

The Leigh Legend



January 2026



A Note from Mr. Fischer..

Welcome to the Second Semester!

Happy New Year! Welcome to the Second Semester! The spring semester also offers a chance for a fresh start. Students and staff will return on January 6th ready to take on the rest of the year.

As we begin the second semester, we are excited to welcome everyone back and look ahead to the opportunities before us. A new semester brings renewed energy, fresh goals, and continued opportunities to learn and grow.

To our students: We encourage you to approach this semester with resilience and determination. Remember that challenges are opportunities to learn, and you are supported every step of the way.

To our faculty and staff: Thank you for your continued dedication to our students and schools. Your commitment to excellence creates positive learning environments and helps every student reach their full potential.

To our families and community members: I have mentioned this many times...there is something truly special happening in the Community of Leigh. The progress we are making together is a direct result of your support, involvement, and pride in our school. Whether you are volunteering, attending events, or cheering on our students, you play an important role in our shared success.

We look forward to a second semester filled with growth, achievement, and continued community progress.

I hope everyone has a great start to 2026!

BE THE BEST!

Mr. Fischer
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2025

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on December 3rd, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on December 3rd, 2025 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Urban J, Went, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby, Machmueller,

Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Wietfeld M, Hoffman

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment – None

Principal's Report – Students of the Month; FFA District Champs; Speech; Football Schedules; Sports Teams Pricing; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – End of Semester; English Opening; Elementary Notes; Facilities; Contract Reminder; Legislative School Funding; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the November 12th, 2025 meeting minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/ Payroll.

Motions Passed: Approved Superintendent Evaluation; Approved Engineered Controls N4 Jace Controller-Elementary Heating/Air Controls; Approved '26-'27 & '27-'28 Softball Cooperative between Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools, Clarkson Public Schools & Leigh Community Schools.

Discussion Items: Updated Mascot & Logo; '26-'27 BSN & Sports Equipment.

Executive Session – discuss personnel, certified staff salaries & negotiations, which is necessary to protect the public interest.

Moved by BrabecD, seconded by Urban J to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary

Counselor's Notes:

From Winter Break to Full Speed Ahead

The calm of winter break gave time to rest,
To recharge our minds and feel our best.
Now classrooms buzz, routines return,
With goals to chase and lessons to learn.

Seniors step forward with plans in sight,
Scholarships, deadlines, timing matters just right.
Staying organized, avoiding delay,
Due dates count as futures take shape each day!

Juniors prepare for what lies ahead,
With John Baylor ACT Prep and ASVAB instead.
Skills, strategies, options explored,
Opening doors to paths not yet known before.

From seventh through eleventh, MAP tests begin,
Tracking growth and progress we've made within.
Sophomores take the PreACT, focused and ready,
Building a foundation strong and steady.

Meanwhile the halls and spaces come alive,
As winter activities continue to thrive.
With renewed energy and goals set true,
Second semester brings much to pursue.

Second semester is upon us, and we are excited to jump back into a busy and meaningful stretch of the school year. If your junior or senior registered for a college course, you will be receiving an email from Mrs. Gall with additional details and next steps. Senior parents will continue to receive regular communication from Mrs. Gall regarding important due dates and scholarship opportunities. Please continue to check in with your child and encourage them to stay organized and on top of senior year tasks, as deadlines are especially important this time of year. Juniors and seniors who are interested in scheduling a college visit during second semester are encouraged to reach out to Mrs. Gall. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope everyone had a wonderful and restful winter break.

Leigh Community Schools

<div> <div>January</div> <div>2026</div> </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day (Optional)	NO SCHOOL
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day FFA Meeting 6:00 p.m. C Team BB @ Norfolk Catholic	4:30 p.m. B & G BB Marathon vs David City Aquinas @ Clarkson		4:30 p.m. G & B BB Marathon @ North Bend - Broadcast on 107.9 FM The Bull	11:00 a.m. WR @ Burwell Invite	9:30 a.m. WR @ Amherst Invite 1:00 p.m. G & B BB Marathon vs Tekamah/Herman @ Leigh 9-11:00 a.m. Little Pat Cheer Camp (Grades K-6) @ Leigh - Performance during half time of Boys Varsity BB game vs Tekamah/Herman
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
SB Pitching Camp in Elem Gym	Boone Central Honor Choir 6:30 p.m. C Team BB vs Columbus Scotus @ Leigh 4:00 p.m. JV WR @ Oakland/Craig Invite	4:30 p.m. JH BBB vs Columbus Lakeview @ Leigh	6:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m. C Team Boys BB @ Columbus Lakeview 4:30 p.m. JH BBB @ Shelby/RC	4:00 p.m. G & B BB Marathon @ Archangels Catholic - Broadcast on 107.9 FM The Bull	1:00 p.m. G & B BB Marthon vs Pender @ Clarkson 9:00 a.m. WR @ Cross County Invite 9:00 a.m. JH BBB vs Humphrey/Lindsay Academy @ Leigh
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
SB Pitching Camp in Elem Gym	6:30 p.m. C Team BB vs Howells/Dodge @ Clarkson 5:00 p.m. JH BBB @ Christ Lutheran - Norfolk		FCCLA - Dist. STAR @ St. Edward	FFA - 1st Round CDE's @ CCC 6:00 p.m. JV/V Girls BB vs David City @ Clarkson 3:00 p.m. JH BBB @ Columbus Scotus		Speech @ North Bend 10:00 a.m. WR @ Neligh-Oakdale Invite 2:00 p.m. G & B BB Marathon @ Wakefield
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SB Pitching Camp in Elem Gym	FFA - State Degree Applications Due 6:00 C Team BB vs West Point/Beemer @ Clarkson 6:30 p.m. JH BBB vs Howells/Dodge @ Clarkson	4:30 p.m. G & B BB Marathon @ Wisner/Pilger - Broadcast on 107.9 FM The Bull	10:30 a.m. KTCH Quiz Bowl Speech @ Howells/Dodge	6:00 p.m. C Team BB vs Wayne @ Clarkson PreK Classes - Visit to Public Library 4:30 p.m. JH BBB vs David City @ Clarkson	FFA Proficiency Awards Due Girls Basketball: East Husker Conference Basketball Tournament (Varsity)	9:00 a.m. EHC WR Tournament @ North Bend Boys Basketball: East Husker Conference Basketball Tournament (Varsity)

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Milk is available at all meals	Fruit & Vegetable bar is available at lunch	This institution is an equal opportunity provider Menu is subject to change	1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 BR: Breakfast Burrito L: Corndog, Sweet Potato Fries, Baked Beans	7 BR: Muffin, Yogurt, Juice & Fruit L: Fajita, Mexi Corn, Spanish Rice	8 BR: French Toast Sticks & Sausage L: Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans	9 BR: Cereal, Toast, Juice & Fruit L: Breakfast Sandwich, Hash Brown, Juice	10
11	12 BR: Apple Fritter L: Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread	13 BR: Scrambled Eggs & Toast L: Potato Bowl, Corn	14 BR: Churro L: Taco, Refried Beans	15 BR: Breakfast Sandwich L: Sausage & Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans	16 BR: Filled Mini Donuts L: Chicken Sandwich, French Fries	17
18	19 BR: Pancake Wrap L: Pizza	20 BR: Long John L: Breaded Beef, Cheesy Potatoes, California Blend	21 BR: Tornado L: Soup, Sandwich	22 BR: Cherry Turnover L: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice	23 BR: Rice Krispie Bar L: Hamburger, Chips, Baked Beans	24
25	26 BR: Pretzel Bites L: Ham & Mac Casserole, Baked Beans	27 BR: Apple Turnover L: BBQ Pork Sandwich, French Fries	28 BR: Breakfast Pizza L: Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn	29 BR: Biscuits & Gravy L: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread	30 BR: Uncrustable L: Sub Sandwich, Chips	31

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From the Principal's Desk:



Wow—just like that, the first semester is in the books! It's hard to believe how quickly the fall semester has flown by. For some of our seniors, graduation day feels right around the corner, while others are already wishing time would slow down just a bit. Moments like these remind us how special our school community truly is. I am incredibly thankful for the students, families, and staff members who make Leigh Community Schools such a great place to learn and grow. The first semester went very well, and that success is a direct result of the

hard work, dedication, and support shown throughout our district each day.

Before heading into break, we wrapped up the semester with our annual Winter Cup! This year's contests included volleyball, dodgeball, pitch, ping pong, Mario Kart racing, and chess. After a competitive and entertaining week, the seniors claimed the Winter Cup, with the staff finishing a very respectable second place.

This marks the first outright Winter Cup win for the students in five years, so seniors—make sure you enjoy it while it lasts... because let's be honest, it probably won't happen again anytime soon! The friendly competition, school spirit, and laughs made it a great way to close out the semester. As we head into Christmas Break, I hope everyone takes time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. While the break is well deserved, I will admit I am already looking forward to returning to school and welcoming our students back in the new year.

On behalf of Leigh Community Schools, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your time away, stay safe, and we look forward to a strong start to the second semester!