



# THE WOLFPACK

LOOMIS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## SMALL TOWN: BIG DATES

- 1-1 No School **2024**
- 1-2 No School **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 1-2 Building, Grounds & Transportation Mtg at 11:30am
- 1-2 BB vs Brady - JV 4:30, GV then BV following
- 1-3 No School - Teacher Workday
- 1-3 School Board Goals/Visions Mtg at 6:00pm
- 1-4 School Resumes
- 1-4 Wrestling Triangular in Axtell at 5:30pm
- 1-4 Grades 3-6 Girls BB Practice at 6:00pm
- 1-5 Wrestling in Burwell at 11:30am
- 1-5 BB in Elm Creek - JV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:45
- 1-7 BB League from 1:00 - 5:00
- 1-8 JH BB in Bertrand at 2:00pm
- 1-8 School Board Mtg at 7:30pm
- 1-9 BB vs Arapahoe - JV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:45
- 1-10 JH BB in Overton at 3:00pm
- 1-11 Grades 3-6 Girls BB Practice at 6:00pm
- 1-12 Wrestling in SEM at 12:00pm
- 1-12 BB vs Wilcox-Hildreth - JV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:45
- 1-13 BB at Dundy Co. - JV 2:00, GV 3:30, BV 5:15
- 1-16 Grades 3-6 Girls BB Practice at 6:00pm
- 1-17 FFA District Leadership Skills Events #2 at 9:00am
- 1-17 JH BB vs Axtell at 1:00pm
- 1-18 BB vs Alma - JV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:45
- 1-19 Wrestling in Hebron at 2:30pm
- 1-20 P.I.E Basketball Tournament
- 1-23 BB at Franklin - JV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:45
- 1-23 Pre-School Advisory Mtg at 6:30pm
- 1-24 JH BB in Wilcox-Hildreth at 1:00pm
- 1-25 Grades 3-6 Girls BB Practice at 6:00pm
- 1-26 1:50 Dismissal
- 1-26 Wrestling in Ord at 11:00
- 1-26 JH BB L-Club Tournament at 2:00pm
- 1-27 FKCB
- 1-27 Wrestling in Ainsworth at 10:00am
- 1-29 No School - Teacher Workday
- 1-29 FKCB
- 1-30 FFA State Degree and Proficiency Reviews
- 1-30 FKCB
- 1-31 FKCB/TVC Wrestling in Wilcox-Hildreth at 10:00am
- 1-31 JH BB vs Elm Creek at 1:00am



## Straight from the Wolf's Den

Sam Dunn

**After 37 years in education I will be retiring at the end of this school year. The last 11 years I have spent as a school leader for Loomis Public Schools, which I have enjoyed immensely.**

**I have discovered that being a principal or superintendent is much like coaching, which I did in three sports for 26 years. One of the similarities is that you are not always going to make everyone happy. If you want to make people happy sell ice cream. I have found out as a school leader and also as a coach if you keep the big picture in mind you, are able to make better decisions. Making decisions that are individualized are not in the best interest of a team or school. If you can lay your head down at night and realize all you did was for the best interest for your whole school or your team, you will sleep better. All students are carrying extra baggage. This is true in school and sports. Be Kind! It is important to keep in mind that because of this baggage, you may not get the best effort from your star QB, as well as not getting your best effort on a test or homework. More and more, our students are burdened with all kinds of outside interference, many of which are out of their control. This leads me to my last example. Fair is not always equal. As adults we usually find that out the hard way. Fair means all students are accepted as they are. Equal means everyone gets the same treatment regardless of where they are.**

**As I count down my last 5 months in education, I would be remiss to not acknowledge my family; Cheryl, Sydney, Tom, Amelia, Elaine, Kaylee and Isaac for allowing me to do what God called me to do for the past 37 years. Gosh, it feels like I just started in education a couple years back. I would also like to thank all the tremendous mentors, staff and students I have had in education over the years. If you are not trying to learn something new everyday, you are moving backwards. Lastly thank you to the Loomis community for your support. I can guarantee I have always had ALL students, staff and school's best interest in mind. It has been a blessing and honor to serve as a school leader at Loomis Public Schools.**

# **The Head Honcho's Highlight Reel**

**Nate Weaver**



**Hello Wolves!**

***I hope you all had a merry Christmas and a great New Year! The school year is off and running. January is a long month and with the weather we have, it has made it seem longer. Please remember that it is cold, and with the freezing temperatures, have your students wear adequate clothes to school. I see many kids come into the building with a sweatshirt on when the temperature is below freezing. Many kids wear shorts to school, or leave the building in shorts. Loomis wants their kids to stay healthy, so please make sure the students are wearing warm cloths to and from school.***

***On February 6th, we are celebrating Loomis's first Academic Awards Recognition Night. Each year, students around Nebraska, Kindergarten through 11th grade takes a "Measure of Academic Progress test" (MAPS) that focuses on reading, math and science. Students in grades 3rd through 10th take a test called the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System known as the NSCAS test. Juniors in high school take the ACT. These are rigorous tests that assess the knowledge gained from year to year. Loomis will be honoring the kids that met the following criteria for those tests last spring. We will be honoring the kindergarten through the senior class members. Loomis will also be honoring the students that had perfect attendance for the first semester of this year.***

***Top 25% on the MAP math assessment***

***Top 25% on the MAP reading assessment***

***Top 25% on the MAP science assessment***

***Exceeded Standards on the Nebraska State math assessment (3rd– 10th)***

***Exceeded Standards on the Nebraska State reading assessment (3rd – 10th)***

***Exceeded Standards on the Nebraska State science assessment (5th, 8th)***

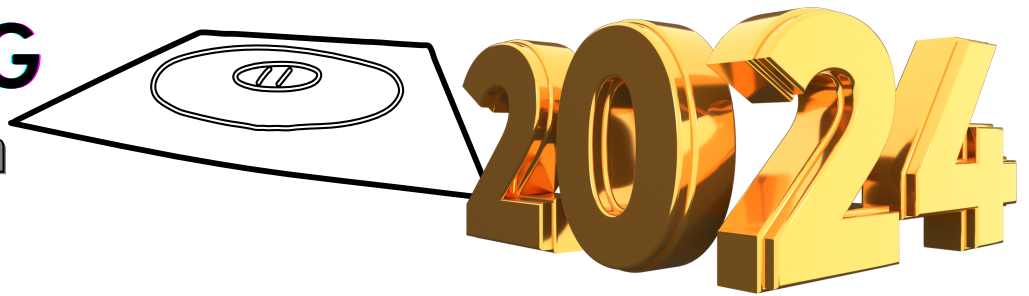
***ACT (Juniors only)***

***Perfect Attendance***

***We will be honoring all K through 6th grade students at the half time of the girl's game and all 7th through 12th grade students at the half time of the boy's game on the 6th of February against Axtell. I am very proud to say that 116 students met 1 or more of the criteria to be honored. This is an incredible accomplishment. While the test scores were from last spring, this fall and winter, we currently have 257 students' Kindergarten through 12th grade. This comes out to 45% of the current K-12 student body. This is a great reflection on the staff and the education that Loomis students are receiving, Its always a great day to be a Wolf!***

# WRESTLING

Dustin Freeman



## Loomis Wrestlers Individual Successes Leading to Team Championships

The Loomis Wolves wrestling team consists of 16 boys and 1 girl this season. The group fills the practice room and have been working hard and thus are seeing positive results during competitions. Many individual medalists along with some additional points provided by wins from those not medaling has been a recipe for team success in multiple tournaments for the grapplers. The team has brought home Team Championship plaques from the Cambridge and SEM tournaments and 3rd place honors from the Pleasanton and Burwell Invites. Currently the team is 5-1 in duals on the season and sitting within striking distance of the top 8 in wild card points, and a chance to qualify for the State Duals Tournament. With only four weeks left before the D-2 District Tournament in Shelby the team members are pushing themselves to be at their peak and finish strong. Here are results from this years competitions:

Ravenna Invite: Team 6th out of 21 teams  
2nd- Kash Schoff 190 lbs, Riggin Ludeke 285 lbs  
3rd- Clay Bohr 157 lbs  
4th- Caden Swanson 285 lbs

Southern Valley Invite: Team 4th out of 18 teams  
1st- Tyson Freeman 126 lbs  
2nd- Carter Horner 120 lbs, Phillip Titkemeier 132 lbs  
3rd- Clay Bohr 157 lbs, Riggin Ludeke 285 lbs

Cambridge Invite: Team Champions out of 22 teams  
2nd- Tyson Freeman 126 lbs, Walter Kenney 215 lbs, Riggin Ludeke 285 lbs  
3rd- Carter Horner 120 lbs, Clay Bohr 150 lbs, Cauy Meyer 175 lbs, Kash Schoff 190 lbs, Caden Swanson 285 lbs

Pleasanton Invite: Team 3rd out of 25 teams  
1st- Carter Horner 120 lbs, Clay Bohr 150 lbs  
3rd- Cauy Meyer 175 lbs, Caden Swanson 285 lbs  
4th- Tyson Freeman 126 lbs

Burwell Invite: Team 3rd out of 20 teams  
1st- Carter Horner 120 lbs  
2nd- Phillip Titkemeier 132 lbs, Clay Bohr 150 lbs  
3rd- Cauy Meyer 175 lbs, Walter Kenney 215 lbs, Caden Swanson 285 lbs  
4th- Tyson Freeman 126 lbs

SEM Invite: Team Champions out of 8 teams  
1st- Carter Horner 120 lbs, Tyson Freeman 126 lbs  
2nd- Phillip Titkemeier 132 lbs, Clay Bohr 150 lbs, Cauy Meyer 175 lbs, Kash Schoff 190 lbs, Walter Kenney 215 lbs  
3rd- Koeyn Louthan 113 lbs, Bryan Reyes 138 lbs  
4th- Hayden Fulmer 157 lbs

### Girls Results:

Cambridge- Kendra Porteck 2nd at 130 lbs  
Franklin- Kendra Porteck 2nd at 125 lbs

# Board Meeting Notes

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
PM

Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:00

Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117  
101 Bryan St  
Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 1-2-2024

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 12-15-2023

Kelly Anderson: Present, Allan Meyer: Present, Duane Schoff: Present, Scott Schukar: Present, Mike Szekely: Present, Luke Thorell: Present.

## 1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open at 7:10 p.m. and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Scott Schukar.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea  
Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, the School District's designated method for giving notice, and posting at the Loomis Public Schools, Loomis Village Office and Loomis Post Office, a copy of the Affidavit of Publication being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education, and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of this meeting. The President publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

## 2. Election of Officers

Motion to keep the officers the same as last year. Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Scott Schukar.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea  
President: Duane nominated Allan, Luke was concerned with Allan moving from the District later this year and will resign from the Board at that time. Kelly nominated Duane.

Scott suggested leaving all offices the same, Mike nominated Scott for President. Kelly didn't like officers staying the same year after year for too long and there should be some change. Nominations were withdrawn and the motion was made to re-appoint the current officers.

## 3. Appoint Board Committee Members

Committees will remain the same with the exception of Mike replacing Kelly on negotiations and Kelly replacing Mike on preschool advisory.

## 4. Welcome Guests Julie Johnson, David Squiers

## 5. Approval of Absent Board Members

## 6. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks and warrants as presented Passed with a motion by Luke Thorell and a second by Mike Szekely.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea  
Reviewed the bill roster.

### 6.1. Agenda

### 6.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

### 6.3. Bill Roster

## **6.4. Financial Reports**

**6.4.1. General Fund Receipts \$180,441.73, expenses \$319,287.36, balance \$695,075.63**

### **6.4.2. Investment Fund**

**Depreciation: Receipts \$8,078.12, expenses \$1,751.00, balance \$1,084,515.25**

**Bond: Receipts \$829.61, expenses \$0, balance \$160,704.25**

**6.4.3. Activities Fund Receipts \$15,398.25, expenses \$22,988.58, balance \$157,021.81**

**6.4.4. Nutrition Fund Receipts \$19,117.06, expenses \$13,256.85, balance \$104,515.38**

**6.4.5. Building Fund Balance \$92,941.00**

## **7. Introduction of Speakers**

## **8. Board Committee Reports**

### **8.1. Negotiations**

**8.1.1. Negotiations are continued.**

**Next meeting will be Jan. 11th @ 6:00 pm**

**Negotiations will meet again Jan. 16, 2024 at 7:00 am.**

### **8.2. Americanism**

**8.2.1. Americanism - Next Meeting March 7th @ 7:30 am**

### **8.3. Policy**

**8.3.1. Policy Meeting April 4th at 7:30 am**

## **8.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation**

**8.4.1. B/G & T - Next Meeting Feb. 6th @ 11:30**

**Mr. Dunn emailed the Board the vision and goals. He feels that all are possible in one year. Kelly asked that Mr. Dunn to leave a list of suggestions for the Superintendent evaluation. Mr. Dunn and Scott suggested that we have NASB help with the Superintendent evaluation.**

## **8.5. Preschool Advisory**

**8.5.1. PreSchool Advisory Meeting- Updates for Handbook, Starting Date, Ending Date, Cost. Approval of Handbook is Feb. Board Meeting**

**Jan. 22nd, 24 @ 6:30 pm**

## **9. Administrative Reports**

### **9.1. Principal**

**9.1.1. Principal Notes; 1) FKC Principals Meeting, 2) Academic Awards Night, 3) Curriculum, 4) New Semester Items, 5) Bus Update**

**The Library is open in the morning for students to read or study. Mr. Weaver explained the pass system for students to leave class. Searching for Math curriculum for grades 6-12. Bus 19 is being repaired. The Impala was in an accident and likely totaled, considering keeping it for running errands and driver's education but do not know the buy back amount to keep the car.**

**With the cold weather coming up Mr. Dunn is concerned with the diesel bus gelling up, using one on the routes currently.**

### **9.2. Superintendent**

**9.2.1. Superintendent Notes; 1) Depreciation payment to the Playground fund \$4,932.85, 2) 2024-25 School Year Calendar, 3) Give 2 Grow Update- Donations \$6,470 + Matching Funds \$666.56 - 4% Processing Fee for a total of \$6,877.76 4) Head count for the ESU 11-KSB Hot Topics on Wed. Jan. 31st @ JB's in Holdrege, 5) FKC Quarterly Meeting Jan. 10th, NSAA District 5 Meeting on Jan. 10th, 6) Letters of Intent Feb. 20th- Due March 1st, 7) NRCSA Conference March 21 & 22nd, 8) Update on the Superintendent Search- A. Meyer**

**We have only had one application so far for the Superintendent position and a couple of phone calls. Would like to have interviews in early February prior to the February Board meeting. Scott asked if we only get a couple of applicants should we go through NASB to help with the search, the majority of the Board didn't think it would be necessary.**

9.2.2. Activities Update- Mr. Squiers: 1) Speech, Music, Basketball & Wrestling is currently taking place, 2) Booster Club is in the process of being created. Board Memembers will be selected next week, 3) The Booster Club intends to adopt PIE and L-Club funds assuming responsibilities for those respective clubs will be falling under the Booster Club Agenda, 4) 2024-25 Activities Schedule is being finalized in the coming months. There is some minor tweaks, but no major changes, 5) Varsity Football schedule will be released in February

Booster club had their first meeting earlier today, selected officers and are currently reviewing by-laws. Discussed football official fees continuing to increase due to the shortage. Recently attended the NSAA District 5 meeting. Some items NSAA is discussing are making changes to have a competition committee to evaluate schools and the classifications, dual participation where students can do two sports in one season, considering E-Sports becoming an activity, Distinct 5 is against that, adding a shot clock for basketball is also being considered, the cost is a factor for schools in that decision.

Allan asked if we need to add a girl's wrestling coach since we have adopted a girl's team. Dustin is currently coaching both and there are some meets that are separate for girls and boys.

10. Public Forum

11. Recess None taken

12. Action Agenda Items

12.1. Discuss and take appropriate action on transferring \$4,932.85 from Depreciation to Playground to pay the final portion of PK playground.

Motion to approve the transfer of \$4,932.85 from depreciation to playground for the final payment of the PK playground Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Mike Szekely.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

12.2. Discus and take appropriate action on the proposed school calendar for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion to approve the school calendar for the 2024-25 school year. Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Mr. Weaver explained the calendar.

13. Closed Session

14. Next Meeting DateThe next regular meeting will be held February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairperson

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## Loomis Public Schools Mission Statement

In partnership with family and community, our mission is to prepare all students to succeed as responsible citizens in a changing world through evolving educational methods.