

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
September 15, 2025  
High School Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
6:16 PM

**Call to Order:**

The regular board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on September 15, 2025, at 6:16 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 Thursday, September 11, 2025.

Attendance taken at 6:16 PM.

Benish:	Present
M. Ernest:	Absent
S. Ernest:	Present
Jones:	Present
Schumacher:	Present
Wiedeman:	Present

Also present were Superintendent Matt McLaughlin, Principal Charles Jones, Janella Kruse, and Alison Haley.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent, Mrs. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

**Reports:**

The school board members reported on the NASB Annual Membership Meeting held last month in Gering.

The Student Council report was handed out and reviewed by the board.

Mr. Jones and Mr. McLaughlin presented their reports.

**Regular Agenda:**

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to excuse Mr. Ernest from the meeting. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Jones to recognize the following individuals for their contributions to our school: Becky Murray and Faith Jones, along with staff members who served at the tailgate to start the year. Hannah Buchert for organizing the Hometown Heroes

Game. Jacob Noel, Bruce Ernest, and Ryan Fortune for their work in getting our facilities ready to host fall sports. The Student Council for their work at the food pantry. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Due to the school attorney's availability, item 5.7 legal strategies for the track was moved up in the agenda. Moved by Benish, seconded by Jones, to enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation or legal advice concerning the track at 6:37 PM. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Motion by Wiedeman, seconded by Jones, to return to regular session at 7:03 PM. Roll Call: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. No action was taken during executive session.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, August 12, 2025, and the Board Budget Workshop, September 3, 2025. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

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

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented to the board. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to approve the property tax request of \$4,227,273 as presented to the board, \$4,186,869 in the general fund, and \$40,404 in the special building fund and to approve the property tax resolution 17-0003 as presented. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

A discussion was held to set a date for the next American Civics Meeting.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve the FFA trip to the National Conference with the meal per diem. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Informational Items:

Board Retreat: October 1, 2025, at 3:00 PM

Next Regular Meeting: Monday October 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Committee on American Civics meeting: October 13, 2025, at 5:00 PM

Adjournment:

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Benish to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Roll Call vote:  
Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Absent, Mrs. Ernest:  
Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Approved by,

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzy Ernest, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education

Matt McLaughlin,  
Recording Secretary