

March Newsletter – 2025

- Mar 1 - Boys District Finals Basketball – TBD
Mar 1 - MAC Speech@ South Platte
Mar 3-4 Boys District Finals Basketball - TBD
Mar 5-8 Girls State Basketball
Mar 5 - FFA @ Kimball
Mar 6-7 **SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**
Mar 10 - Board Meeting @ 6pm
Mar 12-15 Boys State Basketball
Mar 13 Blood Drive @ 9am
Mar 14 - Movie Night @ 6:30pm (Nightbooks)- see flyer
Mar 17 - District Speech @ Sidney
Mar 18 - Speech and Sweets @ 6pm
Mar 21 - Movie Night @ 6:30pm (Remember the Titans) – see flyer
Mar 21 - Black Light Paint Party @ 5:30pm – see flyer
Mar 24 - MAC Quiz Bowl @ Leyton
Mar 24 - Professional Development – **NO SCHOOL**
Mar 28 - Movie Night @ 6:30pm (Mulan – non-animated) – see flyer
Mar 28 - Track @ Sidney @ 9am
Mar 29 - Alumni Basketball Tournament
Mar 29 - Track @ Morrill @ 9am
Apr 1 - MAC Music @ Leyton
Apr 1 - Professional Development – **NO SCHOOL**



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Also visit the Leyton School website @ www.leytonwarriors.org

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
High School Library
Regular Board Meeting - February 12, 2025
4:00 PM

Call to Order:

The Regular Board Meeting of the Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on February 12, 2025, at 4:00 PM, in the Library of Leyton High School in Dalton, NE. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the Library. 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 school website (www.leytonwarriors.org) on or before Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Attendance taken at 4:00 PM.

Benish: Present
Borges: Present
Ernest: Present
Rushman: Present
Schumacher: Present
Wiedeman: Present

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Haley, and three visitors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

The STUCO report was presented.

Mr. Wiedeman gave his NASB Legislative Conference report.

Mr. Jones and Mr. McLaughlin gave their administrative reports.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to recognize Zaili Benish for scoring 2000 points in her basketball career; Lindsey Kessler for her work on the Kindergarten report card; Scarlett Newitt, Wade Ascherl, Sarah Dunn, Raymus Phillip, Ainsley Mertz-Cleveland, and Paige Frerichs for making the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee; Riley Benish for making the "A" Honor Roll; Mercedes Heidemann and Macey Roelle for making the "A-B" Honor Roll; the Girls' Basketball Team for placing 2nd at the MAC Tournament; the Boys' Basketball Team for placing 3rd at the MAC Tournament; FFA State Qualifying Food Science Team: Lila McLaughlin (blue ribbon), Macey Roelle (blue ribbon), Shawnee Gamble (white ribbon), and Auvi Cranmore; Faith Lee and Kynnady Hajek for their wrestling season; STUCO for the food pantry volunteer hours they have worked; and to the following students who were named to the NCPA Academic All-State for the Fall season: Football- Alec Watchorn, Riley Benish, Volleyball- Zaili Benish

and Ella Haley, Play Production: Shawnee Gamble and Lila McLaughlin. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea; Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Ernest to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Schumacher to approve the claims, warrants and transfers. Roll Call vote: Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Policies were reviewed and items were taken from the review for legal guidance.

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Borges to approve the transfer of \$100,000 to the School Nutrition Fund. Roll Call vote: Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Borges to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the salary of the Principal at 4:46 PM. Roll Call vote: Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Rushman to return to Regular Session at 5:02 PM. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Ernest to approve the Principal's contract. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Borges, seconded by Ernest, to accept the resignation of Sydney Nein as First-Grade Teacher with regret. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.


INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

ADJOURN

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Wiedeman to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM. Roll Call vote: Borges: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Rushman: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Approved by,


Suzy Ernest, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,


Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary

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Amplify Education	Curriculum	\$ 4,000.00	Matt McLaughlin	Mileage + Phone	\$ 459.80
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 3,037.33	Tim Melton	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 477.60
Angela Borgmann	Supplies	\$ 203.18	NASB - Alicap	Insurance	\$ 1,405.00
Capital	Copiers	\$ 1,349.25	NASB	Membership	\$ 3,828.43
Correll Refrigeration	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 436.00	Amy Neumann	Tuition Credit	\$ 700.00
Cranmore Pest Control	Service	\$ 60.00	NIBC	Equipment Lease	\$ 100.00
Crossroads Tech	Service	\$ 75.00	Shawn Oakes	Mileage	\$ 151.20
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 292.87	One Source	Service	\$ 29.00
Deaver Tire Co.	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 25.00	Outlaws	Other	\$ 40.00
Lindie DeBlois	Mileage	\$ 88.20	Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford	Legal Service	\$ 3,120.25
ESU 13	Services	\$ 12,843.49	Rhyme University	Supplies	\$ 84.44
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 102.96	Heidi Rushman	Mileage	\$ 43.40
Frenchman Valley	Fuel	\$ 2,477.24	Sagebrush	Other	\$ 60.00
Cody Gamble	Mileage	\$ 42.00	SRMC - Clinic	Service	\$ 30.00
Gurley Diesel	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 1,187.47	SRMC - Hospital	OT Services	\$ 1,535.01
Homestead Market	Supplies	\$ 60.00	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	Legal Notices	\$ 195.68
Jessica Hanks	Mileage	\$ 88.20	Simmons Olsen Law Firm	Legal Service	\$ 400.00
Wendy Hansen	Mileage	\$ 79.80	Smart Apple Media	Supplies	\$ 149.80
Highline	Telephone	\$ 494.45	SOAR Pediatric Therapy	PT/OT Services	\$ 2,927.51
Hometown Leasing	Equipment Lease	\$ 405.12	Triple Os	Supplies	\$ 25.00
Charles Jones	Mileage	\$ 745.20	US Bank	Miscellaneous	\$ 3,880.24
Lindsey Kessler	Supplies	\$ 43.26	Linda Victory	Mileage	\$ 325.15
MARC	Supplies	\$ 758.38	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 491.39
Maricks	Trash Disposal	\$ 151.00	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 689.13
Matheson	Supplies	\$ 147.83	WheatBelt	Utilities	\$ 4,270.02
	Column Total	\$ 29,193.23		Column Total	\$ 25,418.05
				Monthly Total	\$ 54,611.28



I hope this message finds you well and you are looking forward to an amazing spring. This month I wanted to focus on the importance of focusing on the last three months of school. This year has been flying by (partially because I have a senior this year) but the last three months of school are pretty much our most important months. This is where we see state testing scores, we finalize college plans, and we begin making our plans for summer. What I would like to encourage families to do is simple, think of school at the end of the year like an important race. We need our students to focus on the goal of completing school with determination and pride so the end of this year propels them on to the next important race.

I love the word urgency. It's a great word that describes education in so many ways. We have to view our opportunities with our students through urgency. You only live once (YOLO) and that means that everything we do in school should be working to the best of our ability to make the lives of our students better. I want to challenge you and your family to think about and focus your efforts on the last three months of school. I have a few suggestions that may help you finish this year with pride.

1. Get back to the basics: Check your student's JMC grades each week. Login to the app or the website and track your student's progress in their classes. This simple step combined with a conversation with your student shows your student that you are invested in their success.
2. There is always something to do for school: We have several initiatives going on at the school including AR reading, 1000 books before kindergarten, Book talks in the high school, etc. If your student says they have nothing to do for school, they probably have an opportunity to read, so pick up a book and get better.
3. State assessments: Talk to your student about the importance of doing their best on the test. The high school Juniors will be taking the ACT in April and that test can directly impact the future cost of higher education. All high school students have access to John Baylor Test Prep and they can use that program to help them get better scores. At the elementary and junior high (3-8) there are resources from the state to help prepare for the NSCAS;
https://connection.nwea.org/s/nebraska-practice-tests?language=en_US this link is for you to look at sample test questions and to see the level of questions our students will be expected to be able to answer.
4. Goals and support team: Everyone needs goals. When was the last time you sat down and talked about goals? I know that we discuss goals in school on a regular basis, but part of goal setting is having a support system that helps you to your goals. Take some time this month and talk through some academic goals with your student. If they want to lift more weights, or get better at math and reading there are opportunities every single day to work toward those goals, and having a support system can sometimes make the dream a reality.

These four pointers are something I think we can all do together in order to push our students through the end of the school year. My goal for all our students is to be the best version of themselves that they can possibly be, but this world is competitive and in order to be the best our students have to be held accountable and work like warriors every single day. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns along the way. Have a great March.

Matt McLaughlin

In the High School Art Classes, we have lots to be excited about this month. As we started the 3rd quarter, these classes began working with clay. This art medium challenges our art students to think 3-dimensionally and even think about making art that has a functional purpose, not just an aesthetic purpose. Our creative students have already created some very fun pieces, and I am expecting lots more before we complete this quarter.

In Elementary and Junior High all of the classes have started new projects. The Kindergarten has been working on writing their alphabet and learning to create art using the letters. 1st Grade is learning about artist statements and creating images of themselves creating any type of artwork. 2nd grade has been working with watercolor pencils and creating art that looks like a ripple in water. 3rd grade is starting to create waterfalls with pastels. 4th grade learned about blending wet-into-wet painting by creating fireworks out of acrylic paint. 5th grade is very excited to start on their Junior Duck Stamp entries for this year's competition. Lastly, the 6th grade has been creating art about themselves with a Name Design Project.

Another exciting change to all our art classrooms this semester is the addition of a student teacher, Marissa Borchard. Ms. Borchard is a Chadron State College student finishing her degree in Art Education K-12. Ms. Borchard has already created many of her own wonderful clay projects in the past and therefore has been very helpful in introducing our high school students to clay this year. She has also been helping with the Elementary classes and will start teaching her lessons to them soon.



JOIN THE FINE ARTS CLUB AT OUR
FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR

BLACK LIGHT PAINT PARTY

WHERE: LEYTON HIGH SCHOOL

WHEN: MARCH 21ST, 2025

TIME: 5:30 - 6:30PM

\$15 PER PERSON

Painting spots are limited, if you are interested in participating in the Paint Party call Mrs. Hansen at (308)377-2301 by March 15th

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

speech
AND
sweets

TUESDAY | MARCH
18 | AT 6:00PM
2025

SPEECH PUBLIC PERFORMANCE
Leyton High School Multi-Purpose Room

come support



LITTLE WARRIORS
PRESCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE

AND ENROLLMENT

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
MARCH 10, 2025
4:00 PM 7:00 PM



**Winter got
you down?**

**Cabin
fever?**

Movie NIGHT

Admission - \$2.00^{pp}
Children 4 and under - FREE
First 10 people receive a prize!

**Hosted by
Leyton
One Acts**

Feb 14 - Wicked
Feb 21 - Wild Robot
Mar 14 - Nightbooks
Mar 21 - Remember
the Titans
Mar 28 - Mulan (non-
animated)
Apr 4 - The School for
Good and Evil
Apr 25 - Moana 2

Show times - 6:30 pm @ high school gym

(Please enter through the west doors)

(Check school website and Facebook for weather cancellations)

Concessions available - please no outside food and drink



SNACKS



GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



Scholarship Blood Drive Leyton High School Gym

Thursday, March 13, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Schedule your appointment today!

Leyton Schools – 308-377-2301

Blood Donor App | Sponsor Code: **“daltonne”**

Save lives and empower your health! In March, the Red Cross will perform free A1C testing on successful donations. Plus, come to give March 1-31 and get a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/March for details.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	B: Cheese omelet, muffin L: Sloppy Joe, green beans	B: Fr. Toast L: Hamburger gravy/ mashed potatoes, roll	B: Brk. Sandwich L: Corn dogs, Mac & cheese, peas	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	DB: Brk. Pizza GB: Brk Casserole L: Ckn. Bacon ranch wrap, mixed veggies	B: Yogurt, muffin L: SS tacos, corn	B: Brk. Burrito L: Spaghetti, peas, garlic stick	B: PB & J L: Ckn. tenders, french Fries	B: Biscuits & Gravy L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	B: Pancake on a Stick L: Ckn noodle soup, roll	DB: Bagels/cr. Cheese GB: Mini Bagels L: HB/CB, French Fries	B: Sausage, Scr. Eggs L: Pizza, green beans	B: Yogurt, mini loaf DL: Walking tacos, corn GL: 5th grade Walking taco, spanish rice, corn, brownie	B: Pancakes L: Tator tot casserole, roll	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	NO SCHOOL	B: Brk. Sandwich L: Pizza pocket, mixed veg	B: Cheese omelet, toast L: Chicken sandwich, Mac. & cheese, corn	B: Cereal, mini loaf DL: Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, garlic, oc stick	B: PB& J L: Chicken fry steak, mashed potatoes & gravy	
30	31					
	B: Brk. Burrito DL: Hot dog, fries GL: 2nd Grade Hot dog, mac & cheese, green beans, ice cream					

Students must take at least 1/2 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. The school district provides a food service program that is designed to provide adequate nutrition and an educational experience for students. Leyton Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Menus are subject to change

B=breakfast L=Lunch DB=Dalton breakfast GB=Gurley breakfast DL=Dalton lunch GL=Gurley lunch

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