

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

**Call to Order:**

The regular board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on March 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. 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 school website ([www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org)) on or before Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

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

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Charles Jones, Janella Kruse, Alison Haley, Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Jones.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no communication for the Board.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Schumacher, to excuse board members Mr. Weideman and Mrs. Ernest from tonight's meeting. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

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: Absent Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Reports:

The Student Council Report was given to the board.

Mr. Schumacher and Mr. Benish reported from the NASB Board Presidents meeting they attended. Mr. Benish also reported on the building and grounds committee meeting held last month.

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

## Regular Agenda Discussion Items:

The board reviewed policies 5018-5034 as part of the three-year review cycle.

The board discussed concrete work at the track, moving the grandstand at the track, concrete work for the North and West Side of the High School building to help with drainage and safety, fencing work that needs to be completed at the track on the west side, feasibility of random drug testing for students involved in extracurricular activities, and strategies for raising money to purchase scoreboards in Dalton.

## Regular Agenda: Action Items

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest to recognize the girls basketball team for their season under Coach Michelman and Coach Wieser, the boys basketball team for their season under Coach Rushman and Coach Van Anne, 3<sup>rd</sup> place MAC conference speech team of Cooper Benish (2<sup>nd</sup> Extemporaneous), Henry McLaughlin (3<sup>rd</sup> Informative), Kennedy and Macey Roelle (3<sup>rd</sup> Duet), Maddie Stout (4<sup>th</sup> Poetry), Auvi Cranmore and Colt Van Anne (4<sup>th</sup> Duet), and Riley Benish (4<sup>th</sup> Informative). Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the Claims, Warrants, and transfers. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the district calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to approve the contract of the principal. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Jones, to enter into executive session at 6:57 PM to discuss the contract of the superintendent. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to come out of executive session at 7:14 PM. No action was taken during the executive session. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to approve a two-year contract for the superintendent with information posted to the school website. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Ernest, to approve the Melchoir Contracting quote to move the grandstand for \$8,500. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Agenda item 6.8 regarding concrete work to be completed on the west side of the track died for lack of motion.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to accept the bid from Havengar Concrete to address drainage on the North and West side of the High School in Dalton for \$12,250. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Agenda item 6.10 regarding the purchase of a lawn mower died for lack of motion.

Agenda item 6.11 regarding adding a literacy coach position to our staff died for lack of motion.

Informational items:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

A special meeting to decide on the literacy coach position is scheduled for March 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Absent, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent Motion Carried Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Approved by,

Respectfully Submitted,

Shad Benish, Treasurer  
Leyton Board of Education

Matt McLaughlin,  
Recording Secretary