

December Newsletter – 2022

- Dec. 2 - JV/V B/G BB @ Kimball @ 4 pm - **Ryan**
- Dec. 3 - JV/V B/G BB vs Morrill @ 4 pm - **HOME**
District One Acts @ Ogallala @ 10 am - **Ryan**
- Dec. 6 - HS/JH Concert @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 7 - JH B/G BB vs Creek Valley @ 1 pm - **HOME**
- Dec. 8 - JV/V Boy's BB @ Peetz @ 4 pm - **Ryan**
- Dec. 9 - JV/V B/G BB vs South Platte @ 4 - **HOME**
- Dec. 10 - Winter Formal Dance @ 8 – 11 pm
- Dec. 12 - Board of Education Meeting
- Dec. 13 - JV/V B/G BB @ Potter-Dix @ 5 pm - **Ryan**
- Dec. 15 - JH B/G BB @ Garden Co. @ 2 pm - **Ryan**
Elementary Concert @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 17 - V B/G BB @ Hemingford @ 1:00 pm - **Ryan**
- Dec. 20 - JV/V B/G BB vs Arthur Co. @ 3 pm – **HOME**
- Dec. 29 - B/G BB Holiday Tournament @ Perkins Co. - **Ryan**
- Dec. 30 - B/G BB Holiday Tournament @ Perkins Co. - **Ryan**

Dec. 21 – Jan. 4: NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break

Dec. 23 - 27: MORATORIUM

Jan. 5 – SCHOOL RESUMES



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Proceedings of the
Leyton Public Schools
Cheyenne County School District #03
Board of Education Meeting
November 14, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
High School Multi-Purpose Room in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ryan Borges called the regular school board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The public was informed of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the multi-purpose room. 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 website on or before November 10, 2022.

Members present: Ryan Borges, Lisa Carter, Suzy Ernest, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher, and Dave Wiedeman. Members absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Matt McLaughlin, High School Principal Kevin Thomas and eighteen visitors.

There were no communications. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Public comments were heard from Chris Lind.

Members of the Fine Arts Club (Trinity Beutler, Michael Kepler, Jasemine Moore, & Alisha Wells) were in attendance to discuss their trip to watch the WNCC performance of the "Pajama Game" and other future projects. The fall Talent Showcase has been moved to April 22, 2023.

Members of the Varsity Volleyball team (Zaili Benish, Trinity Beutler, Sydney Fortune, Shawnee Gamble, Ella Haley, Macey Roelle, and Claire Watchorn) discussed their season's accomplishments with the highlights being a 2nd place finish in the MAC Conference Tournament, winning the Sub-District Championship, and an appearance in the District Finals.

REPORTS:

STUCO Vice-President, Claire Watchorn, and Sophomore Representative, Ella Haley, presented the STUCO report. In October, they hosted pumpkin carving competitions and a badminton tournament. They are currently working on organizing the first Winter Formal which will be held on December 10th.

There were no Board reports.

Mr. Thomas presented the Secondary Principal's Report.

Mr. McLaughlin presented the Superintendent's report.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Moved by Carter, seconded by Schumacher to recognize the following individuals listed in the reports: Tim Melton for his work on the annual Veterans' Day Program and for collaborating with community members and school staff to honor veterans on this important day; to Mr. Oakes, the band, and choir for their performances during the program; to Isaac Ascherl and Todd Ascherl for their ability to step up and lead the JH wrestling team; to the Volleyball Team for winning Sub-Districts and playing in the District Finals; to the "A" Honor Roll students: Carlyn Thomas, Zaili Benish, Ella Haley, Jaiden Schilreff, Matthew Schwaderer, Kaleb Borges, Trenton Rushman, Axi Benish, and Alex Jeppson; to the "A-B" Honor Roll students: Mercedes Heidemann, Faith Lee, Macey Roelle, Katelyn Serrato, Alec Watchorn, Shawnee Gamble, Hope Lee, Lila McLaughlin, Claire Watchorn, Logan Craig, Justin Ernest, Dawson Juelfs, Dillon Juelfs, Jakob Kruse, Cort Rummel, and Damyn Russ; to Alison Haley for keeping Facebook updated with the latest news and information; to Mr. Gamble for his work with fall sports; and to Mrs. Rathman and her team for working hard

to select a new reading curriculum. Roll call vote: Yes: Borges, Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Borges to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on October 17, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Carter, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Rushman to approve the claims, warrants, and transfers from all funds as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, and Carter. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

No action necessary on the purchase of Elavon Merchant credit card processing.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to amend the attendance section in the student handbook by removing the "temporary illness" exception. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Borges, Carter, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Next Regular Meeting:

December 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT:

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

Approved by,


Lisa Carter, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully submitted,


Janella Kruse,
Recording Secretary

Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - November 2022

Theresa Barnhart	Mileage	\$ 70.00	Morrill County Hospital	DOT Service	\$ 167.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 1,184.51	Nebraska State Fire Marshal	Inspection	\$ 36.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 1,034.84	Nebraskaland Tire	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 20.00
Capital Business	Copiers	\$ 1,528.64	NE Safety & Fire	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 283.00
Cheyenne Co Sheriff's Office	SRO Services	\$ 750.00	NIBC	Equipment Rental	\$ 200.00
Dalton Telephone	Telephone	\$ 599.85	One Source	Service	\$ 105.00
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 238.13	Allie Primm	Mileage	\$ 15.00
Marla Davis	Mileage	\$ 18.75	Regional Care	Service	\$ 15.00
Dell Marketing	Supplies/Repair	\$ 157.00	Scotties Potties	Maintenance	\$ 300.00
DP Electronics	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 70.00	Shirt Tales	Student Recognition	\$ 480.00
ESU #13	Service	\$ 9,959.22	SRMC - Hospital	OT Service	\$ 1,610.50
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 85.35	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	Legal Notices	\$ 152.11
Frenchmen Valley	Fuel	\$ 4,656.35	Simmons Olsen Law Firm	Legal Services	\$ 160.00
Great American	Copiers	\$ 372.90	Sarah Strawn	CPR Training	\$ 600.00
Gurley Diesel	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 935.29	Triple O's	Supplies	\$ 71.66
JW Pepper	Supplies	\$ 347.16	US Bank	Miscellaneous	\$ 2,283.73
Know Buddy Resources	Library Books	\$ 81.85	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 699.95
MARC	Supplies	\$ 987.12	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 689.13
Marick's	Trash Service	\$ 137.00	Weyerts Electric	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 1,211.30
Matheson Tri-Gas	Shop Supplies	\$ 46.58	Wheat Belt	Utilities	\$ 3,511.45
McGraw-Hill Education	Curriculum	\$ 421.30	Willow Lane Education	Library Books	\$ 93.97
Matt McLaughlin	Mileage, Telephone, Moving	\$ 1,770.00	Young's Plumbing	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 650.60
	Column Total	\$ 25,451.84		Column Total	\$ 13,355.40
				Monthly Total	\$ 38,807.24



A note from the Superintendent and Elementary and Jr. High Principal,

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. I'm writing this month's newsletter significantly heavier than I had been last week. I had an excellent opportunity to spend time with our family in Lincoln. We spent our time together as a family doing our annual tradition of overeating, laughing a lot, and playing pitch. Before you ask, I'm a born and raised 10-point pitch player, converted to a 17-point pitch player at marriage, and my grandma and the rest of my side of the family converted along with me. We take our pitch pretty seriously in our family, but it's one thing that truly bonds us together as a family, we get off our phones, deal out some cards and make memories around the table. I appreciate this tradition because we have a common experience that strengthens our relationship with each other. You get to know a lot about each other when you play cards; sometimes at the surface-level items like music preferences and favorite snacks. Over time you can learn about people's hopes and dreams and the stories of the past that make you who you are today. In short, this simple tradition of playing cards has built a culture within my family and a simple method we use to bond across generations.

That culture component is something that stands out as important when it comes to our community and our schools. The most important thing we can do as educators is to build strong relationships with our families. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work with your children each and every day. Just like the pitch game, that time helps us bond together and create relationships that are based on trust and care. Good culture doesn't just happen however, it takes purposeful planning from people who deeply care for one another. These last two months we were fortunate to have a couple of great things happen within our Warrior families to help build our culture within our staff and students. Ms. Primm and the High School students and staff have begun the process of coming together across the generations at our school. The concept is to make our district, one district, not two schools. We want our younger students to see our older students as role models and to build the culture of our district so our students are always in front of great people.

That brings me to my next line of thinking when it comes to the culture of our district. How do we connect with the community members in a way that builds our relationships? Well, I wanted to get some feedback on the concept of community coffee. This month I plan on contacting all the local businesses in our towns and scheduling a traveling coffee hour. The idea is pretty basic: Choose a place in Gurley or Dalton to host each month, invite community members and businesses to attend, and spend some time together talking about what we do, and what's coming up. My goal is to contact businesses and community members the first week of December. If you are interested in community coffee and I somehow miss you, please contact me at the school or by email matt.mclaughlin@leytonwarriors.org. I hope you all have an incredible holiday season and continue building your own family traditions. Michael J. Fox once said "Family is not an important thing, it's everything".

December News Letter

The staff continues to study the book "Chop Wood and Carry Water." Our last endeavor in the book introduced the subject of "what it means to be great?" At the end of this discussion we were asked to bring back the name of a person whom we admire.

I have thought about this assignment and to choose one person has proven to be challenging. During my lifetime and over the course of history I have seen, heard about, or read about many successful people. I have thought about past leaders in the world from different countries, civil rights leaders, successful athletes, and popes, my parents and siblings, and peers I have taught with over the last 40 years.

The person who I chose and who I admire is a friend who recently died, I'll call him Mark. I met Mark the first year I started teaching in 1983. Mark had several years of teaching experience and took me under his wing, my mentor if you will. Mark and I became good friends and hung out together both at school and away from school. I could tell you about many fishing trips we took together or about a round of golf we played. But I won't because some of the stories probably wouldn't be appropriate to share.

Mark was an average guy. He cared about his students and their success. Mark and I coached football and basketball together. Most of the time we did not have very good teams, but he always had a positive attitude and hoped for the best outcome in each contest. Mark lived his life the same way, always helping others and hoping for the best.

Mark's greatest asset was his ability to sit down with you and talk to you about what's going on in your life. He was a great listener and knew just when to chime in with a comment or two. His choice of words was, at times, inappropriate, but it was vintage Mark.

As the years went by and I got my administrative degree, I moved on and took a job as a high school principal. Mark also changed jobs and went to work at a neighboring school. When I became a school superintendent, he called me to congratulate me on my new position and to remind me of a saying his father, also a school administrator, used to tell him. Mark said don't forget what my dad told me about administrators "not all administrators are good leaders" he didn't say it quite like this, but I laughed and thanked him.

Mark's recent death was totally unexpected. This loss made me reconsider my priorities and to remind me not take life's gifts for granted: my family, my job, my friends, the daily opportunity to help a student succeed, and everything else I take for granted on a daily basis.

My choice of Mark as a person who I admire was inspired by Medcalf's quote "Your value comes from who you are, not from what you do." Mark's value was not monetary, it was his personality, his ability to care and love the people around him. I will miss Mark's words of wisdom, well most of them, but I will always have my memories of him.

Take care not to take life for granted because you never know the last time you will get to interact with someone in your life, so live, forgive, and offer the best of who you are.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!



School Closings and Late Starts due to Weather/Road Conditions

In the event road or weather conditions make it necessary for the Leyton Public Schools to have a late start or cancel school for the day, an EZMessage will be sent out to households and the information will be broadcast on Sidney's KSID radio station and on Scottsbluff's KNEB radio station.

Panhandle News Channel Nebraska radio (Sidney) is found at 98.7 FM and 1340 AM. School closing information is also available on their website: <https://panhandle.newschannelnebraska.com/>.

KNEB Radio (Scottsbluff) is found at 94.1 FM and 960 AM.

These stations will be called as soon as a decision is made regarding a late start/school cancellation. The information will generally be available by 6:30 am.

Occasionally a late start is changed to a cancellation when the weather and/or roads do not show anticipated improvement. When a late start is announced, it is wise to stay tuned to News Channel Nebraska (or continue to check its website) or KNEB in the event the decision is made to close school entirely.

As always, families living in the rural areas of the Leyton School District know the condition of the roads in their immediate area better than anyone. **IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE YOUR CHILDREN CAN GET TO SCHOOL SAFETLY DUE TO WEATHER OR ROAD CONDITIONS, PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME AND NOTIFY THE SCHOOL THAT YOU ARE DOING SO.**

It's That Time Again!

Leyton High School Student Council is
taking orders for the Community Calendars.

Please complete the order form below and return it to the address listed.
All proceeds go to support the Leyton High School Student Council.

Leyton Student Council Community Calendar Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Calendars: _____ x \$5.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Please return this form and payment to:

Leyton High School
Attn: Student Council
PO Box 297
Dalton, NE 69131

The graphic features the text "NHS Balloon Sales" in a blue, cursive font. Behind the text are several line-art balloons of varying sizes. The entire graphic is framed by a border of colorful confetti in blue, yellow, and black.

NHS Balloon Sales

Have a birthday or other special occasion coming up? Leyton National Honors Society has a balloon for it!

Latex~\$1.50 Mylar~\$5.00

Bouquet~\$8.00

Additional charges may apply for specialty items.

Call (308) 377-2301 to order.

Will deliver to Dalton or Gurley

Please allow for 24 hours notice to ensure that your order can be filled.

The Leyton One Act Team proudly presents:

GHOSTLY TRINKETS

By: Charron Contival



DECEMBER 1ST AT 7:00 PM; LEYTON HS

Pop in for an evening performance of our competition drama. Admission includes popcorn bar & beverages.

Adult admission: \$7.00

Senior/Student Admission \$5.00

***not recommended for children under 12**

**This play addresses horrors and consequences of the Holocaust. Due to the subject matter, mild language & violence, this drama is not recommended for young children.*

NEEDY STUDENT FUND

Leyton Elementary-Junior High School is once again collecting money for our needy student fund. This fund is used to help make Christmas fuller for families in our school.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

SANTA IS COMING TO VISIT



Santa Clause is coming to visit at Leyton Elementary/Jr. High school on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022. He would like the preschoolers to be there at 8:15 a.m.

LEYTON HIGH SCHOOL
JUNIOR CLASS

Holiday Gift Wrapping

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

9AM - 3PM



Let us take the wrapping headache out of
Christmas this year!

Drop off/pickup during the
Holiday Vendor Fair
at the Cheyenne County
Community Center

Small (jewelry box size): \$3
Medium (shirt box size): \$5
Large or Odd Shaped: \$7
Shirt Box: \$2

CHRISTMAS DINNER

THURSDAY, DEC. 8TH



For all Senior Citizens of the Leyton Community (No extra guests please.)

Date: Thursday, Dec. 8th

Time: 12:00

Leyton Elementary/Junior High School—Gurley NE

RSVP appreciated but not necessary to:
884-2247

Price of the meal: \$4.00



Reminder for the high school students who have a school issued laptop, your second \$50 payment for the 2022/2023 school year is due now. Payments must be received BEFORE Christmas break. Please contact Mrs. Haley with any questions,
alison.haley@leytonwarriors.org.

December 2022

Students must take at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable on their tray. Unlimited fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Flavored skim and 1% white milk is offered daily. An assortment of fresh and canned fruit are available every morning as well as fruit juice up to twice a week with breakfast. Leyton Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer and provider.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 B: Breakfast burrito L: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes	2 B: Sausage patty, pancake L: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, green beans
5 B: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs L: 7 th Grade menu: Pizza, green beans, brownies	6 B: Yogurt, granola, toast L: Taco, refried beans, rice	7 B: Sausage patty, pancakes L: Mini corn dogs, green beans	8 B: Cereal, pop tart, toast L: Christmas Dinner	9 B: P B & J L: Chicken fajita, black beans, rice
12 B: Scrambled eggs, tater tri L: Chili & cinnamon roll	13 B: Breakfast burrito L: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes	14 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Chicken sandwich (spicy or original), corn	15 B: Sausage patty, French toast L: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans	16 B: Yogurt, granola, toast L: Pig in a blanket, baked beans
19 B: Cereal, pop tart, toast L: Hamburger or cheeseburger, green beans	20 B: Sausage patty, pancake L: Hot turkey sandwich	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL
26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL