



# THE WOLFPACK

LOOMIS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## SMALL TOWN: BIG DATES

- 2-1 Book Fair
- 2-1 FKC Basketball
- 2-2 Book Fair
- 2-2 Girls Wrestling Sub-Districts
- 2-2 FKC Basketball
- 2-3 FKC Basketball
- 2-3 State Wrestling Duals
- 2-4 FFA Labor Auction
- 2-5 Preschool Grandma's Day
- 2-6 School Board Meeting
- 2-6 Basketball vs Axtell
- 2-6 Academic Awards Night
- 2-6 Senior Night
- 2-6 Wrestling Parent's Night
- 2-7 FFA District Career Development Event #2
- 2-7 Building, Grounds & Transportation Meeting
- 2-7 Jr High Basketball vs Amherst
- 2-8 No School
- 2-8 Elementary Quiz Bowl
- 2-8 FKC Quints Band
- 2-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 2-8 Jr Class Parent Prom Meeting
- 2-9 No School
- 2-9 District Wrestling
- 2-9 Basketball vs Pleasanton
- 2-9 Youth Basketball Recognition
- 2-9 1K Wolf Pack Club Recognition
- 2-10 District Wrestling
- 2-12 No School - Teacher Workday
- 2-12 Girls Basketball Sub-Districts
- 2-12 School Board Meeting
- 2-13 Girls Basketball Sub-Districts
- 2-14 Valentine's Day Valentines Day
- 2-14 Jr High Basketball vs Hi-Line
- 2-15 State Wrestling
- 2-15 Girls Basketball Sub-Districts
- 2-16 Sate Cheer Competition
- 2-16 State Wrestling
- 2-16 Boys Basketball at Maxwell
- 2-17 State Wrestling
- 2-19 FFA District CDE #3 Welding Contest
- 2-19 Boys Basketball Sub-Districts
- 2-20 Boys Basketball Sub-Districts
- 2-21 FKC Speech
- 2-22 Boys Basketball Sub-Districts
- 2-23 Girls Basketball District Finals
- 2-24 Boys Basketball District Finals
- 2-26 Start of Spring Practices
- 2-27 8th Grade Field Trip
- 2-28 State Girls Basketball
- 2-28 Kindergarten Roundup
- 2-29 State Girls Basketball

## Straight from the Wolf's Den

Sam Dunn

February, the lover's month! You know, the month with the cute little baby in a diaper chasing people around and shooting them with a bow and arrow that is filled with LOVE! There have been thousands of songs and movies written about love; what it means, what it looks and how you should act. Love is showing that you care about someone! At Loomis, we model love and hope that our students reciprocate those feelings of caring for other students. How simple is it to show you care about someone? Mr. Weaver and I greet our students most every morning with a cheery "Good Morning and Have a Good Day" and send them home with a "Thanks for being here and see you tomorrow". Most generally we get some type of response from the students. However, some students don't even flinch. Hello!?! How about some kind of indication or acknowledgement that we want our school to be welcoming! We want our students to know that we care for them and that we are willing to help them every step of the way through their journey called school.

Here are some suggestions to help spread love and the caring attitude:

- Pick up - clean up any mess you make.
- Be Respectful to other students and staff.
- Use the magic words- please and thank you.
- The Golden Rule- Treat others the way you want to be treated!

The time spent in school goes so quickly so let's smile, have a positive attitude and love one another.

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

**Nate Weaver**

**Hello Wolves!**

***It seems like January flew by! February has been so much better with warm temperatures. The future forecast seems to show promise with the weather getting into the 50's - 60's and sunny! We need nice weather to get the students outside, to get them fresh air and to get all their energy burned up!***

***I appreciate and value the opportunity of moving into the superintendent role next year for LPS. While getting out of my comfort zone does make me a little nervous, I do look forward to helping continue what LPS stands for. We have a wonderful group of staff and students. I consider our staff and students some of the best in central Nebraska. I am honored to be a part of this district and want to continue helping it grow and flourish for the future. We as a district have some obstacles to tackle in the up-and-coming years, and I look forward to working with the district, board of education and the community to help LPS grow. If you are ever in the area, feel free to stop by and chat. I can always find a cup of coffee for anyone that stops in for a visit.***

***The end of February is an exciting time for wrestling, basketball, speech and FFA. Our student athletes have the opportunity to showcase their improvement throughout the year with conference, districts and state. I would like to wish them the best of luck to those competitors in the post season. We currently have 73 students 9-12. 57 of those students are participating in a winter activity. That is 72% of the students that are involved in something outside of the school day. This number is well above the national average of 78%. I applaud those students and want to continue to encourage all students to be involved in an activity outside of the school day. The benefits of participating are valuable to their work ethic and their future.***

***Our teaching staff, coaches and sponsors also need a shout out! They create, build and push student relationships and encourage our students to get better every day. I appreciate their effort, ability, patience and attitude to get the students through the subjects, days, months, quarters and semesters. Time continues to fly by!***

**Go wolves!**

## Loomis Wolves Wrestling Closing Out Quite the Successful Season: Team Qualifies for State Duals Championships and 3 Wrestlers Qualify for Individual State Championships



# WRESTLING

## Dustin Freeman

The Loomis Wolves wrestlers have put together a historic season this year. It has been a very successful year for both individuals and the team as a whole. After completing their dual schedule with a win over previously unbeaten Wilcox-Hildreth the Wolves had a 6-1 dual record and were sitting within the top 8 in wild card points with hopes of qualifying for the State Wrestling Dual Championships. The Wolves would end up having to wait a week and see how other teams finished up their final duals and if their wild card points would hold up. When all dual scores were entered Loomis sat in 6th position and would make history being the first time the Wolves have qualified for the State Duals. With a couple of injuries taking guys out of the lineup it was an uphill battle for the Wolves but it was a great experience to have qualified and competed as one of the 8 Class D teams.

Next up for the Wolves wrestlers was a trip to Shelby for the D2 District Tournament as individuals looked to punch their ticket to Omaha for the State Tournament. The D2 District fielded a very deep contingent of ranked teams and individual wrestlers. After day one the Wolves had a few individuals that had their seasons ended but still had 7 wrestlers alive for the following day. 120-Carter Horner, 132-Phillip Titkemeier, 285-Caden Swanson were in the semi-finals and still alive in the consolation side was 126-Tyson Freeman, 175-Cauy Meyer, 190-Kash Schoff, 215-Walter Kenney.

Day 2 started with mixed results. The Wolves had hopes of getting a win in the semis and securing their first qualifier to ease the tension of the day. That wasn't the case though as all semi-finalist lost their matches. Fortunately, things went better for the Wolves on the consolation side of things as they won 3 of 4 matches. This meant the team would have 6 wrestlers (Horner, Freeman, Titkemeier, Meyer, Kenney, Swanson) in the heartbreak round. A win and you qualify for Omaha, a loss and your season comes to a close. The volume inside the gym had amplified as the wrestlers competed with so much on the line. All 6 Wolves wrestlers competed well in some grueling matches. The Wolves first qualifier came at 120 as Carter Horner secured a 3rd period pin to qualify. Carter would end up finishing in 3rd place by getting a revenge win over a ranked opponent that had beaten him twice previously this season. After a couple of tough season ending losses to high level opponents for Tyson Freeman and Phillip Titkemeier the Wolves had a little time to regroup. At 175 Cauy Meyer would become the second qualifier as he earned a hard fought 12-6 victory to send him to Omaha. Cauy would end up finishing in 4th place after the medal round. Another season ending loss was dealt to the Wolves Walter Kenney at 215. The third and final qualifier for the Wolves came as 285 Caden Swanson secured an early second period reversal and pin to secure his State Qualification. Caden would get another early second period fall in the finals to finish in 3rd place. These three (Horner, Meyer, Swanson) will compete in Omaha at the State Wrestling Tournament starting on Thursday February 15th with hopes of making it to Saturday and the medal rounds!

Here are results from competitions since the January newsletter:

### Ord Invite:

Team 8th out of 15 teams

2nd- Cauy Meyer 175 lbs

3rd- Carter Horner 120 lbs, Clay Bohr 150 lbs

5th- Tyson Freeman 126 lbs

6th- Phillip Titkemeier 132 lbs, Walter Kenney 215 lbs

### Ainsworth Invite:

Team 3rd out of 13 teams

1st- Cauy Meyer 175 lbs

2nd- Carter Horner 120 lbs, Tyson Freeman 126 lbs,

Clay Bohr 150lbs, Caden Swanson 285lbs

3rd- Phillip Titkemeier 132 lbs

4th- Kash Schoff 190 lbs

### FKC/TVC Conference:

Team 6th out of 17 teams

2nd- Tyson Freeman 126 lbs

3rd- Carter Horner 120 lbs, Riggan Ludeke 285 lbs

4th- Phillip Titkemeier 132 lbs, Walter Kenney 215 lbs,

Caden Swanson 285 lbs

### D2 District Tournament:

Team 9th out of 24 teams

3rd- Carter Horner 120 lbs, Caden Swanson 285 lbs

4th- Cauy Meyer 175 lbs

### Girls Results:

FKC/TVC Conference- Kendra Porteck 2nd at 125 lbs

Subdistrict 4A- Kendra Porteck 4th at 125 lbs



# Board Meeting Notes

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117  
101 Bryan St  
Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Monday, February 12, 2024 7:00 PM

Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 2-6-2023

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 1/24/2024

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 7:00 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. Welcome Guests Lindsey Palmer

## 3. Approval of Absent Board Members

## 4. 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 Duane Schoff.

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

Reviewed the Bill Roster.

## 4.1. Agenda

## 4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

### **4.3. Bill Roster**

### **4.4. Financial Reports**

**4.4.1. General Fund Receipts \$902,988.79, expenses \$344,502.32, balance \$1,273,814.29**

### **4.4.2. Investment Fund**

**Depreciation: Receipts \$167.14, expenses \$7,907.85, balance \$1,076,774.54**

**Bond: Receipts \$46,868.38, expenses \$0, balance \$207,572.63**

**4.4.3. Activities Fund Receipts \$18,461.68, expenses \$23,075.49, balance \$151,226.05**

**4.4.4. Nutrition Fund Receipts \$14,987.62, expenses \$4,331.12, balance \$97,124.52**

**4.4.5. Building Fund Receipts \$10,595.11, expenses \$0, balance \$103,536.11**

### **5. Introduction of Speakers**

### **6. Board Committee Reports**

#### **6.1. Negotiations**

**6.1.1. Thank you to our Negotiations Committee, and LEA for completing the negotiation process. I have attached the agreement for the Board to look over.**

#### **6.2. Americanism**

**6.2.1. Next Meeting March 7th at 7:30 am**

#### **6.3. Policy**

**6.3.1. Next Meeting April 4th 7:30 am**

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

**6.4.1. Update from 2/6 Meeting; 1) Concrete area to the West ditch, and pad for trash bins, 2) School car, 3) Pella windows, 4) Restrooms, Concession Stand, lights, 5) Board Evaluation and Supt' Eval,**

#### **6.5. Preschool Advisory**

**6.5.1. Handbook for discussion and appropriate action**

### **7. Administrative Reports**

#### **7.1. Principal**

**7.1.1. Principal's Notes; 1) Principal Interview Plan, 2) MTSS/PD Days, 3) Academic Night Reflection, 4) Curriculum, 5) Bus Update**

**Applications for principal due Feb 20, 5 applications as of today. 110 students were honored at Academic Night. Did a random, student drug testing in January. FEMA Grant was turned over to Nebraska Emergency Management System. Discussion was held on the drug and alcohol policy.**

#### **7.2. Superintendent**

**7.2.1. Superintendent's Notes: 1) Wellness Policy, 2) Give 2 Grow donations \$6,877.76- Beef Committee Meeting 2/21 @ 7:15 am, 3) Reminder Non-Certified wages are discussed in March, 4) Kindergarten Round-Up will be Wednesday 2-28, 5) ESU Master Service Agreement, 6) Power-School Renewal \$4,845.60, 7) NASB Renewal \$3,441, 8) Drivers Education Class Discussed the number of potential kindergarten students for 2024-2025 and if it will be necessary to have two kindergarten classes. Donnie Miller has agreed to teach Driver's Ed again this summer.**

### **8. Public Forum**

### **9. Recess None taken**

**10. Action Agenda Items**

**10.1. Discuss and take appropriate action on offering the SLP position**

**Motion to approve hiring Brooke Edgren for the position of Speech Language Pathologist Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Luke Thorell.**

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

**10.2. Discuss and take appropriate action on Negotiated Agreement**

**Motion to approve the Negotiated Agreement 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**

**Duane explained the changes in the 2024-25 Negotiated Agreement.**

**10.3. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve PK Handbook**

**Motion to approve the 2024-25 Preschool Handbook Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Luke Thorell.**

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

**Discussed how the option enrollment policy affects the current preschool students going onto kindergarten.**

**10.4. Discuss and take appropriate action on Superintendent contract.**

**Motion to approve the contract for the superintendent Nate Weaver 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**

**10.5. Discuss and take appropriate action for executive closed session**

**Motion to approve moving into closed session Unseconded with a motion by Kelly Anderson.**

**11. Closed Session**

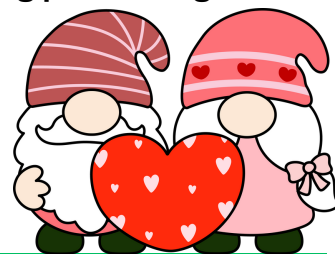
**12. Next Meeting DateThe next regular meeting will be held March 11, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

**12.1. March 11th @ 7:30**

**13. Adjournment - Discussed getting bids for a shot clock and the policy concerning purchasing.**

**Discussed classified staff's leave policy. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

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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.