



The Leigh Legend

January 2021



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Superintendent's Thoughts

Happy New Year!

January is a time to thank our Board of Education Members. As we begin a new year we will be seeing some new faces joining the School Board. Thank you to those who have served as past board members: Jill Becher 16 years, Chris Kurpgeweit 2 years, and Stuart Osten 12 years. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated by the entire district. Our new board members are Megan Folken - finishing the term for Chris Kurpgeweit, Drew Machmueller and Matt Wietfeld. Current members include Kamin Held, Nate Higby, Ryan Hoffman, Julie McMullin, Josh Urban, and Travis Went.

COVID continues to be an issue for all of us. The health district continues to state that the schools are the safest place for our students. Let's continue to work together to keep our children in school! Our entire staff is working diligently to keep our school and busses clean, safe, and open. As parents, please continue to require your child to wear their mask appropriately at school and activities.

As I write this newsletter, the State of Nebraska is in the yellow level. Follow us on Facebook and our school website for any new COVID restrictions dealing specifically with extracurricular activities.

Specific COVID questions can be directed to the COVID hotline at 402-562-8960.

Please be safe and avoid the Three C's:

- Crowded Places
- Close Contact
- Confined Spaces

Mrs. Petersen

Elementary Principal/Superintendent

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Special Meeting
November 23, 2020

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Posted on November 19, 2020 at Leigh Community Schools and at the Leigh Post Office & Published on November 20, 2020 in the Columbus Telegram)

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Jill Becher read the roll call. Present were Urban J, Becher, Held K, Higby, Hoffman, McMullin, Osten. Absent were Went, Kurpgeweit.

Also present was Superintendent Petersen.

Excuse Absences of Went and Kurpgeweit

Approval of Agenda

Approved the resignation of Board member, Chris Kurpgeweit, with thanks for his years of service. Approved the resignation of Administrator, Stephanie Petersen, with regrets and with thanks for her years of service. Approved hiring NASB for conducting new Superintendent search services for \$6,000.

Moved by Urban J, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

A Special Board Meeting will be at 7:30 pm on December 3rd, 2020 at the Leigh Elementary Conference Room. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 14th, 2020 at the Leigh Elementary Conference Room.

Minutes Taken by Jill Becher, Board Treasurer

Minutes Written by April R. Brabec, Board Secretary

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Special Meeting
December 3, 2020

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Posted on November 27, 2020 at Leigh Community Schools and at the Leigh Post Office & Published on December 2, 2020 in the Leigh World)

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were McMullin, Osten, Urban J, Becher, Held K, Higby, Hoffman. Absent was Went. Also present was Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Went

Approval of Agenda

Approved the appointment of Megan Folken to the Leigh Community Schools Board of Education for a term ending on January 2022.

Discussion of Superintendent Search with NASB/Shari Becker – Timeline; Survey Results; Advertising; Recruiting; Applicant Process/Info; Board Members' District Needs Surveys Summary; Leadership Profile; District Visit; Interview Questions; Job Description; Interview Schedule; Meetings Dates.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 14th, 2020 at the Leigh Elementary Conference Room. A Special Board Meeting will be at 6:00 pm on December 16th, 2020 at the Leigh Elementary Conference Room.

April R. Brabec, Board Secretary

Counselor Notes by Karen Hillen

We have successfully made it through the first semester and we're ready to embark on a new semester with exciting opportunities for learning and activities. We are very proud of our students for the work and dedication they put into their school work and extracurricular activities. We are also thankful that we have been able to remain in session throughout the first semester. Thanks to students and parents for practicing the good habits of wearing masks and using the 3 C's so that we can continue to remain in session throughout the second semester.

I would like to commend some of our upperclassmen for taking the initiative to complete college course work while still in high school. During the fall semester we had a total of 19 juniors and seniors complete 84 hours of dual credit college course work. Many of our seniors will have over 12 hours of college credit by the time they graduate from Leigh High School. This will help save them time and money in college and has helped prepare them for the level of work and deadlines expected of college coursework.

Some of the seniors are anxiously starting the countdown to graduation, but I like to remind them that these next few months might be some of the busiest ones for them as they work to complete class work plus complete scholarship applications and final college preparations.

The deadline for the Buffett scholarship is February 1 so hopefully those who are eligible and interested in applying have started the process. Information about local scholarships will be shared with the seniors early in January. Other scholarship information will be made available to students as I receive it.

Second semester always brings preparations for academic competitions such as Speech contests, FCCLA, FFA, and FBLA contests, music contests, etc. One of the contests that we sometimes overlook are the scholastic and quiz bowl competitions. In the past our school has participated in academic contests at Wayne State College and NECC. We are hoping that these events will be able to happen this spring. One aspect of these contests is the Quiz Bowl Team which is a selection of 3-5 students to represent our school in a competition against other schools. The first of our competitions will be the KTCH radio station (104.5 FM) Quiz Bowl. The following students will be representing Leigh High School, Cassidy Hoffman, Kanyon Held, Kyle Holmberg, Emily Loseke and Calvin Wemhoff. Their first competition will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday January 5 against Wisner Piller. We encourage you to tune in that day to support our team and the local businesses who are sponsoring them.

As we all know, January brings the age-old tradition of setting New Year's resolutions. Adults often have a resolution related to diet or exercise. Children rarely have resolutions related to diet and exercise, but it might be good for them to set resolutions related to limiting screen time, spending more time on AR reading and/or homework, or showing empathy and kindness to their classmates and peers. I encourage you to sit down with your child and help them make a resolution/goal that will help them be successful in the new year.

EducationQuest Foundation
College Planning Bulletin
January 2021

Winter break is a good time for college prep!

Here are a few things you can do:

Seniors, complete your FAFSA

If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Need help? Use our FAFSA Tools or call us to make a free virtual appointment: Omaha - 888.357.6300; Lincoln - 800.303.3745; Kearney - 800.666.3721; or Scottsbluff - 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

Juniors, prepare for the ACT

All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT Test this spring. Ask your school counselor about test-prep options at your school. These resources are also available.

Search for scholarships

Use our free ScholarshipQuest tool to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

Update your Activities Resume

Our free Activities Resume is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.

January "To Do" List

Seniors:

- ___ If you haven't already, complete the FAFSA.
- ___ Apply for scholarships; see ScholarshipQuest for Nebraska-based awards.
- ___ Update your Activities Resume.
- ___ Follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.

Juniors:

- ___ Update your Activities Resume.
 - ___ Register by January 8 for the February 6 ACT.
 - ___ Register by February 12 for the March 13 SAT.
 - ___ Follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.
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Kinsa THERMOMETERS

Set Up Your Free Kinsa Thermometer!

Each child was provided a free thermometer by Leigh Schools & Kinsa

Fever is a common symptom of COVID-19 and influenza. Please practice regular temperature taking to help keep your community healthy. If you received a free Kinsa thermometer remember to set it up!

Steps for setting up the Kinsa Thermometer:

Download the latest version of the Kinsa app from here: <https://get.kinsahealth.com/AppDownload>.

Enable Bluetooth on your phone.

Launch the Kinsa app.

Tap ⚙️ Settings > ➕ Add New Thermometer

Push the button on your QuickCare thermometer to turn it on.

Need help – watch this [short video](#) or contact support@kinsahealth.com

If you do not want the free thermometer please return to the school.



5th Grade Thoughts!

School So Far

This year in 5th grade, we have safety procedures like wearing a mask, not being able to share, not being able to go around the room and having to spray down desks when switching classes. Mrs. Hollatz says, "Masks change the way of life. Like kids now going by each other have to think about wearing masks. Blake Loske says, "He thinks that it is way different from usual life in school because you have to always wear a mask. You also can't do other fun stuff that we would usually do because you can't spread germs. For example, every time we switch classrooms for Social Studies, Math, and Science you have to wipe down your desk every time. Reese Wietfeld says, "This year we have to wear masks and we cannot sit in our regular seating arrangement. We always have to stay 6 ft apart. Everytime we switch classes we have to swipe down our desks". But there are some things that are still normal. We can still switch classes and go to recess. Covid hasn't ruined everything we still like being school and having fun with friends. What a year it has been.

By: Tyce, Lainey, and Michael

4th Covid

Covid in 4th grade was a disaster. We had so many Zooms, packets of homework, and way more. The worst thing that we all missed was seeing our friends and teachers. Homework was really hard without our teachers right beside us to help and now we are teaching our parents. Now the year has ended and we had summer break. It went by so fast. 5th grade has started. Masks here we come. It was way different than 4th grade. Now we are in school. We have to wear masks all the time, social distance, and there are dots everywhere for us to stand on in line. But all of that does not stop us from having fun! Masks are not a bad thing. They help us from getting germs. We also have to wash our hands to prevent us from spreading germs. The good thing is that we do not have to wear our masks all day. We get to take them off during breakfast, lunch, recess, P.E, and sometimes music. Covid will not ruin our lives!

The End

Kiera & Ariyah

CVC Tech Kids

In 5th grade we use various technologies to learn about different subjects in school. We have so many fun and educational ways to do this. Here are our top 3 picks.

Science choice board

The whole class likes to do science choice board which have many online games including Brainpop, Nat Geo Kids, and other games. Our teacher made a Google Doc and put these games onto it and made a shortcut into them. We can read if we don't have our points for the quarter. I like Vocab.com because It helps me learn new words and the meaning of them

Hour of Code

We have another website where we can play more games and it's called Code.org which is basically some really cool games that you have to code for them to work. Minecraft is a fun game you can play. You can even play a dancing one where you can tell them to do the Floss or This or That. Just go to code.org and pick a fun game. Like Sprite Lab or even Flappy Bird! We had fun last week participating in the Hour of Code.

SS games

The last games are Social Studies games. We all like to play the SS games. They are all educational. There is Penguin Hop, Capital Toad, Capital Penguin, and a bunch of other games related to Social Studies. Penguin Hop is where you guess the capitals of a state that it gives you. Country Toad is pretty well the same thing but, it is where you guess the capital of the country. Capital penguin is practically the same thing but it is with penguins guessing the capitals of the US.

What Will Christmas Be Like?

How will we decorate the house and the school? We decorate our house and school with light, trees, and snowflakes.

How are we going to have Christmas this year? We might have to zoom with family and friends or you can have a little celebration with your family.

What will we have for Christmas this year? We will open presents and visit with family. How good are you at Christmas are you notty or nice, remember Santa is coming to town. He knows when you are sleeping.

Merry Christmas and all a good night.

By: Soleece and Easton

5th graders Life During the Pandemic

PS have kindness

Emily, Madisyn, and Shaylynn are going to be telling you how we stay safe and be kind at the same time. During covid Madisyn is trying to spread kindness to little children during the pandemic. Emily is doing the best she can to stay safe during new changes during school.

Shaylynn is trying to make new friends during the pandemic. Emily, Madisyn and Shaylynn are working together and staying safe. After recess we have to wash our hands. Last year we did not have to, all these changes are so different. Emily, Madisyn, and Shaylynn are going to turn covid into a safe and a fun day. We are trying to stay safe and be kind. There have been fun activities and games but we still do have to stay safe. We still have to spread kindness and joy so help us do that but still be safe.

Sincerely,

Emily, Madisyn, and Shaylynn

Ps have a holly jolly Christmas !!!!

Happy New Year from 5th Grade

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Tech Tips

Hour of Code Week Success!!!

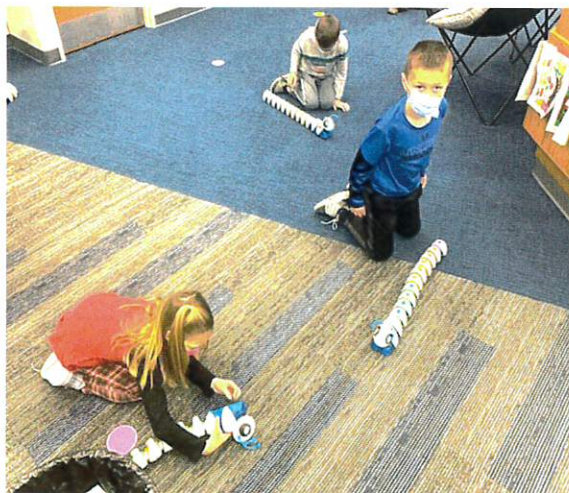
Shout Outs:



Mrs. Wietfeld's 7th Grade science taking part in the Hour of Code. Students zoomed in with Mike Harvey and curriculum development manager at Code.org They had to create a simulator using coding. We use simulators in our science classes to explain concepts. For this lesson students visited a fictional place called Monster Town where a virus outbreak occurred. They used computer science to understand how quickly a virus can spread and what can be done to slow it down.



Mrs. Wietfeld's kindergarten class coded using Code-a-Pillars and Ozobots during stations.



Miss Remmereid's class coded arcade games on Code.org and then played their creations. We then posted them out in the hallway for elementary students to use. Mrs. Brabec's 6th graders enjoyed the games very much!!



K-2nd graders participating in Hour of Code. Mrs. Hollatz read the book How to Code a Sandcastle and then students were unplugged so they could code their own sandcastle with modeling clay. Then they told their neighbors their "code" or directions on how to build their own sandcastle. They then went on the free coding app called Scratch Jr.



4th Graders Coding on Hour of Code on Code.org



Miss Remmereid's Leigh Stream Team in action. These kids have been putting a lot of time and effort into learning the equipment and technology programs for live streaming and running the vision board.



Mrs. Loseke's 3rd Graders used Code.org to create code.



Coding Tech Tips:

Tynker (free iPad app): <https://www.tynker.com/>

Scratch Jr.: <https://www.scratchjr.org/>

Osmo: There are 5 so you could do stations. <https://schools.playosmo.com/sample-lessons>

Ozobots: There are 14 of these in the library. You can program these also.
<https://studio.code.org/s/pre-express-2020>

Code-a-pillars: There are 7 of these in the library.
<https://code.org/learn>

CS First by Google: <https://csfirst.withgoogle.com/s/en/home>

Scratch: <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Dash/Cue Robots: There are 6 of each in the library.

<https://education.makewonder.com/curriculum/code-to-learn?page=2&product=Cue>
<https://www.makewonder.com/classroom/>

Sphero Balls: There are 6 of these in the library. <https://edu.sphero.com/cwists/category>

Everyone Can Code by Apple: <https://www.apple.com/education/k12/teaching-code/>

Calendar Events January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	<div>All dates and times are subject to change—please refer to the school web site at: leighcommunityschools.org or the Leigh Community School facebook page for further information or to see what's happening at Leigh Community Schools.</div>				1 NO SCHOOL	2 9:30 a.m. WR Invite @ Shelby/Rising City (**NOTE Location change) 8:30-10:30 a.m. Youth BB Practice
3	4 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day 4:00 p.m. JV WR Invite @ Wisner/Pilger	5 Classes Resume 5:45 p.m. BB Marathon @ David City Aquinas (5:45 BYV, 6:00 GVar, 7:30 B Var, 7:30 GJV) 10:30 a.m. KTCH (104.9 FM) Quiz Bowl - Leigh vs Wisner/Pilger	6	7 Patriot Period - FBLA Meeting 7:00 p.m. FCCLA Chapter Mtng	8 *** GAME POSTPONED TO 2/9/21 @ Pierce - Var. B BB vs Pierce @ Sioux City (Tyson Event Center) 11:30 a.m. WR Invite @ Burwell 6:00 p.m. JV/V G BB @ Clarkson vs East Butler	9 2:00 p.m. BB Marathon @ Tekamah/Herman 10:00 a.m. WR Invite @ Wisner/Pilger 8:30-10:30 a.m. Youth BB Practice
10	11 6:00 p.m. G & B C-Team BB vs David City @ Clarkson 4:00 p.m. JV WR Invite @ Oakland/Craig 5:30 p.m. JH G BB @ Stanton	12	13	14 6:00 p.m. G & B C-Team BB vs Columbus Lakeview @ Clarkson 4:30 p.m. JH G BB @ Clarkson vs Shelby/Rising City 4:30 p.m. JH B BB @ Leigh vs Shelby/Rising City	15 4:30 p.m. BB Marathon @ Leigh vs Humphrey, St. Francis	16 8:30-10:30 a.m. Youth BB Practice 9:00 a.m. JH B BB @ Humphrey/LHF 9:00 a.m. JH G BB vs Howells/Dodge @ Clarkson 1:00 p.m. BB Marathon @ Pender 9:00 a.m. WR Invite @ Cross County
17	18 6:00 p.m. G & B C-Team BB @ Howells/Dodge	19 5:30 p.m. WR Dual @ Guardian Angels Central Catholic	20	21 4:30 p.m. JH B BB @ Leigh vs Columbus Scouts 4:30 p.m. BB Marathon @ Twin River	22 4:30 p.m. BB Marathon @ Leigh vs Lutheran High NE	23 10:00 a.m. WR Invite @ Neligh/Oakdale 8:30-10:30 a.m. Youth BB Practice
24	25 6:00 p.m. JH B BB @ Howells/Dodge 6:00 p.m. C-Team G & B BB @ West Point/Beemer	26 4:30 p.m. BB Marathon @ Wisner/Pilger	27 FCCLA - STAR Competition @ Twin River (Genoa)	28 FEA - District CDE Contests @ NECC 4:30 p.m. JH B BB @ David City	29 EHC BB Tournament - Girls First Round - TBD	30 EHC BB Tournament - Boys First Round - TBD EHC WR Tournament @ Pender 8:30-10:30 a.m. Youth BB Practice
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Milk is included with all menus All Breakfasts include fruit or juice	The Lunch Menu Calendar can be found on the web page under the Quick Links tabs on the right hand side of the home page.			1 New Year's Day NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL	5 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Corn Dog, Swt. Pot. Fries, Baked Beans, Pears, Cookie	6 BR: PB&J L: Meatball Sub, Tri Tater, Peas, Fresh Oranges	7 BR: Cheese stick, Bun, Cereal L: Spaghetti, Bread stick, Gr. Beans, Peaches	8 BR: Muffin Loaf, Cereal L: Chicken Nuggets, Bun, Spud Bites, Cucumbers, Applesauce, Cookie	9
10	11 BR: PopTart, Cereal L: Turkey/Swiss Sandwich, Chips, Broccoli, Apple Slices	12 BR: Breakfast Sandwich L: Hamburger Tater Tot Casserole, Bread & Butter, Corn, Tropical Fruit	13 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Egg McMuffin, Hash Brown, Juice, Celery w/Peanut Butter Cup, Muffin	14 BR: Cinnamon Roll L: Walking Taco, Refried Beans, Fruit Cup	15 BR: Yogurt, Cereal L: Hamburger Noodle Casserole, Bun, Gr. Beans, Peaches	16
17	18 M L King Day BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: Pulled Pork Sand., Swt. Pot. Fries, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple	19 BR: Breakfast Cookie L: Nacho's, Refried Beans, Bread stick, Pears, Cookie	20 BR: French Toast L: Chicken Patty/Bun, Stuffed Pot. Bites, Corn, Peaches, Choc. Mousse	21 BR: Long John L: Soup, Cinn. Roll, Cheese stick, Carrot sticks, Applesauce	22 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Chips, Baked Beans, Fruit Cup	23
24	25 BR: Muffin, Cereal L: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Bun, Corn, Fruit Cocktail	26 BR: Nutri Grain Bar, Cereal L: Taco, Spanish Rice, Carrot sticks, Fruit Cup	27 BR: PB&J L: Sliced Ham/Bun, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Mand. Oranges	28 BR: Cinn. Roll L: Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread, Lettuce, Pears	29 BR: PopTart, Cereal L: Pizza, Gr. Beans, Cheese stick, Pineapple, Cookie	30
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From the Principal's Desk:

By the time this newsletter arrives, the first semester will be complete. While this can be said each year at the Christmas Break, this time it is a little different. The variables of the Covid virus and new building have made for a unique situation. As we move closer to the end of 2020, I find myself reflecting with gratitude for what is happening at Leigh Community Schools.

I am thankful we were able to finish the semester without moving to remote learning. The best opportunity for our students to learn is to be in the classroom. We had made a tentative remote learning plan and fortunately it is still on the shelf. Mask wearing, washing hands, and physical distancing helps in slowing the spread. Continued adherence to these guidelines will continue to be crucial as the vaccines are starting to be distributed.

I am grateful for the support from our community that allowed for the new construction. When walking down the hallway by the updated classrooms I continue to imagine how our school will develop in the upcoming years. Hosting varsity basketball games in the new gym has been exciting. We hope restrictions can be lessened in the near future so more people may be able to attend events at the school.

I am encouraged by the work of our staff and students. Change can certainly be difficult. What is important is that we all keep moving forward and that is what is happening every day. We are blessed to have teachers willing to go above and beyond in helping our students.

I am grateful for our parents for their continued support of our mission of helping our students grow in an engaging, inspiring, and challenging environment.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Here is looking forward to 2021.