

Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting - September 3, 2025
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting:

CLOSED SESSION: If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.
 - 1.2. Roll Call
 - 1.3. Communications; Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.4. Approval of Agenda
2. Hearings and Persons to Address the Board
3. Special Presentations to the Board: Mr. McLaughlin will present a Budget Presentation to the Board of Education.
4. Informational Items:

Budget Hearing - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 PM on September 15th at Leyton High School Library.

Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request - Board of Education Meeting immediately following Budget Hearing on September 15th, Leyton High School Library

Regular Board Meeting immediately following the special hearing to set the final tax request on September 15th, Leyton High School Library
- 4.1. Next Regular Meeting;
5. Adjournment

Should anyone be present and wish to address the Board, the Board Chairman will read the following guidelines:

- 1) Leyton Board of Education recognizes the importance of citizen participation in school district matters;
- 2) Only those speakers recognized by the Board President shall be allowed to speak;
- 3) A time limit of five minutes per speaker is allowed and no more than twenty minutes will be divided among those who wish to address the Board;
- 4) Defamatory or abusive remarks are out of order and a speaker will lose his/her privilege of address if such conduct or remarks occur;
- 5) A speaker at a Board meeting shall NOT orally initiate charges or complaints against District employees OR challenge instructional materials used in the District but shall use the appropriate Board policy to process such complaints;
- 6) The Superintendent and Board are not subject to questioning by the speaker(s);
- 7) To speak to an agenda item an individual must:
 - a. Stand and be recognized by the Board President;
 - b. State your name and address;
 - c. State the agenda item to which you wish to speak;
 - d. Your name will be placed under that agenda item and you will be called upon to speak when that topic is up for discussion;
- 8) If the speaker has written or printed materials to be circulated during a board meeting, he/she must have submitted this information to the Superintendent not later than the Friday immediately preceding the Monday Board meeting. Written materials not submitted by the deadline will not be reviewed or considered by the board at the meeting.

Key Points to Remember:

- 1) The Board takes no action on items brought up during this time;
- 2) Board members or the Superintendent may question a speaker or make comments in response to a speaker. However, the Board and Superintendent are not subject to questioning by speakers.

Board Budget Hearing

2025-2026 Presentation

Mission of Leyton

Cultivate lifelong learners as they successfully transition into our diverse world.

Vision for Leyton

Embracing Community, Creating Integrity, Achieving Greatness

Agenda

1. Current State of all funds
2. School District Spending historical data and rationale
3. Valuation Historical
4. Levy Historical
5. State Aide update

Funds Update: August 2024 in bank

General Fund Year End: \$1,312,037

Special Building Fund: \$444,549

Depreciation Fund:\$259,146

August 2025

General Fund Year End:

Special Building Fund:

Depreciation Fund:

School year spending

Year	Expenses	Increase %
2024-2025	\$4,881,932	7.03%
2023-2024	\$4,561,311	7.9%
2022-2023	\$4,227,568	.86
2021-2022	\$4,191,586	2.8
2020-2021	4,064,505	

7.03% increase this year: Spending up \$320,000 from previous year.

1. Instructional staff hired to meet the needs of a growing special education population. This next year we have the need for highly trained PARA's across all grade levels.
2. 200K in Depreciation transfers come through as an expense.
3. Building and maintenance up from the previous year because of big projects like hot water in Dalton, fire detection system in Gurley, Asbestos removal
4. Grants come in as expenses: \$155,000 in Early Childhood Grants
5. Track expenses for testing that surface testing and fees associated with the track repair. Major cost of resurfacing was paid from Special Building Fund.

Grants and Donations Awarded last school year

CTE Grant: \$7,500 (shop supplies)

Preschool State Grant: \$25,000 in start up and \$130,000 for three years

Total expensed that we have received or will receive: \$93,244.70 for last year

Transfers are coded as expenses

Transfers: \$100,000 Lunch Fund transfer in March of 2024

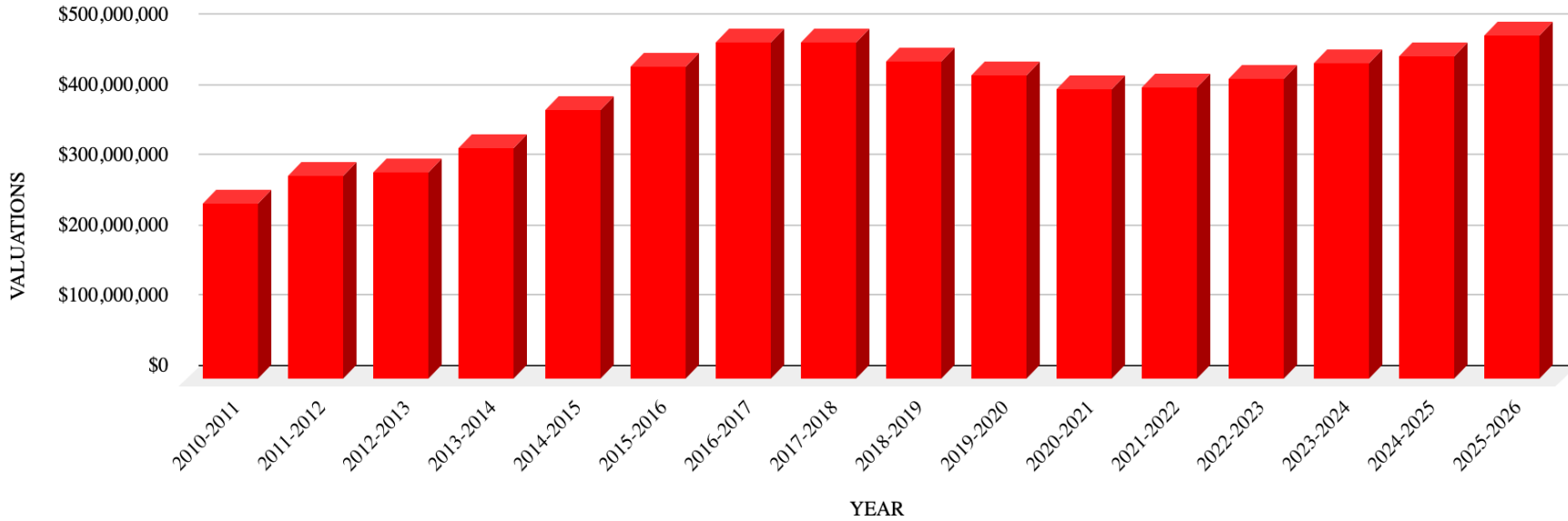
August 2024: \$50,000 transferred to Activities, \$10,000 to Lunch, \$100,000 to Depreciation fund

Anticipated increase

1. Staffing: We have added a staff member in special education, and will likely need to add a staff member in the future to replace AG instruction
2. Older buildings require maintenance and upkeep ie flooring, paint, roofs, gravel, plumbing, etc.
3. Transportation: Ebb and Flow depending on our fleet, we may need to eventually look at replacement vehicles for our vans in a very short amount of time.
4. Food costs are something we are worried about because of the impact of potential tariffs and supply demands.
5. Negotiations year for staff: we NEED our students around THE BEST PEOPLE

Historical Valuations for Morrill and Cheyenne County

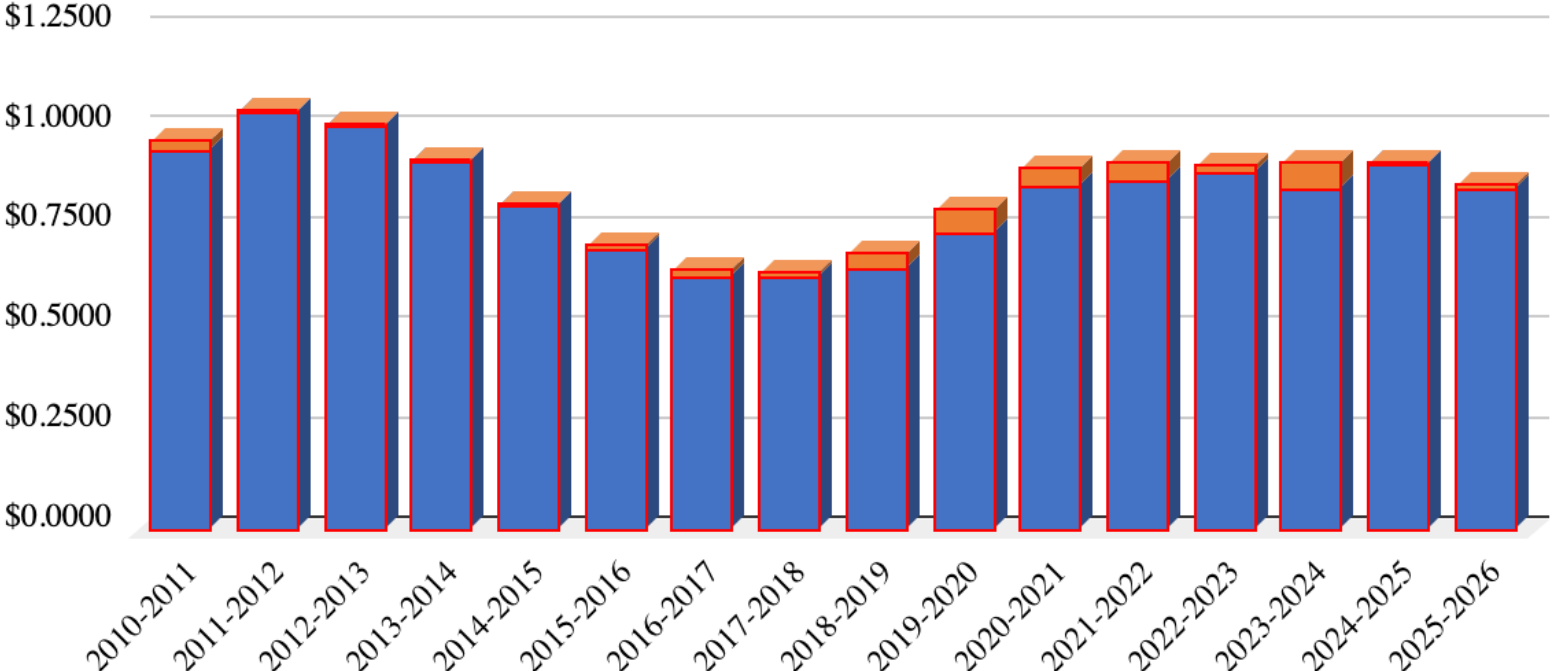
VALUATIONS



Proposed this year: .854875 General, and .00825 Building

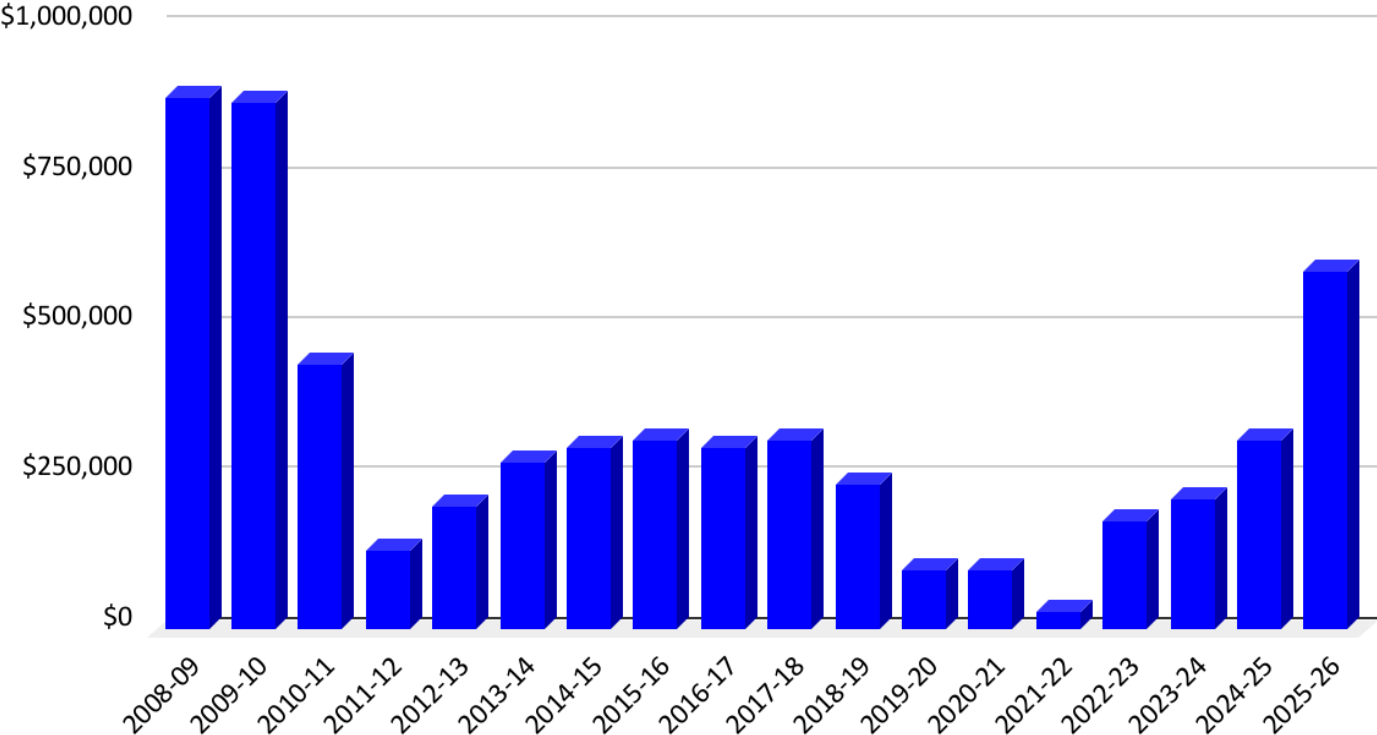
Tax Levy

Building General



State Aide: 25/26 amount \$595,429 up from \$314,274

State Aid



Fluctuation on State Aid

Previous Graph shows a lot about how state aid can fluctuate, this year we are in a good position. Be aware this can change rapidly as it did four years ago. The changes in state aid can handcuff us in the future so we have to be prepared handle emergency situations with steady accounts.

Updated Option enrollment data as well as School Enrollment

Option enrollment numbers could be as high as 27 to the positive. We still have quite a few students optioning out of Leyton to Bridgeport and Sidney but we are making a dent each and every year.

Previous years enrollment starting with

2025-2026: 151 K-12 with 16 additional PreK 167 total Students

2024-2025: 152 K-12 with 16 additional PreK 168 total students.

2023-2024: 145

2022-2023: 132

2021-2022: 146

2020-2021: 137

2019-2020: 164

2018-2019: 158

Proposed tax asking for Leyton 2025-2026

General Fund asking: \$4,186,869

Special Building asking: \$40,404

Total tax asking: \$4,227,273

Previous year: \$4,203,494

Purposed Levy

General Fund: .854875

Special Building Fund: .00825

Total: .863125

Prior Year

General : .914096

Special Building:

Total: .914096

Special Building Accomplishments and Future Plans

Preschool Playground Installation

Exhaust system in the Shop Room

Elementary site new playground

Track Resurfacing

Future Plans

1. Continued focus on the playground to attract students and families to Gurley
2. HVAC preparation for both Gurley and Dalton Facilities
3. Room Renovations when required
4. Other building and grounds related projects to complete a more comprehensive replacement plan per the strategic plan

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Leyton Public Schools (17-0003) in Cheyenne County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 15 day of, September 2025 at 6:15 o'clock P.M., at Leyton Public Schools High School Library for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuations	459,852,438	489,763,747	7%

2024-2025 Budget Information

2025-2026 Budget Information

Fund	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Property Tax Request	2024 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2024 Valuation)	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	6,028,893.00	4,203,494.00	0.914096	0.858270	6,101,300.00	4,186,869.00	0.854875	-6%	1%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	410,116.00		0.000000	0.000000	478,528.00	40,404.00	0.008250	#DIV/0!	17%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	6,439,009.00	4,203,494.00	0.914096	0.858270	6,579,828.00	4,227,273.00	0.863125	-6%	2%