

September Newsletter – 2026

- Sept. 1 - Volleyball @ Kimball - 5pm
- Sept. 2 - JH Volleyball @ Bayard – 2pm
- Sept. 2 - School Pictures @ 8am (start at elementary)
- Sept. 2 - College Fair @ Sidney – 9am
- Sept. 3 - Sports Picture Day
- Sept. 4 - Football @ Guernsey, WY – 2pm
- Sept. 7 - **NO SCHOOL ~ LABOR DAY**
- Sept. 8 - JH VB/FB @ Garden County - 2pm
- Sept. 10 - Volleyball Triangular @ Leyton – 4pm
- Sept. 11 - Football @ Sioux County - 2pm
- Sept. 12 - Volleyball Tournament @ Garden County – 10am
- Sept. 14 - Board Meeting – 6pm
- Sept. 15 - FFA Area Range Judging
- Sept. 15 - Volleyball @ Potter-Dix – 5pm
- Sept. 16 - JH VB/FB vs Minatare – 1pm
- Sept. 17 - P/T conferences – dismiss @ 2pm
- Sept. 18 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 22 - FFA Ignite Conference @ Scottsbluff
- Sept. 22 - Volleyball – Triangular @ Garden County – 4pm
- Sept. 23 - FFA State Range Judging
- Sept. 23 - JH VB/FB @ Creek Valley - 1pm
- Sept. 24 - Football vs Potter-Dix – 7pm
- Sept. 26 - Volleyball Tournament @ Leyton – 9am
- Sept. 26-27 Dalton Fall Festival
- Sept. 29 - Financial Aid Night – 6:30pm
- Sept. 30 - JH VB/FB vs Potter-Dix – 1pm



ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
High School Library
Regular Board Meeting - August 10, 2026
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on August 10, 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 Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH, at various business in the community, and on the school website (www.leytonwarriors.org) on or before Thursday, August 6, 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. Jones, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Kruse, Gurley Fire Chief Lane Rathman, and Dalton Fire Chief Brett Rushman.

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

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

Mr. Jones and Mr. McLaughlin gave their monthly reports to the board.

Regular meeting Discussion Items:

The board discussed the kitchen in Gurley and the possibility of upgrading the kitchen to modernize that space.

The board discussed the process to complete the annual budget using the budget committee as well as the remaining board. Dates were selected.

The board discussed the enrollment numbers (PreK-12) of the District.

The board discussed the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) with help from local fire departments.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to recognize the helpers who made the new driveway at Gurley, maintenance crew from this summer: Glen Lipska, Jaecee Gotfrey, Mark Carley, Jacob Noel, and Bruce Ernest, Kriesel Seed for a seed donation for the track complex,

and Haupt Landscaping for their work on the Gurley Football Field. 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 approve the minutes of July 13, 2026, Regular Meeting. 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 Mr. Ernest, to approve the claims, warrants and transfers. 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 Wiedeman, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve the transfer of \$60,000 from the General Fund to the Activities Fund. 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 Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund for building improvements. 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 Benish to approve the payment of the year-end balances through the end of August 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 Mr. Ernest, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the Emergency Operations Plan. 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 Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Ernest to revise Policy 3041: Crisis Team Responsibilities, as presented. 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 naming the Superintendent as the official representative of the district for state and federal forms. 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 Schumacher to dispose of the vending machines. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay:0.

Informational Items:

Budget Workshop for the Board and Community: August 31, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and Regular Board Meeting on September 14, 2026, at 6:00PM in the High School Library.

Adjournment:

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Mr. Ernest to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Roll Call vote:

Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea.

Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay:0.

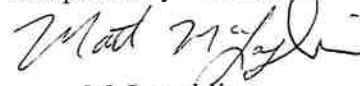
Approved by,



Suzy Ernest, Secretary

Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,



Matt McLaughlin,

Recording Secretary

Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - August 2026

OPTK	Service	\$ 44.49	Highline	Telephone	\$ 639.17
21st Century	Supplies	\$ 499.08	Hudl	Streaming Service	\$ 10,000.00
Amazon	Supplies	\$ 3,328.41	Jaymar Business Forms	Supplies	\$ 336.21
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 486.91	Charles Jones	Mileage	\$ 398.75
Blazing Trails Media	Legal Notices	\$ 173.92	Journey Ed	Software	\$ 500.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 493.56	MARC	Supplies	\$ 222.16
Penny Borchert	Mileage	\$ 94.98	Marick's	Trash Disposal	\$ 151.00
Brauer Flooring	Flooring	\$ 3,519.11	Matthew McLaughlin	Mileage & Telephone	\$ 408.15
C&C Fire Protection	Annual Inspection	\$ 1,118.00	MRG Hauff	Supplies	\$ 52.85
Capital Business Systems	Copiers	\$ 860.83	NASB - ALICAP	Insurance Premium	\$ 117,276.00
Corporate Payment Systems	Miscellaneous	\$ 836.38	National Art Supplies	Supplies	\$ 457.51
Country Inn & Suites	Travel	\$ 231.16	Nippon Sanson Matheson	Supplies	\$ 149.95
Cranmore Pest Control	Services	\$ 140.00	Perry Law Firm	Legal Services	\$ 2,755.00
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 317.87	RCI Group II	Service	\$ 42.00
ESU #13	Services	\$ 2,669.81	Soar Pediatric Therapy	PT Services	\$ 99.32
ESU Coordinating Council	Software/Services	\$ 1,362.41	Dani Van Anne	Mileage	\$ 82.65
Melisa Fesmire	Tuition Credit	\$ 2,100.00	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 770.18
Finney's	Supplies	\$ 360.85	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 863.99
Franklin Covey	Membership	\$ 1,496.25	Nancy Wagoner	Mileage	\$ 129.05
Frenchmen Valley	Fuel	\$ 575.06	WPCI	Training	\$ 1,050.00
Gibbs Smith Education	Supplies	\$ 149.99	Wheat Belt	Utilities	\$ 5,691.34
Jaecee Gotfrey	Mileage	\$ 89.90	Kelly Witcher	Mileage	\$ 110.93
Gurley Diesel	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 2,038.09	Young's Plumbing	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 760.00
Havengar	Concrete Work	\$ 30,250.00		Column Total	\$ 142,946.21
	Column Total	\$ 53,237.06		Monthly Total	\$ 196,183.27



Every Voice, Every Family, Every Sue

I hope this message finds you well as you embark on a new year full of possibilities and hope. At the beginning of the year every single year, I can't help but think of my favorite TV of all time. The Middle. This show is very relatable to my family and friends, and we find ourselves watching this show over and over again because it's just so funny and timely. My favorite character on the show is named Sue Heck. Sue Heck is a relentlessly optimistic high school student who comically fails at absolutely everything but never gives up. She tries out for and gets cut from absolutely every sport and club the school has to offer. She goes so far as to establish a cheer club for wrestling only, so that she can be a part of a team. The reason I love Sue Heck is that her character shows us that belonging to something doesn't mean you have to be good at something; it just means you refuse to quit. She doesn't wait for a seat at the table; she pulls out the chairs and starts things (like the wrestlerettes).

One of the classic lines that Sue uses at the beginning of every school year is "This is the Year of Sue". That type of optimism is something that I hope all of our students and families have at the beginning of each year. The culture of our school is set within our hallways each and every day. A great school culture relies on enthusiasm and encouraging our students and staff to bring their authentic selves to school each day without fear of rejection. This is the place where our youth begin to figure out who they are, and our goal is to help them unlock their potential. As I watch our sports team prepare for their seasons this year, I've seen optimism and positivity all over the place. Kids in our school like each other; it's not perfect, but like the Heck Family from the show, each day is a new opportunity to learn, grow, and appreciate the time we have together.

There will be moments in the year when students feel like giving up, or struggle with the grind that school puts on us. In these moments, we need our students, staff, and community to help us through hard times. I challenge all of you to think about ways to bring everyone around you up. Every one of us has the ability to choose our attitude. If Sue Heck taught me anything in the years I've been watching the show, it's that your attitude is contagious, and if you choose to be light, others will see it and be drawn to you.

The last thing I'll leave you with this month is about communication. The Middle has a character named Brick, the youngest family member. Brick always, and I mean always, waits until the last minute to inform his parents about things from school. Huge projects, field trips, school dances, etc., and it's funny to see the family react to his timing. One time his mom gets stuck in the dollar store overnight for a poster board he needed to finish a project. Kids are not always going to be the best at accurately telling families what's going on. Our goal this year is to stay on top of publicly communicating as best we can, so you don't end up spending a night in the Dollar General too. If you have questions, please contact your student's teacher as soon as possible to get the right information. The website and Facebook are also great tools to get information. Please don't hesitate to reach out; we are here to serve you and your family, and we take that job very seriously. I hope you will consider watching The Middle so we can have a laugh together and enjoy this month!

Matt McLaughlin
Superintendent

September Newsletter

Little Warriors Preschool

Dates To Remember

Sept. 7th- *NO SCHOOL*

Sept. 17th – 2:00pm dismissal PTC

Sept. 24th- Muffins with mom @
dropoff 8am-9am

Sept. 26th- Dalton Fall Festival
Parade @ 10

This Month We Are Learning About..

Fall- We'll explore the
changing season, weather,
and signs of fall.

Apples- We'll learn about
apples through stories, songs
and art.

Our Families- We will
celebrate the people who
make our families special.

Little Warrior Preschool

Happy September, Preschool
Families!

We had such a wonderful start to
the school year, and we are so
proud of how our preschoolers are
adjusting to new routines and
making friends. We are looking
forward to a fun-filled month!

CONTACT ME HERE:

Angie.Borgmann@leytonwarriors.org

A Few Reminders

- Please be sure to have all personal items labeled, this includes water bottles, backpacks, blankets, and extra clothes. (Blankets & Water cups will be sent home for washing every Thursday.)
- Send your child in comfortable and appropriate clothing for active play. If your child is wearing a dress, please send them with shorts under.





SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Attendance at high school athletic events entitles you to enjoy an exhibition of skills, developed by high school athletes, in an educational setting.

Please be respectful and encouraging in your approach to ALL athletes, officials, coaches and fellow spectators.



Be Loud...Be Proud...Be Positive

BE A WARRIOR!



LEYTON

Picture Days!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



SCHOOL
Pictures

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER
2ND



STARTING IN
GURLEY
AT 8:00 AM

Say cheese!



*Don't
Miss
It!*



SPORTS
Pictures

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER
3RD

AFTERNOON OF
SEPTEMBER 3RD
STARTING IN
GURLEY



LOOK GREAT. HAVE FUN. MAKE MEMORIES!



We can't wait to see you!



WARRIORS

Community Calendars

The Leyton One Acts team is taking orders for the 2027 Community Calendars!

Calendar: \$5.00

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

Orders, with payment, may be turned in through October 2, 2026 to:
Dalton office (PO Box 297, Dalton, NE. 69131)
Gurley office (PO Box 178, Gurley, NE. 69141)

Please send to the attention of Deb Wieser, Leyton One Acts team.

Thank you for supporting Leyton One Acts!

YOUR NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Number of Calendars: _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

Total Enclosed: _____



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



**LEYTON LHS STUCO IS 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**

**THE BORROWED DRESS AND CAN BE RETURNED, SO OTHERS CAN
CONTINUE TO ENJOY IT!**

DRESSES ARE LOCATED IN DALTON AT LEYTON HIGH SCHOOL!

**CONTACT ALISON.HALEY@LEYTONWARRIORS.ORG OR 308-249-4198 FOR QUESTIONS & FITTING
APPOINTMENTS**

***please no donations at this time, our closet is full. THANK YOU!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WELCOME TO THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!! 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. B=breakfast L=Lunch DB=Dalton breakfast GB=Gurley breakfast DL=Dalton lunch GL=Gurley lunch						
		1 B: Bisc. & Gravy L: Ckn fried stk, potatoes & gravy, roll	2 B: Yogurt, waffle L: Ckn taco, refried beans	3 B: Pancake on a stick L: Hot dog, bun, french fries, carrots	4 B: Sausage & ch bagel L: Ckn nuggets, green beans, mac & cheese	5
6	7 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	8 B: Pancakes, sausage L: Cavatini, mixed veggies, garlic stick	9 B: Brk Burrito L: Ckn Bacon ranch wrap, Calif. veggies	10 B: PBJ L: Beefy nachos, corn, rice	11 B: Cheese omelet, muffin L: Corn dog, baked beans	12
13	14 B: French toast, sausage L: Spaghetti, broccoli & garlic stick	15 B: Yogurt, cereal L: Chicken tenders, French fries	16 B: Brk sandwich L: Tacos, corn, rice	17 B: Waffle, sausage L: Meatball sub, green beans	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 B: Bisc & gravy L: Sloppy joe/bun, calif. veggies	22 B: Sausage & ch bagel L: Pizza, peas	23 B: Yogurt, mini muffin L: HB/CB, french fries	24 B: Brk casserole L: Turkey/ch croissant, mixed veggies	25 B: Pancakes, eggs L: Ckn noodle soup, roll, carrots	26
27	28 B: Brk Burrito L: Walking tacos, rice, corn	29 B: Brk pizza, L: Ckn patty/bun, green beans	30 B: PBJ L: Goulash, Calif, veg, roll			

****Menus are subject to change****

**** This Institution is an equal opportunity provider****