

February 2026

Feb. 3 - B/G BB vs Sedgwick Co – 4pm
Feb. 4 - JH B/G BB vs South Platte – 1pm
Feb. 4 - Career Development Event @ Gordon-Rushville
Feb. 4-13 Scholastic Book Fair (see flyer)
Feb. 5 - MAC Wrestling @ Bridgeport – 9am
Feb. 5 - **Parent/Teacher Conferences – Dismiss @ 2pm**
Feb. 6 - B/G BB vs Creek Valley – 4:30pm
Feb. 6 - **WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL**
Feb. 7 - B/G BB @ Hyannis – 1pm
Feb. 9 - **Board Meeting – 6pm**
Feb. 9 - NHS Induction Ceremony @ Dalton – 5pm
Feb. 11 - Speech meet @ Mitchell
Feb. 12 - JH B/G MAC BB – TBD
Feb. 12 - Girls BB vs Garden County - 4:30pm (**PARENTS NIGHT**)
Feb. 13 - Boys District Wrestling - TBD
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
Feb. 14 - JH B/G MAC BB – TBD
Feb. 14 - Speech Meet @ Gordon-Rushville
Feb. 16 - G BB Sub Districts – TBD
Feb. 16 - **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – NO SCHOOL**
Feb. 17 - G BB Sub Districts – TBD
Feb. 19 - G BB Sub Districts – TBD
Feb. 19 - State Wrestling @ Omaha
Feb. 20 - B BB vs Garden County – 4:30pm (**PARENTS NIGHT**)
Feb. 20 - State Proficiency and Agriscience Fair @ Kearney
Feb. 21-28 National FFA Week
Feb. 23 - B BB Sub Districts – TBD
Feb. 24 - B BB Sub Districts – TBD
Feb. 25 - Career Development Event @ Kimball
Feb. 26 - B BB Sub Districts – TBD
Feb. 27 - G BB District Finals – TBD
Feb. 28 - B BB District Finals – TBD
Feb. 28 - Speech Meet

ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 - January 12, 2026
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on January 12, 2026, 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) on or before Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

Benish:	Present
Mr. Ernest:	Present
Mrs. Ernest:	Present
Jones:	Present
Schumacher:	Present
Wiedeman:	Present

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Jones, Janella Kruse, Alison Haley, Macey Roelle, and Kennedy Roelle.

There was no communication. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to elect Sam Schumacher for President of the Board of Education. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to elect Dave Weideman for Vice President of the Board of Education. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to elect Suzy Ernest for Secretary of the Board of Education. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to elect Shad Benish as Treasurer of the Board of Education. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Board reorganized into the following committees: Budget Committee: Mr. Benish, Mr. Tim Jones, and Mr. Schumacher. Negotiations Committee: Mr. Benish, Mrs. Ernest, and Mr. Weideman. Building/Grounds Committee: Mr. Benish, Mr. Ernest, and Mr. Schumacher. Curriculum and American Civic Committee: Mr. Ernest, Mrs. Ernest, and Mr. Weideman. Safety/Security/Crisis Committee: Mr. Benish and Mr. Schumacher. School Improvement Committee: Mr. Tim Jones and Mr. Weideman. Transportation Committee: Mr. Ernest and Mr. Schumacher. Technology Committee: Mr. Tim Jones and Mr. Weideman. Wellness Committee: Mr. Benish and Mrs. Ernest.

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

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Reports:

Macey Roelle presented the student council report to the board.

Mr. Jones and Mr. McLaughlin presented their administrative reports to the board.

Regular Agenda: Discussion Items:

The board discussed policies in the series 4041-4064.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to enter into executive session in order to protect the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter for entering into executive session tonight is a strategy session with respect to legal counsel as it pertains to the track at 6:35 PM. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Jones, to come out of executive session at 7:09 PM; no action was taken during the session. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Regular Agenda: Action Items:

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to recognize the Spelling Bee winners who will represent Leyton at the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee: 1st Place – Wade Ascherl, 2nd Place – Mira Vaughter, 3rd Place – Jakeb Bunner, 4th Place – Raymus Phillip, 5th Place – Liam Deaver, 6th Place – Cainyn Rushman. “A” Honor Roll grades 5-8: Breckyr Cranmore, Sarah Dunn, Brooks Frerichs, Grayson McDaniel, Ainsley Mertz-Cleveland, Kasen Miller, Madilynn Mitchell, Regan Moore, Raymus Phillip, Adyleigh Rushman. “A-B” Honor Roll grades 5-8: Conner Blanke, Roberto Garcia, LaNaya Gutierrez, Kyleigh Jeppson, Natalie Tucker, Mira Vaughter, Liam Deaver, Judah Kepler, Airadezza Emory, Ashlynn Romick, Honor Syverson. “A” Honor Roll High School: Cooper Benish, Auvi Cranmore, Isabella Fischer, Paige Frerichs, Hadlee Guggenmos, Mercedes Heidemann, Henry McLaughlin, Jaylyn Noel, Kennedy Roelle, Madalynn Stout. “A-B” Honor Roll High School: Rolin Baca, Riley Benish, Sierra Blanke, Calvin Borgmann, Ashlee Doty, Faith Lee, Kyler Lojka, Kinley McDaniel, Chase Moore, Connor Rieken, Macey Roelle, Brody Turman, Colt Van Anne, Max Wiggins, Marlee Wiggins. The towns of Gurley and Dalton for their work in delivering treat bags during Christmas to all the Elementary Students. The PAC for their work in putting on the School Store for our students during Christmas. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025, regular meeting. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the claims, warrants, and transfers. 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 Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve the appointment of Matt McLaughlin as the designated official of the Board of Education with authority to apply for Elementary and Secondary Education Act Grants and to testify before legislative committees, and as the district Nondiscrimination Compliance Coordinator. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Jones, to approve the mission and vision statements. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve designating legal counsel for the district as Simmons Olson Law Firm. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to approve the appointment of Mr. Charles Jones as the Title IX Coordinator and Compliance Coordinator. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Benish, to approve designating Points West Community Bank as the depository bank for the district. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the designation of Rauner and Associates as the auditors for the district. 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 Mr. Ernest, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the annual report of the district. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Benish, to approve the resignation of Julie Bellendir and thank her for her years of service to the district. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

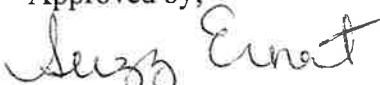
Informational Items:

Next Regular Meeting is February 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

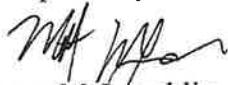
Adjournment:

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to adjourn at 7:33 PM. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: 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

Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - January 2026

Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	\$ 586.04	Matheson Tri-Gas	Shop Supplies	\$ 524.76
America's Ink & Toner	Supplies	\$ 815.25	Matt McLaughlin	Mileage & Phone	\$ 334.60
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 4,944.94	McGuire Custom Paint	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 1,575.00
Blazing Trails Media	Legal Notices	\$ 149.86	NE Council of School Admins	Conferences	\$ 149.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 74.90	NRCSA	Conferences	\$ 100.00
Angie Borgmann	Tuition Credit & Supplies	\$ 1,427.41	Nebraska Safety Center	DOT Training	\$ 125.00
Capital Business Systems	Supplies	\$ 95.91	Nebraskaland Tire	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 2,642.17
Capital Business Systems	Copiers	\$ 2,451.31	Nick Newkirk	Mileage	\$ 8.40
Mark Carley	Mileage	\$ 49.00	Dave Nyffeler	Supplies	\$ 20.00
Crossroads Tech Services	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 75.00	Perry Law Firm	Legal Services	\$ 2,968.00
DAS State Accounting	Network Services	\$ 317.87	Plummer Insurance	Bond Renewal	\$ 1,000.00
Lindie DeBlois	Mileage & Supplies	\$ 76.03	RCI Group II	Service	\$ 42.00
ESU #13	Services	\$ 16,961.80	Heidi Rushman	Mileage	\$ 19.60
E-470	Travel Fee	\$ 6.65	Sagebrush	Other	\$ 280.00
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 43.95	Simmons Olsen Law Firm	Legal Services	\$ 192.50
Frenchmen Valley	Fuel	\$ 2,414.16	Sioux County Schools	Ag Class Instruction	\$ 450.00
Cody Gamble	Mileage	\$ 42.00	Soar Pediatric Therapy	PT Services	\$ 1,378.06
Garden County Schools	Ag Class Instruction	\$ 1,250.00	Sparq Data Solutions	Online Programs	\$ 4,100.00
Jaecee Gotfrey	Mileage	\$ 4.20	SRMC - Hospital	OT Services	\$ 410.00
Gurley Diesel	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 177.48	Triple O's	Supplies	\$ 19.99
Wendy Hansen	Mileage	\$ 63.00	Uptown Image	Other	\$ 20.00
Highline	Telephone	\$ 668.03	US Bank	Miscellaneous	\$ 6,248.87
Hometown Leasing	Equipment Rental	\$ 405.12	Linda Victory	Mileage & Supplies	\$ 204.50
J W Pepper	Supplies	\$ 33.40	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 509.49
Charles Jones	Mileage	\$ 194.60	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 796.45
Faith Jones	Tuition Credit	\$ 1,400.00	WPCI	Service	\$ 38.00
Jostens	Supplies	\$ 112.95	Wheat Belt	Utilities	\$ 4,391.40
Marick's	Trash Disposal	\$ 151.00	Young's	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 240.00
	Column Total	\$ 34,991.86		Column Total	\$ 28,787.79
				Monthly Total	\$ 63,779.65



A note from the Superintendent,

I hope this message finds you well as we get into February. My message this month is going to be about community involvement within the school and opportunities for community members to become involved at our school. During Christmas this year I was reminded about the importance of community involvement from our Annual PAC Christmas Store. Each year the PAC comes together and runs a store for the elementary students. My son, Miles, was proud to come home with several gifts for his family as part of this program. It was neat to see him watch our surprised faces as he handed us our presents, each one personally selected by him at the school store. We are really lucky to have a supportive community that wants the best for Leyton. Thank you members of the PAC for making this event happen.

The PAC event got me thinking about community involvement in other areas within the school. Last month our board did its annual reorganization of committees. The school board and I want to do a better job at utilizing the group approach to solve complex problems at the school level. It's clear that not everyone can know everything in our community, but it's also clear that we live in a place with a lot of knowledgeable people, and we need you at our school, helping us to get better. I wanted to list our committees and encourage you to take a look at an area where you might be able to help us increase our expertise. I'm not asking for you to come to a bunch of meetings, but be a resource when things get tricky. I'll list the committee name as well as the board members on the committee. If you see one that applies to you, please contact us so we can visit about current needs.

Budget Committee: Tim Jones, Sam Schumacher, Shad Benish

Building and Grounds: Shad Benish, Mitch Ernest, Sam Schumacher

Curriculum and American Civics: Mitch Ernest, Suzy Ernest, Dave Wiedeman

Safety/Security/Crisis: Shad Benish, Sam Schumacher

Transportation: Mitch Ernest, Sam Schumacher

Technology: Tim Jones, Dave Wiedeman

Wellness: Suzy Ernest, Shad Benish

THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



Back Row (L-R): Henry McLaughlin, Colt Van Anne, Cooper Benish, Kaleb Miller, Chase Moore, Riley Benish, Max Wiggins.
Front Row (L-R): Ms. Van Anne, Kennedy Roelle, Auvi Cranmore, Macey Roelle, Marlee Wiggins, Kinley McDaniel, Mrs. Rushman.



WE APPRECIATE:

Buyers who invested in our members
Local businesses for donations and support
Families & volunteers who made the event run smoothly
FFA members for their hard work and professionalism



YOUR SUPPORT HELPS PROVIDE:

Chapter Activities
Hands-on agricultural learning
Career and life skills for students

♥ Thank you for supporting agricultural education and our future leaders! ♥



#ScholasticBookFairs

The Scholastic Book Fair is rolling into town! Mark your calendars for a page-turning extravaganza from February 4th-13th (Closed on 2/6 because school's out). Don't miss Family Night on 2/5 during the parent-teacher conferences.

Check the link below to get a head start:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/leytonelemjuniorhighschool>

#ScholasticBookFairs

LEYTON HIGH SCHOOL STUCO PRESENTS

DRESS TO IMPRESS

LEYTON STUCO WILL BE PROVIDING A FREE DRESS CLOSET
FOR THOSE IN NEED OF A DRESS
FOR FORMAL DANCES!



**Personal try-on sessions available at
Leyton High School for formal dances**



**If a dress is borrowed and can be returned, please do
return it so others can continue to enjoy it!**



Dresses are located in Dalton at Leyton High School!



We are accepting all formal dress donations immediately!

Contact alison.haley@leytonwarriors.org or 308-249-4198 for questions, fitting
appointments, or to donate

GIFT CARD



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1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$25

PURCHASE TICKETS AT ANY HOME BASKETBALL GAME!

**DRAWING HELD HALFTIME OF BOYS VARIETY GAME ON
FEBRUARY 20TH**

PROCEEDS GO TO:

STUDENTS FUNDRAISING FOR THEIR COSTA RICA TRIP!

DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

If you have any questions, please email natasha.haupt@leytonwarriors.org

High School Cash Cube Chaos



HOSTED BY
LEYTON
ONE ACTS TEAM



Don't miss out on your chance
to grab some \$\$\$!

1 ticket = \$3.00
2 tickets = \$5.00
5 tickets = \$10.00

Tickets can be purchased at all home
basketball games or the high school office.
Drawing for a chance in the cash cube will
be held on 2/20 at halftime of the boys
basketball game.

Thank you

**Sidney Federal
Savings and Loan**
for your Cash Cube Donation!

Must be present to win.



High School students currently participating in extra-curricular
school activities are not eligible per NSA A.

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Find our favorite strawberry recipes at www.4sns.com

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YEARS

1970 to present

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Strawberries are picked fresh,
and bursting with sweetness,
from Florida farms in March
when they are in "Peak Flavor."

Farm Fresh

STRAWBERRIES

A Sweet Way to Fundraise

**PACKED IN ONE POUND
PLASTIC CONTAINERS.
ONE FLAT = EIGHT POUNDS.**

1/4 FLAT (2 LBS.)	\$ <u>13</u>
1/2 FLAT (4 LBS.)	\$ <u>21</u>
FULL FLAT (8 LBS.)	\$ <u>35</u>

Properly stored, strawberries will maintain
best quality in the freezer up to 12 months.

In addition to healthy snacking, this sweet
fruit is a refreshing staple item for smoothies,
desserts, baked goods, canning and more!

Contact Mrs. Haley

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Payment Feature

**LHS StuCo
Sales End
2/9**





ALL ARE WELCOME

FOOD *pantry*

first Saturday of every month
8:30am-9:30am

COMMUNITY SHEPHERDS OF DALTON & GURLEY
404 FRANCIS STREET DALTON NE 69131



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!!						
1	2 B: Sausage & Cheese bagel L: Spaghetti, peas, garlic stick	3 B: Cereal, yogurt L: CKN bacon ranch wrap, corn	4 B: Pancakes, sausage L: Meatball sub, calif. veg	5 B: Brk Burrito L: Chli, cinn. roll	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8	9 B: Cheese omelet, muffin L: Ckn sand., mac & ch, green beans	10 B: Waffle, yogurt L: Lasagna w/ Calif veggies	11 B: Bisc & gravy L: Chicken tacos, corn	12 B: Brk sandwich L: HB/CB, fries	13 B: French toast, L: Ckn Fry Stk, mashed potatoes & gravy, roll	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL	17 B: Yogurt, bagel L: Ckn nuggets, Mac & cheese	18 B: PBJ L: Ham /cheese croissant, carrots	19 B: Sausage Bagel L: Corn dogs, baked beans	20 B: Bisc. & gravy L: Cooks choice	21
22	23 B: cooks choice L: Ckn tenders , Fries	24 B: Cereal, yogurt L: Soft Tacos, refried beans	25 B: Scrambled eggs, bagel L: Ckn Alfredo, calif. veggie garlic stick	26 B: Brk burrito L: Sloppy joes, corn	27 B: Pancakes, sausage L: Cooks choice	28

Students must take at least $\frac{1}{2}$ 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

** This institution is an equal opportunity provider** - Dalton site

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