The Leigh Legend



October 2026



A Note from Mr. Fischer...

Here at LCS, we are off to a great start to the school year. Students have settled into a routine and activities are very busy throughout the week.

The Board of Education recently approved next year's school budget. Every year, the Board and I have to carefully account for and consider changes in enrollment, salaries, wages, insurance, supplies, transportation, utilities, and other operational costs when developing the 2026–2027 school budget. Like the past few years, LCS did not participate in the Joint Public Hearing, as our proposed property tax request did not meet the threshold requiring participation. We remain committed to being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us and to making responsible financial decisions that support our students, staff, and school programs while being mindful of the impact on our community and tax-payers.

We greatly appreciate the continued support and trust of our patrons. Maintaining a strong financial position allows Leigh Community Schools to provide quality educational opportunities for our students while planning responsibly for the future. We will continue to evaluate our needs, look for efficiencies, and make thoughtful decisions to ensure that every dollar is used as effectively as possible.

Homecoming Week is here at Leigh Community Schools, and we're excited to celebrate our school, students, and community! We have a great lineup of events planned throughout the week, giving everyone plenty of opportunities to show their Panther pride and make some great memories. A huge thank you to our amazing community for continuing to come out and support our Panther events—your energy and encouragement mean so much to our students and athletes. We'd also like to congratulate all of our teams on their accomplishments so far this season! We're proud of the hard work, dedication, and Panther spirit they continue to show.

Some dates for your calendars...Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th, with a 2:00 PM dismissal. Once again, we have been selected to host NSAA District Play Production on Tuesday, December 1st. There will be NO SCHOOL on December 1st. Teachers will report accordingly on these days.

I hope you all have a great fall and hope to see you at various LCS activities!

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2026

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on August 5th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on August 5th, 2026 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 Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Went, Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby.
Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Approval of Agenda
Public Comment – None

Principal's Report – Transportation; Class Scheduling; Upcoming Events (Home Openers); School Year, Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Start of School; May 14th, 2027 Graduation Date; Facilities; Budget; Good Luck to Fall Activities; Reminders.

Consent Agenda approved the July 13th, 2026 meetings minutes & the August 5th, 2026 retreat minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Motions Passed: Approved teaching contract for Mrs. Ellie Haan, AG Education; Approved LTRS & Science of Reading stipend; Approved Pekny & Associates as the school auditor for the 2026-27 school year.

Discussion Item: land purchase pending a signed purchase agreement

A Special Board meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 26th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138) for the end of the budget cycle. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Special Meeting
August 26, 2026

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

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on August 26th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on August 19th, 2026 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 Folken, Held K, Machmueller, Urban J, Brabec D. Absent were Higby, Hoffman, Went, Wietfeld M.
Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Higby, Hoffman, Went, Wietfeld M

Approval of Agenda
Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda approved the August 12th, 2026 meeting minutes & additional bills for the '25-'26 fiscal year.

Discussion Items: Budget Workshop - budget worksheet, new budget & outlook for upcoming year.

Moved by Urban J, seconded by Brabec D to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary

Leigh Community School
District #39 Colfax County
Budget Hearing
September 16, 2026

President Kamin Held opened the Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m. at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138). Verification of Notice by Kamin Held. (Published on September 9th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on September 9th, 2026 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office) Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held. Present during the hearing were Board members Machmueller, Urban J, Went, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby, Hoffman. Absent was Wietfeld M. Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys and Secretary Brabec. Excuse absence of Wietfeld M.

Public Comment – None

Discussion Item – Proposed Budget

Motion by Folken, seconded by Brabec D to close the hearing at 6:41 p.m. All present voting "aye".

April R. Brabec
Secretary

Leigh Community School
District #39 Colfax County
Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request
September 16, 2026

President Kamin Held opened the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 6:41 pm (immediately following the budget hearing) at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138). Verification of Notice by Kamin Held. (Published on September 9th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on September 9th, 2026 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office) Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held. Present during the hearing were Board members Went, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J. Absent was Wietfeld M. Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys and Secretary Brabec. Excuse absence of Wietfeld M.

Public Comment – None

Discussion Item – Proposed Tax Request

Motion by Urban J, seconded by Higby to close the hearing at 6:45 p.m. All present voting "aye."

April R. Brabec
Secretary

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2026

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on September 9th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on September 9th, 2026 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 Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Went.
Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Wietfeld M
Approval of Agenda

Principal's Report – Little Kids Dance Camp; Students of the Month; MAP Testing; After School Study Hall; Parent-Teacher Conferences; Homecoming; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Facilities & Transportation; Career Fair; PT Conferences; District Play Production; Teacher In-Services; Negotiations; NASB State Board Conferences; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the August 26th, 2026 meeting minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Motions Passed: Approved the budget for the 2026-2027 school year; Approved the tax request of $3,878,450.95 at a levy of .584258 for the General Fund, the tax request of $353,535.00 at a levy of .053257 for the Special Building Fund and the tax request of $764,646.00 at a levy of .115188 for the Bond Fund with a total levy of 0.752703 for the 2026-2027 school fiscal year; Approved the request from the Leigh Education Association to be recognized as the exclusive bargaining agent for the 2027-2028 school year.

Discussion Items: Transportation Needs & Opportunities; Land Purchase Agreement & Closing Date

Moved by Brabec D, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 12th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary



Preschoolers Enjoy a Fun Visit to the Library

Our preschool classes recently had a fun visit to our local library! We were excited to spend some time with Ms. Kathy and enjoy a little learning outside of the classroom.

For our morning 3-year-old class, this was their first time visiting the library. Ms. Kathy was excited to meet them and welcomed them with a big smile. She read " Hungry Bunny by Claudia Rueda and "Apple Farmer Annie" by Monica Willington. Apple Farmer Annie was about the different kinds of apples, which was a perfect story for this time of year.

After the story, the children got up and moved with an apple-themed movement activity. They had a lot of fun using their imaginations!

We then got creative and made stained-glass apples. The children enjoyed choosing their colors and creating their own special apple artwork using contact paper, tissue paper and an outline of an apple. Our afternoon class was also exciting to visit Ms Kathy again. Ms. Kathy was happy to see them again.

It was a wonderful visit filled with books, movement, creativity, and lots of smiles. We are thankful to our local library for welcoming our preschoolers and helping make reading and learning such a fun experience! We look forward to visiting Ms. Kathy on the last Thursday of the month.

Mrs. Bahns













October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 **3:00PM** 5th Grade Volleyball Practice	28 **12:00AM** Homecoming Week **7:00AM** FFA - Parli Pro Practice **3:00PM** Girls Golf Quad @ Indian Trails Country Club **5:30PM** Ponca vs Highway 91 @ Holstein Park Fields **6:00PM** Leigh vs Cross County @ Cross County High School Football Field **7:00PM** One Act Practice (Cast & Crew) @ Leigh High School	29 **12:00AM** JAG Governor's Youth Summit in Kearney **6:45AM** Dance Practice **3:00PM** Archangel Catholic vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **3:30PM** Central City/Fort Calhoun/Highway 91 SB Tri @ Holstein Park Fields **Archangel Catholic vs Leigh 26-27** **6:30PM** Archangel Catholic vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **5:30PM** Archangel Catholic vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **6:30PM** VB vs Archangels @ Leigh - Broadcast on KTIC FM Radio	30 **12:00AM** NO ELEMENTARY OR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TODAY **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **8:00AM** FFA - District Land Judging - POSTPONED to 10/7 **8:05AM** Highway 91 Career Fair - Grades 9-12 @ Leigh High School **5:15PM** 3rd Grade VB Practice	Oct 1 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **5:00PM** Highway 91 vs Tekamah-Herman @ Tiger Softball Complex **Randolph vs Leigh 26-27** **5:30PM** Randolph vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **6:30PM** Randolph vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School	2 **8:00AM** Homecoming **7:00PM** Winside vs Leigh 26-27 @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field	3 **8:00AM** Wisner-Pilger JH Volleyball Tournament @ Wisner-Pilger High School Elementary Gym **9:00AM** OC Girls Golf Invite @ Oakland Golf Club **10:00AM** 5th & 6th Grade VB Practice
4	5 **12:00AM** One Act Practice (Time to be determined) @ Leigh High School **12:00AM** NSAA Class C Softball Districts @ TBA NE **7:00AM** FFA - Parli Pro Practice **3:28PM** LEAP after school until 4:20 p.m. - 2nd Graders **Leigh 26-27 vs Archangel Catholic** **6:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Archangel Catholic @ Archangels Catholic High School **4:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Archangel Catholic @ Foltz Field Complex	6 **12:00AM** 2026 NSAA Class C-2 District Girls Golf @ Oakland Golf Club **6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **9:00AM** C-2 District Golf Tournament @ Oakland Golf Club **4:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Humphrey/Lindsay @ Humphrey High School **Leigh 26-27 vs Aquinas Catholic** **6:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Aquinas Catholic @ Aquinas High School **7:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Aquinas Catholic @ Aquinas High School	7 **12:00AM** FFA - District Land Judging **12:00AM** FFA - Leigh Livestock Judging Contest - PSTPND to 10/28 **8:00AM** UNL Cultivate ACCESS Campus Trip **10:00AM** 10:00 a.m. LATE START **5:00PM** 3rd Grade VB Practice	8 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **4:30PM** Madison vs Leigh @ Leigh High School **6:15PM** FCCLA Chapter Meeting **7:00PM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School	9 **12:00AM** NSAA Class C Softball District Finals @ TBA NE **7:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Omaha Nation @ Omaha Nation High School	10 **12:00AM** NSAA Class C Softball District Finals @ TBA NE **10:00AM** 5th & 6th Grade VB Practice **10:00AM** Palmer Volleyball Invite @ Palmer High School

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	12:00AM One Act Practice (Time to be determined) @ Leigh High School **7:00AM** FFA - Parli Pro Practice **8:08AM** FCCLA - District Leadership Conferece @ CCC **9:00AM** NSAA Class C Girls Golf State Championships @ Lake Maloney Golf Course **Leigh 26-27 vs Madison** **6:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Madison @ Madison Athletic Complex **4:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Madison @ Madison Athletic Complex	**6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **9:00AM** NSAA Class C Girls Golf State Championships @ Lake Maloney Golf Course **Leigh 26-27 vs Howells-Dodge** **6:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Howells-Dodge @ Howells-Dodge High School Howells Gym **5:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Howells-Dodge @ Howells-Dodge High School Howells Gym **6:30PM** VB @ Howells/ Dodge - Broadcast on KZEN 100.3 FM Radio	**12:00AM** End of 1st Quarter **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **9:00AM** NSAA State Softball Championship @ Smith Softball Complex **2:00PM** 2:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL **5:00PM** PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES **5:00PM** 3rd Grade VB Practice	**6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **8:00AM** JAG - Leadership Development Conference in Omaha **9:00AM** NSAA State Softball Championship @ Smith Softball Complex	**9:00AM** NSAA State Softball Championship @ Smith Softball Complex **7:00PM** Archangel Catholic vs Leigh 26-27 @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field	**12:00AM** ACT Testing Date **10:00AM** 5th & 6th Grade VB Practice
18	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**
	7:00AM FFA - Parli Pro Practice **9:00AM** NSAA State Softball Championship @ Bowlin Stadium **7:00PM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School	**12:00AM** WSC - College Representative Visit (2nd Pd Study Hall) **6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **3:45PM** 5th Grade Volleyball Practice **Leigh vs Oakland-Craig** **7:00PM** Leigh vs Oakland-Craig @ Oakland-Craig Elementary OC Competition Gym **6:00PM** Leigh vs Oakland-Craig @ Oakland-Craig Elementary OC Competition Gym	**12:00AM** JAG - College Visit to WSC **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **5:00PM** 3rd Grade VB Practice	**6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **5:00PM** VB Triangular @ Wisner/Pilger - Broadcast on KTIC FM Radio **Event** **5:00PM** NG/SE vs Wisner-Pilger @ Wisner-Pilger High School Main Gym **6:00PM** NG/SE vs Leigh @ Wisner-Pilger High School Main Gym **7:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Wisner-Pilger @ Wisner-Pilger High School Main Gym	**7:00PM** FB @ GACC - Broadcast on KTIC FM Radio **7:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Guardian Angels Central Catholic @ Beemer City Park	
25	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**
	12:00AM One Act Practice (Time to be determined) @ Leigh High School **12:00AM** NSAA State Class D1 Volleyball Sub Districts @ TBA NE **7:00AM** FFA - Parli Pro Practice	**12:00AM** One Act Practice (Time to be determined) @ Leigh High School **12:00AM** NSAA State Class D1 Volleyball Sub Districts @ **6:45AM** Dance Practice	**12:00AM** FFA - Leigh Livestock Judging Contest **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School	**12:00AM** PK - Public Library Visit **6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00PM** One Act Practice	**12:00AM** NSAA Class D3 Football Playoffs 1st Round @ TBA NE **8:05AM** NO SCHOOL - Fall Break	**12:00AM** NSAA State Class D1 Volleyball District Finals @

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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 **BR:** Churro **L:** Taco, Refried Beans	2 **BR:** Rice Krispie Bar **L:** Breakfast Sandwich, Hashbrowns, Juice	3
4	5 **BR:** Apple Fritter **L:** Pizza	6 **BR:** Tornado **L:** Potato Bowl, Corn	7 **LATE START- NO BRKFST** **L:** Hot Dog, Baked Beans	8 **BR:** Cinnamon Roll **L:** Sausage Scalloped Potato, Broccoli	9 **BR:** Pop Tart **L:** Chicken Patty, Bun, French Fries	10
11	12 **BR:** Cherry Turnover **L:** Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread	13 **BR:** Omelet, Toast, Hash Brown **L:** Meatball Sub, French Fries	14 **BR:** Donut **L:** Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans	15 **BR:** Pancake on a stick **L:** Lasagna Bake, Breadstick, California Blend	16 **BR:** Granola Bar **L:** Sub Sandwich, Chips	17
18	19 **BR:** French Toast Stick, Sausage **L:** Ham & Macaroni Casserole, Baked Beans	20 **BR:** Long John **L:** Pulled Pork, French Fries	21 **BR:** Breakfast Sandwich **L:** Fajita, Mexicorn, Spanish Rice	22 **BR:** Blueberry Muffin **L:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn	23 **BR:** Uncrustable **L:** Hamburger, Chips, Beans	24
25	26 **BR:** Apple Turnover **L:** Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Garlic Bread	27 **BR:** Breakfast Pizza **L:** Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges	28 **BR:** Scone **L:** Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup, Cinnamon Roll	29 **BR:** Breakfast Burrito **L:** Turkey Wrap, Sun Chips	30 **NO SCHOOL**	31

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From the Principal's Desk:





The 2026–27 school year is off to a great start at Leigh Community Schools! Our students have settled into the school routine, and it has been great to see the energy, effort, and excitement throughout our classrooms, hallways, and activities.

Panther athletics are in full swing, with our fall teams competing hard and representing Leigh well. The Highway 91 Cyclones are wrapping up their softball season, with district play coming up next week. Football, volleyball, and girls golf are also having strong seasons as they move into the heart of their schedules. Best of luck to both the Panthers and the Cyclones as they finish out their fall seasons!

Academically, MAP testing has been completed, and our MTSS team will now begin reviewing the results. This data will help us identify areas of strength and areas where students may need additional support. Our goal is to use this information to make informed instructional decisions and continue helping every student make progress.

Our student organizations are also off and running. FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, and JAG students are preparing for upcoming events and competitions. We are proud of the time, effort, and leadership these students continue to put into their organizations and our school.

We would also like to recognize our August Students of the Month: Cade Hoesly, Shaylynn Marty, and Cody Jedlicka. Congratulations to these three students! The positive things they are doing for Leigh Community Schools and the Leigh community are making a difference and certainly have not gone unnoticed.

It has been a great start to the 2026–27 school year, and we are excited for what is ahead. There is a lot happening at Leigh Community Schools, and we look forward to continuing to see our students and staff #Be The Best throughout the year.