of 2020 Valedictorian is Jarrel McGarvey, Co-Salutatorians are Shelby Follman and Madi Dulmage, honor students are Macy Engstrom, Katlyn Bingham, and Zoe Lauckner; educational packets have been mailed to HS students with assignments for two weeks starting March 23rd if school is not in session; March 13 was end of 3rd Quarter; Financial Literacy on March 24 has been cancelled.

The Board reviewed Significant Contagious Diseases Policy (ACBB) and Responding to Potential Health Threats (ACBB-AR) and changing wherever Superintendent is mentioned to Superintendent or Principal.

Eric Haagenson moved to waive the first reading and amend the Significant Contagious Diseases Policy (ACBB) and Responding to Potential Threats (ACBB-AR) replacing "Superintendent" with "Superintendent or Principal". Motion was seconded by Jeff Jacobson and approved by DeShawn Tofsrud, Jeff Jacobson, Kim Nelsen, Brandi Anderson, and Eric Haagenson.

Jeff Jacobson stated he had a conflict of interest and asked the Board if the District would consider selling the vacant lots south of the district's house by bids. Eric Haagenson moved to open bids to sell the lots south of the district's house. Motion was seconded by Brandi Anderson and approved by DeShawn Tofsrud, Jeff Jacobson, Kim Nelsen, Brandi Anderson, and Eric Haagenson.

Mr. Thom reported on the following Reduction In Force options:

- Reduce Elementary Principal/Counselor position from full-time to half-time
- Replace Mrs. Duchscher as math teacher with Mrs. Bubach and Mr. Treleaven would teach Business classes
- Combining 5th and 6th grade classrooms, RIF one elementary teacher

Discussion was held.

Discussion was held on three applicants for the Superintendent and Principal positions. The Board will interview Danielle Stoppler for Superintendent/HS Principal position and Robyn Eberle for the HS Principal position.

Mr. Thom reported on the current Coronavirus situation and school closing.

Jeff Jacobson moved to recognize the Leeds Education Association as the negotiating unit. Motion was seconded by Kim Nelsen and approved by DeShawn Tofsrud, Jeff Jacobson, Kim Nelsen, Brandi Anderson, and Eric Haagenson.

Jeff Jacobson moved to go to Executive Session pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.2 for negotiation strategy. Motion was seconded by Kim Nelsen and approved by DeShawn Tofsrud, Jeff Jacobson, Kim Nelsen, Brandi Anderson, and Eric Haagenson.

The teleconference call was ended and the Board entered Executive Session at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The Board resumed open meeting and teleconference call was resumed at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. A special meeting will be scheduled for interviews.

Minutes were reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President.

Attest: Maria Dunlap
Business Manager