

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
July 14, 2025  
High School Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on July 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the Library of Leyton High School, Dalton, NE 69131. 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](http://www.leytonwarriors.org)) on or before July 10, 2025.

Attendance Taken at 6:03 PM.

Benish: Present  
Ernest: Present  
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Schumacher: Present  
Wiedeman: Present

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Kruse, and two community members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no communication with the board.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Benish, to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to appoint and swear in Tim Jones as the replacement for Ryan Borges, with a term ending January 2027. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

Mr. Jones took the Oath of Office.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to nominate Sam Schumacher as President. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Abstain, Wiedeman: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain 1.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Schumacher, to nominate Dave Wiedeman as Vice President. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Abstain, Benish: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain 1.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to nominate Suzy Ernest as Secretary. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Abstain, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain 1.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to nominate Shad Benish as Treasurer. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Abstain, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain 1.

The board committee's responsibilities were appointed.

### Hearings:

A Public Hearing for Policy 5054, Student Bullying, was opened at 6:21 PM. The public was invited to comment, and the hearing was closed at 6:22 PM.

A Public Hearing for Policy 5018, Parent Involvement in Educational Practices, was opened at 6:22 p.m. The public was invited to comment, and the hearing was closed at 6:23 PM.

A Public Hearing for Policy 5045, Student Fees, was opened at 6:23 PM. The public was invited to comment, and the hearing was closed at 6:24 PM.

There were no public comments.

### Reports:

The Budget and Negotiations Committee gave its report to the board.

Mr. McLaughlin gave his monthly report to the board.

### Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to recognize Zaili Benish for being selected for the Nebraska Coaches Association Annual All-Star Basketball Game. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2025, regular board meeting. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Jones: Abstain. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the claims, warrants, and transfers. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Jones: Abstain. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve Policy 3057 Title IX as presented. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Abstain. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1.

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to approve policy 6025 Cell Phones as presented. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Abstain. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1.

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to approve the required annual policy review: Policy 5018: Parental Involvement Policy, Policy 5057: Title One Parental Involvement Policy, Policy 5045: Student Fees, Policy 5054: Bullying, Policy 4031: Teacher Evaluation, Policy 3040: Safety and Security Committee, Policy 5001: Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, and Policy 6005: Academic Credits and Graduation as presented. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Jones: Abstain. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain 1.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve the supplemental policies from KSB, Policy: 2008: Meetings, Policy 5002: Admission of Students, Policy 5003: Admission of part-time students (option 2). Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Jones: Abstain. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to approve the student, staff, and activities handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year as presented, with the addition of the Title IX policy as well as the Cell Phone policy. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Jones: Abstain. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Weideman, to approve the updated classified salary schedule, and move the custodian/groundskeeper to step two. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the purchase of the Leader in Me curriculum. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Abstain. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1.

The board took a five-minute break from 7:22 to 7:27 PM. No action was taken.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Ernest, to approve the purchase of the IXL program for student enrichment and intervention. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Benish, to approve the asbestos removal from GPAC at a rate of \$16,410. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve the purchase of playground equipment from King Swings at the rate of \$37,836 to be paid from the Special Building Fund. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the installation of a soft water system at the Dalton site from Joe Paschke for \$960, with the authorization to purchase the soft water machine. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve the disposal of presented materials to the best benefit of the district. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Jones, to approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the General fund to the Depreciation fund for site improvements. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the transfer of \$40,000 from the General fund into the Activities fund. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund into the Nutrition Fund. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

#### Informational Items:

Next Regular Meeting: August 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Budget Workshop September 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Regular Board Meeting September 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjourn:

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. Roll Call vote:  
Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Approved by,

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzy Ernest, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education

Matt McLaughlin,  
Recording Secretary