

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
April 13, 2026
High School Library
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on April 13, 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) on or before Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Attendance Taken at 6:01 PM.

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

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Charles Jones, Becky Murray, Janella Kruse, Alison Haley, Natasha Haupt, Macey Roelle, Auvi Cranmore, Austin Beutler, Kennedy Roelle, and Connor Rieken.

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

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Special Presentations: The students attending the trip to Costa Rica were at the meeting to request transportation to and from the airport this summer for their group.

Reports:

Macey Roelle gave the Student Council Report to the Board.

Mr. Benish and Mrs. Ernest presented on the Wellness Committee meeting that took place last week. Mr. Weideman and Mrs. Ernest presented on the American Civics meeting that took place prior to the board meeting. Mr. Tim Jones presented on his attendance at the NRCSA conference last month.

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

Regular Agenda Discussion Items:

Policies 5035-5050 were reviewed by the board. The board also discussed Carl Dietz's services and his renewal rate for next year.

Regular Agenda Action Items:

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to recognize the following people for their efforts over the last month: The staff and community members who put together the Wild Robot, one book, one district events. Helpers for the April 9th JH track meet at Leyton. MAC Music participants: Tristian Fischer superior in solo tenor, Auvi Cranmore superior clarinet 3rd place overall, Macey Roelle superior flute 1st place overall, Aspen Snyder and Tristian Fischer Superior vocal duet, Macey Rolle and Auvi Cranmore flute-clarinet duet superior 2nd overall, Brass Quintet, Riley Benish, Kennedy Roelle, Henry McLaughlin, Max Wiggins, Kinley McDaniel excellent, Vocal Trio Aspen Snyder, Christian Townsend, Calicya Townsend, superior 1st place overall. Choir superior, 3rd place overall, Band superior, 2nd Place overall. Overall Instrumental School runner-up, Overall Vocal School 3rd Place. Qualifiers for State Speech: Cooper Benish, Auvi Cranmore, Henry McLaughlin, and Colt Van Anne. Mrs. Hanks, Mr. Oakes, and the NHS for putting on a successful blood drive. Macey Roelle for earning her State FFA Degree. The Winter NPCA Academic All-State recipients are as follows: Alec Watchorn, Macey Roelle, Riley Benish, and Auvi Cranmore. MAC All Conference in Basketball 1st Team, Alec Watchorn, Calvin Borgmann, 2nd Team, Austin Beutler, Macey Roelle, Honorable Mention, Kaleb Miller, Kennedy Roelle. MAC Quiz Bowl was held on March 20. The high school team placed 3rd, Henry McLaughlin was named all-conference, and Riley Benish was an all-conference honorable mention. 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 minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2026. 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 approve the minutes of the Special Meeting from March 23, 2026. 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 Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the claims, warrants, and transfers. 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 Mrs. Ernest, to approve the Graduation Roster for the Class of 2026. 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 Jones, to approve Melchior Contracting, LLC's \$4,800 bid for gym floor. 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 Schumacher, seconded by Benish, to approve the purchase of the Walker mower from Panhandle Auto Group for \$17,560.30. Roll Call vote: Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 1.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to accept the resignation of Natasha Haupt as Business Teacher with Leyton Public Schools with regret. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

The board reviewed information from WPCI about pricing for random drug testing at the school. The board directed Mr. McLaughlin to look into policies and procedures for next month.

Item 6.10 review, consider, and take action on adding a position to the Elementary School died for lack of motion.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Wiedeman, to approve the cancellation of school on May 1, 2026, for the MAC Track Meet. 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 Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to approve the hire of Mikaela Franzen as Business Teacher. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Informational Items:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea. Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Approved by,

Suzy Ernest, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary