

May Newsletter – 2026

- May 1 - HS/JH MAC Track @ Leyton – 9:00am (NO SCHOOL)
- May 4 - 7th – 12th concert @ Dalton – 6:30pm
- May 5 - FFA Banquet - 6:00 pm
- May 4 - 4th grade Natural Resources Day – Sidney
- May 5 - Golf Invitational @ Creek Valley – 9:00am
- May 5 - 2nd grade Field trip
- May 7 - Golf Invitational @ Kimball – 9:00am
- May 8 - HS Track @ Bayard – 9:00am
- May 8 - Environmental Science Field Trip
- May 11 - Honors Night @ 5pm – Dalton (see flyer)
- May 12 - Golf Invitational @ Bayard – 9:00am
- May 12 - Board Meeting – 6:00pm
- May 12 - Last day for Seniors
- May 13 - District Track @ Bayard - TBD
- May 14 - K-6th concert @ Gurley – 6:30pm
- May 15 - Preschool Graduation - 8:30am (see flyer)
- May 15 - Elementary Field Day & BBQ
- May 16 - Graduation - 1 pm
- May 18 - Kindergarten Graduation – 9:00am (see flyer)
- May 18 - 8th grade Graduation and Awards Night – 6:00pm (see flyer)
- May 19 - District Golf @ Ogallala (Crandell Creek) - TBD
- May 19 - LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
- May 20 - Professional Development – LAST DAY FOR STAFF
- May 20-23 – State Track @ Omaha-Burke
- May 26-27 -State Golf @ Columbus – TBD



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
Special Board Meeting - March 23, 2026
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

The special board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on March 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM, in the Library of Leyton High School, Dalton, NE 69131. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the Library's wall. 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 19, 2026.

Attendance taken at 6:04 PM.

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

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

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

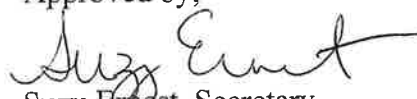
Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

The school board discussed adding a new position to the Elementary School.


Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to table the added position to the Elementary until the April meeting. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea. Motion Tabled Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Jones to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Approved by,


Suzy Ernest, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,


Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
High School Library
Committee on American Civics - April 13, 2026
5:00 PM

Call to Order:

The Committee on American Civics meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on April 13, 2026, at 5:00 PM, in the Library of Leyton High School, Dalton, NE 69131. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the Library's wall. 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, April 9, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

Members in attendance: Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Ernest, Mr. Weideman, Mrs. Rathman, Mr. Charles Jones, Mrs. Schumacher, Mr. Lipska, and Mrs. Kruse.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited; there was no communication to the committee.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Ernest, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried Yea: 8, Nay: 0.

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mr. Charles Jones, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025, meeting. Motion Carried Yea: 8, Nay: 0.

The committee reviewed the requirements of Nebraska Revised Statute 79-724 American Civics Committee requirements. The committee will review the results of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services at the October 2026 meeting. Mrs. Rathman presented on the curriculum used at Leyton, and its alignment to Nebraska Social Studies standards. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Rathman reviewed assessments used to show mastery of social studies standards with the committee. The committee reviewed the curriculum focus on each level, Elementary, Middle, and High School, to ensure we remain in compliance with the State of Nebraska. The committee reviewed appropriate patriotic exercises that Leyton uses to celebrate the history of the United States of America.


Informational Items:

The next committee meeting will be on October 12, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the High School Library.

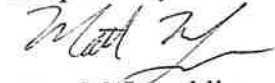
Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Rathman, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 PM. Motion Carried Yea: 8, Nay: 0.

Approved by,


Suzy Ernest, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,


Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
April 13, 2026
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 April 13, 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, April 9, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 6:01 PM.

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

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Charles Jones, Becky Murray, Janella Kruse, Alison Haley, Natasha Haupt, Macey Roelle, Auvi Cranmore, Austin Beutler, Kennedy Roelle, and Connor Rieken.

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

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

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Special Presentations: The students attending the trip to Costa Rica were at the meeting to request transportation to and from the airport this summer for their group.

Reports:

Macey Roelle gave the Student Council Report to the Board.

Mr. Benish and Mrs. Ernest presented on the Wellness Committee meeting that took place last week. Mr. Weideman and Mrs. Ernest presented on the American Civics meeting that took place prior to the board meeting. Mr. Tim Jones presented on his attendance at the NRCSA conference last month.

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

Regular Agenda Discussion Items:

Policies 5035-5050 were reviewed by the board. The board also discussed Carl Dietz's services and his renewal rate for next year.

Regular Agenda Action Items:

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to recognize the following people for their efforts over the last month: The staff and community members who put together the Wild Robot, one book, one district events. Helpers for the April 9th JH track meet at Leyton. MAC Music participants: Tristian Fischer superior in solo tenor, Auvi Cranmore superior clarinet 3rd place overall, Macey Roelle superior flute 1st place overall, Aspen Snyder and Tristian Fischer Superior vocal duet, Macey Rolle and Auvi Cranmore flute-clarinet duet superior 2nd overall, Brass Quintet, Riley Benish, Kennedy Roelle, Henry McLaughlin, Max Wiggins, Kinley McDaniel excellent, Vocal Trio Aspen Snyder, Christian Townsend, Calicya Townsend, superior 1st place overall. Choir superior, 3rd place overall, Band superior, 2nd Place overall. Overall Instrumental School runner-up, Overall Vocal School 3rd Place. Qualifiers for State Speech: Cooper Benish, Auvi Cranmore, Henry McLaughlin, and Colt Van Anne. Mrs. Hanks, Mr. Oakes, and the NHS for putting on a successful blood drive. Macey Roelle for earning her State FFA Degree. The Winter NPCA Academic All-State recipients are as follows: Alec Watchorn, Macey Roelle, Riley Benish, and Auvi Cranmore. MAC All Conference in Basketball 1st Team, Alec Watchorn, Calvin Borgmann, 2nd Team, Austin Beutler, Macey Roelle, Honorable Mention, Kaleb Miller, Kennedy Roelle. MAC Quiz Bowl was held on March 20. The high school team placed 3rd, Henry McLaughlin was named all-conference, and Riley Benish was an all-conference honorable mention. 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 minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2026. 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 Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting from March 23, 2026. 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 Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the claims, warrants, and transfers. 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 Wiedeman, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve the Graduation Roster for the Class of 2026. 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 Schumacher, seconded by Jones, to approve Melchior Contracting, LLC's \$4,800 bid for gym floor. 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 Benish, to approve the purchase of the Walker mower from Panhandle Auto Group for \$17,560.30. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 1.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to accept the resignation of Natasha Haupt as Business Teacher with Leyton Public Schools with regret. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

The board reviewed information from WPCI about pricing for random drug testing at the school. The board directed Mr. McLaughlin to look into policies and procedures for next month.

Item 6.10 review, consider, and take action on adding a position to the Elementary School died for lack of motion.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the cancellation of school on May 1, 2026, for the MAC Track Meet. 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 hire of Mikaela Franzen as Business Teacher. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.


Informational Items:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.


Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: 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 - April 2026

21st Century Equipment	Supplies	\$ 105.94	Charles Jones	Mileage	\$ 488.65
Brenda Ahlm	Mileage	\$ 17.40	Faith Jones	Mileage	\$ 84.83
Amazon	Supplies	\$ 2,111.53	KCAV	Interactive Panal	\$ 3,639.10
American Recycling	Service	\$ 25.00	Lindsey Kessler	Mileage	\$ 24.71
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 3,080.10	LaQuinta	Travel	\$ 696.00
Blazing Trails Media	Legal Notices	\$ 206.16	MARC	Supplies	\$ 414.22
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 156.66	Marick's	Trash Disposal	\$ 151.00
R & T Excavating	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 3,313.00	Matheson Tri-Gas	Shop Supplies	\$ 141.55
Capital Business Systems	Copiers	\$ 1,827.68	Matt McLaughlin	Telephone & Mileage	\$ 205.15
Mark Carley	Mileage	\$ 87.00	NE Council School Admins	Conference	\$ 250.00
Cheyenne Co. Chamber	Membership	\$ 100.00	NASB	Travel	\$ 144.76
City of Sidney	Disposal Fee	\$ 50.00	Shawn Oakes	Mileage	\$ 121.80
Cranmore Pest Control	Services	\$ 140.00	One Source	Service	\$ 5.50
Crossroads Music	Supplies	\$ 90.00	Perfection Door	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 1,821.00
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 317.87	Perry Law Firm	Legal Services	\$ 4,537.65
Lindie DeBlois	Mileage	\$ 73.95	Rapid Fire Protection	Inspections	\$ 860.50
Dell Marketing	Computer	\$ 1,636.35	RCI Group II	Service	\$ 42.00
ESU #13	Services	\$ 16,441.47	Rhyme University	Supplies	\$ 64.45
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$ 946.06	Rocket Alumni Solutions	Digital Wall Subscription	\$ 3,588.00
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 84.91	SRMC	OT Services	\$ 1,634.05
Follett School Solutions	Software	\$ 986.52	Simmons Olsen Law Firm	Legal Services	\$ 390.00
Frenchmen Valley	Fuel	\$ 2,820.58	Soar Pediatric Therapy	PT Services	\$ 1,977.69
Cody Gamble	Mileage	\$ 121.80	Student Assurance Services	Student Insurance	\$ 500.00
Bellmyer Repair	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 281.89	Triple O's	Supplies	\$ 105.47
Allen Gross	Safety Audit	\$ 364.00	Uptown Image	Other	\$ 80.00
Gurley Diesel	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 771.98	US Bank	Miscellaneous	\$ 819.03
Homestead Market	Miscellaneous	\$ 122.56	Linda Victory	Mileage	\$ 258.10
Wendy Hansen	Mileage	\$ 82.65	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 562.99
Highline	Telephone	\$ 687.17	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 796.45
J W Pepper	Supplies	\$ 133.23	Wheat Belt	Utilities	\$ 4,657.61
	Column Total	\$ 37,183.46		Column Total	\$ 29,062.26
				Monthly Total	\$ 66,245.72



April 13, 2026

Leyton Public Schools Community,

Our district takes pride in supporting the needs of the whole child, and to ensure that all children are safe, supported, engaged, and challenged each school day. Research indicates that initiatives focused on improving aspects of students' well-being in schools — such as addressing childhood obesity, preventing bullying, supporting students mental health, and restricting use of exclusionary discipline — have been found to be successful in improving student success and academic excellence. We have assessed our wellness policy as part of the USDA requirements. Below are the results of our assessment.

Step #1- After a review of policy #5052 School Wellness our committee found several areas of strength within the policy. Our policy offers students plenty of opportunities for exercise during the school day, it promotes healthy long-term habits and also ensures students have what they need in order to live a healthy life at school (ex: plenty of water, space and time to eat, etc.)

Step #2- Our 3 goals according to our wellness policy are 1: Nutrition Promotion and Education 2: Physical Activities, and 3: School-based activities designed to promote wellness. When our committee looked at these goals, it was evident that a lot of areas are functioning well within our school in terms of wellness. For Goal 1: Our students are exposed to healthy choices and have a balanced meal option at all grade levels. We participate in the fruits and veggies program K-8, and our courses offered in grades K-12 have areas where healthy living and nutrition are directly taught to students. For Goal 2, we prioritize PE and recess in grades PreK-8 and have multiple courses at the High School level for PE. Extracurricular offerings are diverse and fit our students' needs as far as physical activities across all grade levels. For Goal 3: we have well-lit, attractive cafeterias, students are given plenty of time to eat, the meals are complete and often freshly made by our cooks, water is always available, and there are opportunities for the outside world to come into our school for health-related services: vision and dental screenings, and blood drive.

We won't be updating the Wellness policy as a result of the committee's review. The main items we want to focus on are ensuring that our entire community is aware of the policy at all times.

We will inform the community and all stakeholder groups in three ways through the May 2026 newsletter mailed to all staff, via Facebook, and finally on our website www.leytonwarriors.org.

Policies may be viewed on our website www.leytonwarriors.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt McLaughlin at matt.mclaughlin@leytonwarriors.org.

Respectfully,

Matt McLaughlin
Superintendent/Wellness Committee Member

LEYTON HIGH SCHOOL

Honors Night

Leyton high school students
and their families;
please join us for an evening
to recognize our students and
enjoy a meal

Monday, May 11th at 5pm

Leyton High School
Gymnasium

Dinner will begin at 5:00
Program will begin at 5:30

Oh!
the Places
You'll Go!

Please join us for our

2026

Preschool

Graduation Ceremony

May 15, 2026 . 8:30 AM

Leyton Elementary School Gym

Come cheer on our graduates as they take their first big step toward the future! We hope you can join us for a day of smiles, memories and fun.



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A
GRADUATION CEREMONY
IN HONOR OF THE
LEYTON KINDERGARTEN
CLASS OF 2026**



**MONDAY, MAY 18TH AT 9:00 AM
GURLEY GYMNASIUM
521 ROSE STREET
GURLEY, NE**

LEYTON
ELEM/JH

*Awards Night &
8th Grade Promotion*

Leyton elementary and junior high
students and their families;
Please join us for an evening to
recognize our students

Monday, May 18th at 6pm

Leyton Elem/JH School
Gymnasium

Program will begin at 6:00
8th Grade Promotion to follow



An Epic Australian Adventure - VBS 2026

All children who have just finished Pre-K through the 5th grade are invited to an epic adventure through Australia. Along the way, we will be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life! Let's go on an unforgettable journey! To register your child, call Jaimee Rushman at (308) 249-4546 or Sherri Rushman at (308) 250-1386. Vacation Bible School runs from Tuesday, May 23rd until Friday May 29th from 9 AM until 11:30. A meal and short program will follow on the last day.



Reminder for the high school students who have a school issued laptop. Your full \$150 is due for the 2025/2026 school year is due now. Please contact Mrs. Haley with any questions, alison.haley@leytonwarriors.org.



A L L A R E W E L C O M E

FOOD *pantry*

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

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

