Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
High School Library
Regular Board Meeting - November 9, 2026
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of the Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on November 9, 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 various businesses in the community and on the school website (www.leytonwarriors.org) on or before Thursday, November 5, 2026.

Attendance taken at 6:02 PM.

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

Also in attendance were Mr. Jones, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Kruse, Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Rathman, Mrs. Schumacher, and Mrs. Roelle. In addition, there were ten visitors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no communication shared with 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: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

There were no public comments made at the board meeting.

Presentations to the Board:

The business class presented "The Warrior Corner" Coffee Shop idea. They plan to develop a drink shop at the school complete with coffee drinks, dirty sodas and baked goods.
Rauner and Associates was present, and Julie Peetz completed the presentation to the board.

Reports:

Austin Beutler presented the monthly Student Council Report to the Board of Education.

The Board Negotiations Committee presented an update on their meetings.

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

Regular Agenda: Discussion Items:

The board discussed the Kitchen Project at Gurley, the Random Drug Testing Policy, the staff recognition gifts for December, the Superintendent's evaluation timeline, and the Cognia Visit for School Accreditation taking place on November 17, 2026. The board received the annual

Financial Literacy Report for Leyton Public Schools. The board also discussed adding fuel tanks to Gurley.

Regular Agenda: Action Items:

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

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to recognize Cooper Benish and Henry McLaughlin for competing in the State Land Judging in Beatrice on October 14th; to Mrs. Fesmire, Ms. McDaniel, and Mrs. Rushman for organizing the Trunk or Treat event; to the volleyball players and coaches for their season; to thank all those who helped run the programs throughout the fall activities season: coaches, line judges, announcers, chain gang, ticket takers, and volunteers who make our events possible. Also, thank you to the community for attending and supporting our team during the playoff football home and away games. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the minutes of October 12, 2026, regular meeting. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the claims, warrants, and transfers. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve Tim Jones as the Delegate Assembly member for Leyton Public Schools. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

The approval for the architect's bid on the Kitchen Project at Gurley died for lack of a motion.

Changes to the Random Drug Test Policy will be available at the next meeting.

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

Informational Items:
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjourn:

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Approved by,

Suzy Ernest, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary