

April Newsletter – 2023

- April 1 - HS Track @ Bayard @ TBD – **Ryan**
- April 4 - HS Track @ Creek Valley @ TBD – **Ryan**
- April 5 - JH Track @ Leyton @ 9 am – **Ryan**
Pre ACT & ACT Testing @ 8 am – Sophomores & Juniors
- April 6 - 3rd – 8th Grade Egg Drop @ 1:30 pm
- April 7-10 **NO SCHOOL – EASTER BREAK**
- April 11 - HS Twilight Track @ Creek Valley @ TBD
- April 12 - JH Track @ Kimball @ TBD – **Ryan**
- April 13 - Golf Invitational @ Bridgeport @ 9 am
Board of Education Meeting @ 7 pm
- April 15 - HS Track @ Alliance @ 9 am – **Ryan**
- April 18 - Golf Invitational @ Morrill @ TBD
- April 19 - JH Track @ Creek Valley @ 8 am – **Ryan**
HS Lip Sync Contest
- April 20 - State Science Fair @ Lincoln
District Music @ WNCC Scottsbluff @ TBD
- April 21 - HS Track @ Pine Bluffs @ 9 am – **Ryan**
- April 22 - Talent Showcase @ HS @ 1 pm
- * April 21 Kindergarten Round-Up @ 8:30 am
- April 25 - Best of the West Track @ Scottsbluff @ TBD
- April 27 - MAC Golf @ South Platte @ 9 am
2nd Grade Safety Day @ Sidney – Depart @ 8:15 am
- April 28 - 4th Grade Wax Museum @ 10 am
- April 29 - HS/JH MAC Track @ Leyton @ 9 am



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Proceedings of the
Leyton Public Schools
Cheyenne County School District #03
Board of Education Meeting
March 16, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
High School Multi-Purpose Room in Dalton, NE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ryan Borges called the regular school board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The public was informed of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the multi-purpose room. Publicized 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 www.leytonwarriors.org website on or before Thursday, March 9, 2023.

Members present: Shad Benish, Ryan Borges, Suzy Ernest, Rol Rushman, Sam Schumacher and Dave Wiedeman. Members absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Matt McLaughlin and HS Principal Kevin Thomas. In addition, there were five visitors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Communication was received from Anna Faye Van Anne.

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Wiedeman to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, and Wiedeman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS:

There were no public comments.

Claire Watchorn, STUCO Vice-President, presented the STUCO report.

Mr. McLaughlin presented the Budget and Negotiations Committee Report.

Mr. McLaughlin also presented the Building and Grounds Committee Report. Mr. Schumacher and Mr. Benish discussed areas of concern from their tour of the facilities.

Mr. Thomas presented the Secondary Principal's report.

Mr. McLaughlin presented the Superintendent's Report.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Moved by Ernest, seconded by Benish to recognize the 3rd Quarter HS Academic "A" Honor Roll students (Macey Roelle, Carlyn Thomas, Alec Watchorn, Zaili Benish, Shawnee Gamble, Ella Haley, Jaiden Schilreff, Jaxson Benish, Kaleb Borges, Trenton Rushman, Claire Watchorn, and Axi Benish); the 3rd Quarter HS Academic "A/B" Honor Roll students (Rolin Baca, Faith Lee, Kaydence Haupt, Ayden Hurt, Ciena McKenzie, Jonathan Kruse, Alex Slaughter, Chance Carter, Justin Ernest, Dawson Juelfs, Jakob Kruse, Cort Rummel, Damyn Russ, and Morgan Shaw); 3rd Quarter Perfect Attendance (Jaxson Benish); 3rd Quarter 95% or Better Attendance (Kaleb Borges, Kaitlyn Craig, Sydney Fortune, Shawnee Gamble, Jerry Hajek, Ella Haley, Hope Lee, Isaac Lipska, Kaleb Miller, Macey Roelle, Holden Syverson, Carlyn Thomas, Alec Watchorn, and Claire Watchorn); to the Boys Basketball team for a great season ending at District Finals; to the Girls Basketball team for winning the District title and earning a trip to the state basketball tournament; to the State Speech Qualifiers (Holden Syverson-Informative, Lila McLaughlin-Poetry, and Shawnee Gamble, Michael Kepler, and Cort Rummel-OID); to the FFA District participants (Trenton Rushman-14th in Livestock Judging; Mercedes Heidemann-9th and Carlyn Thomas-13th in Nursery & Landscaping); to the HS Quiz Bowl team for placing 7th at Bayard (Individual placers: Dawson Juelfs-5th and Chance Carter-7th); to the Regional Science Fair winners who qualified for State (Jonathan Kruse & Trenton Rushman-1st, Damyn Russ-3rd, and Kaleb Borges-4th); to Mrs. Rathman and Mrs. Blumenkamp on reviewing special education curriculum; to Chris Lind for her hard work on our recent Lunch Review Audit; and Mrs. Haley for her work on continuing our fantastic website. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Borges, Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, and Benish. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Rushman, seconded by Benish to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Ernest, Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, and Borges. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Benish to approve bills and financial reports from all funds as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Rushman, Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, and Ernest. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Wiedeman, seconded by Ernest to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jamie Thompson, Elementary Teacher, and thank her for her service to the District. Roll call vote: Yes: Schumacher, Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, and Rushman. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board reviewed Policies #5035-5050. No action was necessary.


INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library


ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: Wiedeman, Benish, Borges, Ernest, Rushman, and Schumacher. No: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved by,


 Suzy Ernest, Secretary
 Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully submitted,


 Janella Kruse,
 Recording Secretary

Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - March 2023					
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 5,021.62	Marick's	Trash	\$ 137.00
Capital Business	Copiers	\$ 3,721.62	Matheson	Shop Supplies	\$ 68.19
Cheyenne Co. Sheriff's Office	SRO Services	\$ 750.00	Matt McLaughlin	Telephone	\$ 50.00
Cheyenne Co. Clerk	Election Costs	\$ 416.96	Tim Melton	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 130.00
Crossroads Music	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 333.00	NIBC	Equipment Rental	\$ 100.00
Dalton Telephone	Telephone	\$ 557.72	Dave Nyffeler	Fuel/Car Wash	\$ 66.00
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	\$ 238.13	One Source	Service	\$ 45.00
Day & Night Plumbing	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 676.79	Regional Care	Service	\$ 50.00
Deaver Tire Company	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 225.50	Rhyme University	Supplies	\$ 110.34
Dell Marketing	Supplies	\$ 99.99	Roods Tire	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 16.00
DP Electronics	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 493.78	Safelite Fulfillment	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 118.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Paper Supplies	\$ 3,823.20	Sidney Glass	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 322.68
East West Books	Library Books	\$ 278.88	SRMC - Clinic	Service	\$ 72.00
ESU #13	Services	\$ 11,936.02	SRMC - Hospital	OT Services	\$ 1,201.93
Brittany Francis	Mileage	\$ 1,650.60	Sidney Sun-Telegraph	Legal Notices	\$ 180.02
Frenchman Valley	Fuel	\$ 4,489.99	Simmons Olsen Law Firm	Legal Service	\$ 320.00
Great American	Copiers	\$ 1,174.65	SOAR	PT Services	\$ 1,563.88
Gurley Diesel	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 246.18	Triple O's	Supplies	\$ 99.09
H&L Cattle Company	Miscellaneous	\$ 160.00	US Bank	Miscellaneous	\$ 3,131.51
Alison Haley	Mileage	\$ 66.50	US Post Office	Permit Fee	\$ 290.00
Holiday Inn - Kearney	Travel	\$ 939.70	Village of Dalton	Utilities	\$ 488.25
Lindsey Kessler	Mileage	\$ 96.94	Village of Gurley	Utilities	\$ 689.13
Know Buddy Resources	Library Books	\$ 107.95	Wheatbelt	Utilities	\$ 4,113.19
Lookout Books	Library Books	\$ 96.95	Willow Lane Education	Library Books	\$ 312.45
Mid American Research	Supplies	\$ 1,164.92			
	Column Total	\$ 38,767.59		Column Total	\$ 13,674.66
				Monthly Total	\$ 52,442.25



A note from the Superintendent

A school's first job is to keep the students safe at all times. I think we can all agree on that. Every day we send our students to Leyton Public Schools, we want to be sure they are safe and cared for by the staff at our school. As a school, we put measures in place that address the needs of all students to help our families transition their students into productive members of the world we live in. I wanted to spend some time with this month's newsletter to review some of the important initiatives that we have as a school to address the challenges we are facing in society today. Our community should know that our school has done a lot of work to address the safety and well-being of our students and I wanted to highlight a few of those initiatives that we use to be proactive in our approach to safety, security, and well-being. It's important to note that we need everyone in our communities to take part in ensuring that safety is our top priority.

The building blocks within our school start with our Social Emotional Programming which is taught by our school counselor Ms. Primm. Each student receives instruction with a curriculum called 7 Mindsets which gives our elementary and junior high a common language within the building. If we are noticing issues with students who might not be successful socially and emotionally we have a process to determine further support needed for each student, whether that is counseling, positive reinforcements, behavior sheets and many more. The key is that we know and understand where students are coming from and how to address their individual needs. If students are experiencing bullying we have SafeSchools Tip reporting on our website to anonymously report issues to help our staff address situations. Finally, we have a School Resource Officer employed by us, on campus one day a week to help us with a variety of issues that students may face.

We teach our students effective coping strategies and life skills, and work on our district culture consistently but safe students also need to know what to do in the case of an emergency. Over the last two weeks our buildings have participated in some required safety drills. We utilize the "I love you guys" protocol as our standard response protocol at the school. This training relies on what to do in the event of an emergency from chemical spills to evacuations to unsafe people on campus. We rely on common language to respond to emergencies and train our staff and students to respond accordingly. This is extremely important for all of our community to hold each other accountable to do better each day so that our kids are prepared for emergencies.

The message for this month from me is that we are working hard to ensure safety within and around our community, but we can always do better to keep safety our first priority. If you have any suggestions for improvements or would like to become more involved with our school as far as safety goes please feel free to call me at the school.

April News Letter

Kevin Thomas, principal

The staff continues to read the book "Chop Wood and Carry Water" by Joshua Medcalf. The book is a short read and talks about the process of becoming great. It is an inspirational book and it's easy to read, not to mention the many great ideas to ponder as you read.

The next few chapters in the book continue to hammer home the concept of chopping wood and carrying water. This phase means that in order to become great at your chosen profession you must always practice the fundamentals, the small things you can control. The staff read several chapters this month. I would like to share Medcalf's advice on goals and missions.

I have always been told you need to set a goal or goals in order to succeed at work and in life. I have never been told to create a life mission. Medcalf suggests to set a life mission and forget about having goals. He says if you set a specific goal there are many obstacles that can stop you from attaining that goal. For example, if your goal is to become a lawyer that requires you to go to many years of school and take a lot of tests. You will encounter obstacles that can stop you dead in your tracks, like failing a test, getting sick, or others telling you it can't be accomplished because you're not smart enough.

On the other hand, if your life mission is to help others, to serve the needs of others no one can stop you, except yourself. There are many ways to accomplish this mission, by being a lawyer, a doctor, a teacher, a farmer, or an Uber driver. Each one of these professions serves the needs of other people. If you fail or succeed at some point in your journey, there will be other options you can pursue. Mother Theresa's mission in life was "to serve the needs of the sick and dying". No one could stop her from attaining that mission, as there are many people in need. Goals allow you to escape from reaching your potential as a person, a scapegoat if you will. If you fail to reach one goal is that the end? A mission however, allows you to be flexible and find many different paths to be successful. Hopefully your journey or mission is your focus. It will be the journey not the destination that matters. At the end of your journey may you be able to say I made a difference during my life. Medcalf says "no one on their death bed is worried about how many points they scored in a game or if they made the winning touchdown or how much money they made in their lifetime. They care about who they have become, what kind of a person they are, and their relationships with others."

This reminds me of a saying I have seen a time or two that goes something like this: "When you were born you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, you rejoice and the world cries."

And so Warrior Nation, keep on chopping wood and carrying water. Think about setting a mission. A mission that allows you to rejoice at the end of your journey.

As always, my door is open, so feel free to stop.

Mr. Thomas

Dawn R. Juelke Lori West

Dawn E. ...
Cody ...

Sydney Fortune

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Spring 2023
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
A Honor Roll

3rd Grade:

Kasen Miller
Regan Moore

4th Grade:

Madilynn Mitchell
Adyleigh Rushman

6th Grade:

Cooper Benish
Hadlee Guggenmos
Henry McLaughlin
Connor Rieken

7th Grade:

Aubrianna Borges
Auvi Cranmore
Isabella Fischer

8th Grade:

Riley Benish
Chrisian Townsend
Marlee Wiggins

9th Grade:

Macey Roelle
Carlyn Thomas
Alec Watchorn

10th Grade:

Zaili Benish
Shawnee Gamble
Ella Haley
Jaiden Schilreff

11th Grade:

Jaxson Benish
Kaleb Borges
Trenton Rushman
Claire Watchorn

12th Grade:

Axi Benish
Chance Carter

Spring 2023
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
A/B Honor Roll

3rd Grade:

Eason Mousel
Brennan Rieken
Levi Roelle
Susen Serrato

4th Grade:

Breckyr Cranmore
Hayden Eslick
Scarlett Newitt

5th Grade:

Skylar Draper
Ainsley Mertz-Cleveland
Cainyn Rushman

6th Grade:

Lucas Eddy
Chase Moore
Jaylyn Noel
Kennedy Roelle
Flint Schwaderer

7th Grade:

Jayla Serrato
William Thacker
Colt Van Anne
Maxson Wiggins

8th Grade:

Austin Beutler
Gideon Schwaderer
Brody Turman

9th Grade:

Rolin Baca
Faith Lee

10th Grade:

Kaydence Haupt
Ayden Hurt
Ciena McKenzie

11th Grade:

Jonathan Kruse
Alex Slaughter

12th Grade:

Justin Ernest
Dawson Juelfs
Jakob Kruse
Cort Rummel
Damyn Russ
Morgan Shawn

Leyton High School Chapter of the National Honor Society Selection Process

As outlined in Section 3 of the Leyton High School NHS Bylaws, students will be selected using the following process:

Section 3 **Selection of Members**

1. Members of the NHS must be of the current sophomore, junior, and senior class.
2. The student to be considered for selection must have been in attendance at Leyton Public schools for at least one semester; if less than one semester, a recommendation from the previous school can waive this requirement if approved by the principal.
3. Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 point scale.
4. Criteria for selection will be published in the student handbook and a complete selection procedure will be made available to parents and students upon request.
5. Steps for selection:
 - A) All candidates must meet the GPA requirement and receive a nomination from a LHS teacher or administrator.
 - B) Once nominated, candidates must fill out all forms describing their leadership, service, and character experiences and qualities. (Or submit a resume with this information.)
 - C) The faculty council will evaluate the applicants on three categories of leadership, service, and character on a scale of 1-4.
 - D) Candidates must participate in a formal interview with select members of the faculty council.
 - E) The final selection of each member to the Leyton chapter of NHS shall be a majority vote of the faculty council.
 - F) Candidates who are not selected, will receive a notification letter from the NHS sponsor.

Leyton Public Schools

Kindergarten
ROUNDUP



Friday April 21, 2023
8:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Components of the Round Up

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held in two sessions: 8:30-9:30 and 9:45-10:45. Please call ahead to register so we can designate your time slot.

Roundup also provides an opportunity for parents & students to meet the teacher and see their classroom. Parents and students will receive a brief overview of the kindergarten program, as well as an opportunity to discuss health needs with our school nurse.

Kindergarten Registration
for the 2023-2024 School year
What to Bring:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Social Security Card

To register for kindergarten,
children must be
five years old
on or before July 31, 2023

Please call the school at (308)-884-2247
to register your child! Thank you!

**There will be no regular Kindergarten class on this day.*
Registration packets will be available in the school office
and online.



LEYTON TALENT SHOWCASE

The Fine Arts Club is once again putting on an event to showcase all of the talent our Leyton Family has to offer. ***This is not a competition***, but is a show that is open to all Leyton students and staff. LHS One Act team ***will be*** performing a new show. Dessert and punch will also be provided with your admissions.

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023

1:00 pm

High School Gym and Multipurpose Room

Admissions: \$6.00 for adults

12 and under are \$4.00

5 and under get in for Free!

If you are interested in performing at this showcase, please contact Mrs. Hansen by April 1st.

Mrs. Hansen – 308-377-2301

wendy.hansen@leytonwarriors.org





Message from the Library!

ALL library books are due by MAY 12th!

As a reminder: All books must be turned in or replacement costs paid before signing out for the summer.

If parents or students have questions, please contact:

Ms. DeBlois lindie.deblois@leytonwarriors.org

or Mrs. Jones faith.jones@leytonwarriors.org

THANK YOU!



LEYTON HIGH SCHOOL



Yearbook

Reserve your 2023 yearbook NOW!

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered now.

Order soon so you don't forget!

Yearbook: \$40

With one line of personalization: \$45

Contact ginny.post@leytonwarriors.org

Or call 308-377-2301 for more information.

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Send your business card and \$50 to be included in our list of sponsors!

Missing a yearbook?

The Journalism Program has a limited number of yearbooks from years gone by.

Leyton alumni missing yearbooks should email ginny.post@leytonwarriors.org to

inquire about availability.

We Want Your Pictures and Ideas!

We are not available to capture all the great moments with our students, and may not even know of all the unique or special events our students are involved in, so we are asking for your help. If you have any pictures to share, you may share them through your dropbox to me at ginny.post@leytonwarriors.org or through your googlephotos at smvpost@gmail.com. Help us include more of their memories! You may also send an email to me at the above address if you want to share ideas or suggestions.



Reminder for the high school students who have a school issued laptop. Your last \$50 payment for the 2022/2023 school year is due May 1st. Please contact Mrs. Haley with any questions,
alison.haley@leytonwarriors.org.

April 2023

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. Leyton Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer and provider.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
B: Cereal, pop tart, toast L: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, mixed vegetables	B: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs L: 4 th grade menu Sloppy nachos, watermelon, corn, ice cream sunday	B: Brkfst burrito, tater tri L: Hamburger stew or PB & J, green beans, roll	B: Pancake, sausage patty L: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup	NO SCHOOL
10	11	12	13	14
NO SCHOOL	B: Cereal, pop tart, toast L: Pizza, peas & carrots	B: Biscuit & gravy L: Ham, egg & cheese sandwich, tater tots, blueberry bar	B: Pancake, scrambled eggs L: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy	B: PB & J L: Kindergarten menu Chicken taco, black beans, grapes, ice cream w/toppings
17	18	19	20	21
B: Scrambled eggs, toast L: Pigs in a blanket, baked beans	B: Brkfst sandwich, tater tots L: Cavatini, green beans, garlic bread	B: Pancakes, sausage patty L: Taco, corn, rice	B: Cereal, pop tart, toast L: Sub sandwich, sweet potato fries	B: Biscuits & gravy L: Chicken fajita, black beans, corn
24	25	26	27	28
B: Brkfst burrito L: Chicken tender, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll	B: Scrambled eggs, toast L: Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries	B: Pancakes, sausage patty 3 rd Grade Menu L: Spaghetti, roasted broccoli, garlic bread, watermelon	B: PB & J L: 5 th grade menu Salad bar, desert dessert	B: Pancakes on a stick, scrambled eggs L: Pizza, mixed vegetables