

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
May 12, 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 May 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, May 7, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

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

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

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

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

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Special Presentations: Justin Knight from Perry Law Firm presented an update to the board on two depositions involving the track lawsuit followed by questions from the board.

Reports:

The Student Council Report was reviewed by the board.

The building and grounds crew discussed their meeting from last month and projects associated with summer maintenance. The five-year building plan will be updated for the board to review, with priorities identified to keep our facilities updated and in good repair.

The technology committee reported on the technology request for the coming year with laptops, smartboards, and other technological needs for staff and students.

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

Regular Agenda Discussion Items:

The board discussed the need to amend the Nutrition Fund Budget to \$300,000 with no impact on any levies. The board reviewed policies and procedures for random drug testing at Leyton Public Schools. The board reviewed policies in the series 5051-5067. The board heard from Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Jones about adjusting communication through calendars and the district's overall communication to better fit the needs of our community. The board discussed the scoreboard project that is up and running, with businesses identified to try to raise funds for the project, which will cost around \$30,000.

Regular Agenda: Action Items:

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

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to recognize Natasha Haupt for her work setting up Honor's Night. Mrs. Rathman for organizing the Title I Family Engagement Night. District Music participants with the following results: Vocal- Tristan Fischer, Tenor Solo 1, Duet Tristian Fischer and Aspen Snyder 1, Trio Aspen Snyder, Christian Townsend, Calicya Townsend 1, Choir Plaque 1 rating from all judges. Instrumental – Trombone Duet, Max Wiggins, Cooper Benish 2, Brass Quintet, Kennedy Roelle, Chase Moore, Max Wiggins, Henry McLaughlin, Kinley McDaniel 1, Trumpet Trio – Riley Benish, Josiah Kepler, Alex Hernandez 1, Flute/Clarinet Duet, Auvi Cranmore, Macey Roelle 1, Flute Solo, Macey Roelle 2, Clarinet Solo Auvi Cranmore 1, Concert Band 2. Best of the West Track participants: Joel Hajek in 800, Alec Watchorn in 110 and 300 Hurdles, Austin Beutler in Long Jump, and Riley Benish in 1600. Alec Watchorn won both hurdles. Mr. Oakes, for his work arranging spring concerts and preparing students for competitions throughout the year. FFA newly elected officers: Riley Benish- President, Auvi Cranmore- Vice President, Kennedy Roelle-Secretary, Cooper Benish- Treasurer, Marlee Wiggins-Reporter, Colt Van Anne, Sentinel. Ms. Van Anne and Mrs. Rushman for setting up the annual banquet for the FFA. Spring NCPA Academic All State Award recipients: Cooper Benish, Riley Benish, Macey Roelle, Alec Watchorn, and Auvi Cranmore. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, regular school board meeting. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Absent, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

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

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to approve the Rule 10 safety audit. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Absent, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the purchase of vape detectors for the locker rooms in Gurley and Dalton. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Absent, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the recommended technology purchases for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Absent, Wiedeman: Yea, 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 the purchase of a storage container for \$5,200.00. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Jones, to approve the transfer of \$75,000 into the nutrition fund. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Absent, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Informational Items:

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjournment:

Moved by Benish, seconded by Jones to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Absent, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Approved by,

Respectfully Submitted,

Shad Benish, Treasurer
Leyton Board of Education

Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary