

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