

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
High School Library
Regular Board Meeting - February 9, 2026
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on February 9, 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, February 5, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

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

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Charles Jones, Janella Kruse, Alison Haley, Macey Roelle, Mrs. Rathman, and Mr. Henderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no communication for the Board.

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

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

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Reports:

Macey Roelle presented the student council report to the board.

Mr. Wiedeman presented information from the Legislative Conference.

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

Regular Agenda: Discussion Items

The board discussed scoreboards in both gyms, the football field at Gurley, bagging mower, gym floors at both sites, adding a position to the elementary school, the annual calendar, and vending machines.

The board reviewed policies 5000-5017 as part of the three-year review cycle.

Regular Agenda: Action Items

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Jones, to recognize the following staff and students: Ms. Van Anne, Mrs. Rushman, and the students involved in FFA for their work holding the annual Labor Auction. The Boys Basketball Team for placing 2nd at the MAC tournament. The Girls Basketball Team for going 1-1 in the MAC Tournament. Mr. Oakes and members of the High School Band for their good showing at MAC Music. Macey Roelle for earning her State Degree in FFA. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, regular meeting. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

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

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

Moved by Mr. Schumacher, seconded by Benish, to enter into executive session at 7:20 PM to protect the public interest or to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual, provided that such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter for entering into executive session tonight is a strategy session regarding the compensation of the Administrators at Leyton Public Schools. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Mr. Schumacher, seconded by Wiedeman, to return from executive session at 7:58 PM. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

No action was taken in executive session.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Jones, to table the Principal's contract until next month. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent. Motion Tabled Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to table the Superintendent's contract until next month. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea. Motion Tabled: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the hire of Ms. Kylee Rahmig as an Elementary Special Education teacher. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Abstain, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 1.

Informational Items:

NRCSA conference is March 19-20.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Benish, to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Approved by,

Respectfully Submitted,

Shad Benish, Treasurer
Leyton Board of Education

Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary