

Proceedings of the Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
October 12, 2026
High School Library
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of the Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on October 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. Public notice of the meeting was posted at Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH, at various businesses in the community, and on the school website (www.leytonwarriors.org) on or before Thursday, October 6, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

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

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Charles Jones, Mrs. Rathman, Ms. Larsen, Mrs. Fesmire, Austin Beutler, Mrs. Haley, and Mrs. Kruse.

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

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Special Presentation: Mrs. Rathman presented on the MTSS summit held in Kearney this month.

Reports:

Austin Beutler presented the STUCO report to the board. Mr. Jones and Mr. McLaughlin presented their administrator's report to the board. Mr. Tim Jones discussed his recent safety summit visit to Lincoln. Mr. Benish and Mr. Wiedeman presented on the Negotiations meeting. Mr. Wiedeman presented on the American Civics meeting.

Regular Agenda: Discussion Items

The board reviewed and discussed the Trails West Architecture bid for the kitchen in Gurley.

The board discussed the possibility of adding fuel pumps to the Gurley site.

Regular Agenda: Action Items

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to excuse Mrs. Ernest from the board meeting. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion carried. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Jones, to recognize the following staff and students this month: Mr. and Mrs. Gamble and Ms. Drapal for helping with lines and set up at the Leyton Volleyball Tournament. STUCO members for their work with Homecoming, as well as Mrs. Haley as the sponsor. Cooper Benish and Henry McLaughlin for qualifying for State Land Judging in our FFA. Addison Deblois, Kennedy Roelle, and Auvi Cranmore for being selected as Students of the Month. Riley Benish for being selected as an NSAA Believer and Achiever. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea. Motion carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2026, Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and the Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent. Motion carried. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

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: Absent. Motion carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

The Trails West Architecture bid for the kitchen at Gurley died for lack of a motion.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the following capacity numbers for Leyton PreK-5th: 18 students, 6th-8th: 20 students, and 9th-12th: 28 students, for a total of 298 students. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea. Motion carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Schumacher, to approve November 30, 2026, as a school closure for the High School so we can host the District One Act Play Production. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion carried. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

The TEACH program membership died due to lack of motion.

Informational Items:

Next Board Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjournment:

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Approved by,

Respectfully Submitted,

Shad Benish, Treasurer
Leyton Board of Education

Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary