

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
September 14, 2026
High School Library
Regular Board Meeting
Immediately Following the Budget and Tax Request Hearings

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of the Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on September 14, 2026, at 6:05 PM, in the Library of Leyton High School, Dalton, NE 69131. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the Library. Public 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, September 10, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 6:05 PM.

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

Also present were Superintendent Matt McLaughlin, Principal Charles Jones, Janella Kruse, Alison Haley, Austin Beutler, and Megan Rathman.

There was no communication to the board.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Mr. Ernest, 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.

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

Reports:

Austin Beutler presented the STUCO report to the board. Mr. Jones and Mr. McLaughlin presented their administrators' report to the board.

Regular Agenda: Discussion Items

The board discussed the Farris Engineer contract of services for the HVAC project at Leyton Public Schools.

The board discussed Policy #6025 Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices.

The board discussed Policy #3051 Opioid Overdose Prevention and Response

Regular Agenda: Action Items

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to recognize Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Jones, and Ms. McDaniel for helping with the annual tailgate; Joe McCarn from the Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce for the \$500 donation from calendar sales; and the Gurley Lions Club for their work with vision and hearing screenings. 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 Schumacher, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and the August 31, 2026, Budget Workshop. 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 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 Jones, to approve the budget as presented. 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 Benish, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the property tax request. 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 recommended change to Policy #6025 Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices. 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 adopt Policy #3051: Opioid Overdose Prevention and Response. 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 Mr. Ernest, to approve the agreement with Farris Engineering for the HVAC system at Leyton Public Schools. 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 Mrs. Ernest, to dispose of district equipment in a way that benefits Leyton Public Schools. 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 Wiedeman, to enter executive session to discuss legal strategy involving the track at 6:59 PM. 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 Wiedeman, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to return to open session with no action taken by the board at 7:16 PM. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Informational Items:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Leyton High School Library.

Adjournment:

Moved by Benish, seconded by Jones, to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Approved by,

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzy Ernest, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary