

April Newsletter – 2026

- Apr 2 - HS Track @ Bayard – 8:30am
- Apr 3-6 EASTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL
- Apr 7 - HS Track @ Creek Valley – 8:30am
- Apr 9 - JH Track @ Leyton – 9am
- Apr 10 - Kindergarten Round up – no school for Kindergarten ONLY (see flyer)
- Apr 13 - JH Track @ Bayard – 8:30am
- Apr 14 - HS Track @ Leyton – 9am
- Apr 15 - ACT Testing
- Apr 16 - Golf Invitational @ Bridgeport – 9am
- Apr 17 - HS Track @ Burns, WY – 9am
- Apr 21 - Golf Invitational @ Morrill – 9am
- Apr 22 - JH Track @ Creek Valley – 8am
- Apr 23 - District Music @ WNCC
- Apr 23 - Title 1 Family Engagement Night @ 5:30pm – see flyer
- Apr 23 - Kindergarten Field Trip
- Apr 24 - Track @ Mitchell – 8:30am
- Apr 24 - 4th grade Wax Museum – see flyer
- Apr 25 - PROM
- Apr 28 - Best of the West Track @ Scottsbluff
- Apr 28 - Golf Invitational @ Garden County – 10am
- Apr 28 - Animals inside and out field trip – Cheyenne Co Fairgrounds
- Apr 30 - State Envirothon @ Omaha
- Apr 30 - MAC Golf @ Bayard – 9am
- May 1 MAC Track (HS-JH) @ Leyton – 9am



****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 - March 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 March 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, March 5, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

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

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Charles Jones, Janella Kruse, Alison Haley, Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Jones.

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

Moved by Benish, seconded by Schumacher, to excuse board members Mr. Weideman and Mrs. Ernest from tonight's meeting. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Reports:

The Student Council Report was given to the board.

Mr. Schumacher and Mr. Benish reported from the NASB Board Presidents meeting they attended. Mr. Benish also reported on the building and grounds committee meeting held last month.

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

Regular Agenda Discussion Items:

The board reviewed policies 5018-5034 as part of the three-year review cycle.

The board discussed concrete work at the track, moving the grandstand at the track, concrete work for the North and West Side of the High School building to help with drainage and safety, fencing work that needs to be completed at the track on the west side, feasibility of random drug testing for students involved in extracurricular activities, and strategies for raising money to purchase scoreboards in Dalton.

Regular Agenda: Action Items

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest to recognize the girls basketball team for their season under Coach Michelman and Coach Wieser, the boys basketball team for their season under Coach Rushman and Coach Van Anne, 3rd place MAC conference speech team of Cooper Benish (2nd Extemporaneous), Henry McLaughlin (3rd Informative), Kennedy and Macey Roelle (3rd Duet), Maddie Stout (4th Poetry), Auvi Cranmore and Colt Van Anne (4th Duet), and Riley Benish (4th Informative). Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the Claims, Warrants, and transfers. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the district calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to approve the contract of the principal. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Jones, to enter into executive session at 6:57 PM to discuss the contract of the superintendent. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to come out of executive session at 7:14 PM. No action was taken during the executive session. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to approve a two-year contract for the superintendent with information posted to the school website. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Ernest, to approve the Melchoir Contracting quote to move the grandstand for \$8,500. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Agenda item 6.8 regarding concrete work to be completed on the west side of the track died for lack of motion.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to accept the bid from Havengar Concrete to address drainage on the North and West side of the High School in Dalton for \$12,250. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Agenda item 6.10 regarding the purchase of a lawn mower died for lack of motion.

Agenda item 6.11 regarding adding a literacy coach position to our staff died for lack of motion.

Informational items:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

A special meeting to decide on the literacy coach position is scheduled for March 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Approved by,



Shad Benish, Treasurer
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,



Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary

Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - March 2026

Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	\$ 1,164.69	Charles Jones	Mileage	\$ 156.60
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 4,528.24	Faith Jones	Mileage	\$ 80.12
Blazing Trails Media	Legal Notices	\$ 148.04	Jostens	Supplies	\$ 127.90
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 244.71	Marick's Waste Disposal	Trash Disposal	\$ 151.00
Angela Borgmann	Tuition Credit	\$ 700.00	Matheson Tri-Gas	Shop Supplies	\$ 154.15
Bridgeport Newsblade	Office Supplies	\$ 235.41	Matt McLaughlin	Telephone & Mileage	\$ 726.08
Hannah Buchert	Mileage	\$ 17.40	NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$ 12.03
Capital Business Systems	Copiers	\$ 2,348.58	NASB	Conference, Evaluations	\$ 3,336.71
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 317.87	NRCSA	Conference, Lodging	\$ 393.44
Lindie DeBlois	Mileage	\$ 78.30	Shawn Oakes	Mileage	\$ 147.90
ESU #13	Services	\$ 11,246.58	One Source	Service	\$ 24.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$ 65.30	RCI Group II	Service	\$ 42.00
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 44.54	SRMC	OT Services	\$ 691.65
Frenchmen Valley	Fuel	\$ 2,359.53	Soar Pediatric Therapy	PT Services	\$ 1,939.65
Cody Gamble	Mileage	\$ 166.92	Staples	Office Supplies	\$ 1,579.60
Gurley Diesel	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 2,003.53	US Bank	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,497.13
Homestead Market	Other	\$ 60.00	Ashton Van Anne	Mileage	\$ 201.55
Wendy Hansen	Mileage	\$ 78.30	Linda Victory	Mileage	\$ 281.30
Highline	Telephone	\$ 333.31	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 515.09
Holiday Inn-Kearney	Lodging	\$ 259.90	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 796.45
Independent Plumbing	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 1,080.50	Wheat Belt	Utilities	\$ 4,541.06
JW Pepper	Music Supplies	\$ 117.00			
	Column Total	\$ 27,598.65		Column Total	\$ 17,395.41
				Monthly Total	\$ 44,994.06



I hope this message finds you well on the first few days of spring. It's an interesting time of year at school because things just seem to never quit, and the end of school is rapidly approaching. I wanted to focus this newsletter on making the most out of the last couple of months of school. The marathon of the school year is getting to the point where you can see the finish line, but you still have a lot of work to do. At this point in the school year, it's important to remain sharp and refocus on the important things that are coming up.

For families at the end of the year, it's important to keep up the routines that we know help our students to be successful. Keep focusing on academics each and every day, make sure you are setting aside time for reading and homework. Question your student about their day and support the school when state testing comes along. We need our students to be ready for the state assessments, and a major part of that comes from families expecting their students to do the best they can. This school year, the state considers our school a GREAT school, I think we are better than GREAT. Please help us get to EXCELLENT.

For staff, let's focus on small wins and being the best example we can be. Teaching school is the best job for so many reasons, but in spring, it's the best job because we get to see the results of our hard work. Each day, we need to come to work with a fire in our eyes, ready to get our students to the finish line. We have the best teachers around. Let's finish the year with amazing projects, performances, and knock the kids' socks off with great instruction.

I think if we can all take advantage of the last two months of school, we can move in the right direction as a district. We have had such a great year at Leyton, from Fall sports all the way to qualifying kids for State Speech. We are doing amazing things, we just can't stop.

Matt McLaughlin
Superintendent



LITTLE WARRIORS



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are accepting applications for ages 3-5.

Please stop in the Gurley office for an application or email
heidi.rushman@leytonwarriors.org or
angie.borgmann@leytonwarriors.org

Any questions please call the school at 308-884-2247





Come Join Us!

**Kindergarten Registration
for the 2026-2027 school year**

What to Bring:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Social Security Card

**Please Call the school at
(308) 884-2247 to register
your child!**

Register by April 3rd



Kindergarten



Round-Up


**When:
April 10th**


**Where:
Leyton
Elementary**

Round - Up will be held in two sessions: 8:30-9:30 and 9:45 - 10:45. To get you preferred time please call to reserve your spot. During this time parents and students will be able to see the classroom, meet the teacher, learn about our kindergarten program and meet with the school nurse.

To register for Kindergarten, children must be five years old on or before July 31, 2026

**** There will be no regular Kindergarten Class on this day. Registration packets will be available in the office and online.**





JOIN THE FUN
FAMILY LITERACY
NIGHT/ANNUAL TITLE 1
MEETING

Join us for
fun reading
and writing
activities
along with
games for the
whole family!

APRIL 23, 2026
LEYTON ELEMENTARY
5:30-7:00 PM

ANNUAL TITLE 1 MEETING

- **REVIEW TITLE 1 PROGRAM COMPONENTS**
- **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**
- **DISCUSS PARENT INVOLVEMENT**
- **REVIEW SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT & PERFORMANCE DATA**



NEBRASKA

4TH GRADE WAX MUSEUM

Watch them come to life at the touch of a button.

FRIDAY
APRIL 24, 2026

Gurley Gym

Student tours- 8:15-9:20

Community/ Parent Tours 9:30-10:50





Reserve your 2025 - 2026 Yearbook NOW!

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered now!

Yearbook: \$40.00

With one line of personalization: \$47.50

If you wish to order a yearbook, please fill out the order form below.

Orders, with payment, may be turned into the Dalton office (PO Box 297, Dalton, NE 69131). Please send to the attention of Natasha Haupt, Publications Class.

Yearbooks will be given to your student unless otherwise directed.

YOUR NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

GIVE YEARBOOK TO: _____

Number of Yearbooks: _____ @ \$40.00 = _____

Number of Yearbooks with Personalization: _____ @ \$47.50 = _____

Personalization: _____

Personalization: _____

Personalization: _____

Personalization: _____

Missing a Yearbook? There is a limited number of yearbooks from years gone by! Leyton alumni missing yearbooks should email natasha.haupt@leytonwarriors.org to inquire about availability.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

PHYLLIS D. GERKE GIFT



Western Nebraska
Community College

SIDNEY CAMPUS



LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

CONTACT LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION FOR INFORMATION

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY GURLEY/ DALTON
RESIDENT AND LEYTON ALUMNI WHO ARE CURRENTLY TAKING
CLASSES AT WNCC SIDNEY CAMPUS OR APPLYING IN THE FUTURE.

SPRING

April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Students must take at least ½ 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.</p> <p>WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!!</p> <p>**Menus are subject to change**</p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	NO SCHOOL	B: Brk Casserole L: Ckn tacos, rice, corn	B: Yogurt, waffle L: Spaghetti, peas, garlic stick	B: Brk sandwich L: Ckn Tenders, fries	B: PBJ L: Ham & ch croissant, sweet potato fries	NO SCHOOL
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	B: Brk burrito L: Ckn nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots	B: Cheese omelet, eng. L: Meatball sub, calif, veg	B: Yogurt, bagel L: Beefy nachos, corn	B: Yogurt, bagel L: Ckn alfredo, mixed veg garlic stick	B: Pancakes, sausage L: Corn dog, baked beans	B: Pancake on a stick L: Pizza, green beans
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	B: Fr. toast, sausage L: Chicken sandwich, fries	B: Brk sandwich L: Cavatini, California veggies, garlic stick	B: Yogurt, cereal L: tator tot casseroles, green beans	B: Brk pizza L: Walking tacos, rice, corn	B: Brk Burrito L: Sloppy joes, baked beans	
26	27	28	29	30		
	B: Cheese omelet, toast L: Ckn Bacon ranch wrap, California veggies	B: PBJ L: Lasagna, carrots, garlic stick	B: Pancakes, sausage L: Turkey/cheese croissant, fries	B: Sausage & ch bagel L: Goulash, mixed veggies, roll		

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