

# The Leigh Legend



March 2025



## A Note from Mr. Fischer..

Much like the last few years, there is much discussion about education topics within the Nebraska Unicameral. I encourage stakeholders within the district to stay up to date on legislation that affects public schools and especially rural ones like LCS. Our State Senators are Jared Strom, Mike Moser, and Ben Hanson. I will always support bills that keep education a priority and politics out of our schools.

It is crazy to think we are beginning to plan for the 2025-26 school year. We are looking at transportation needs, class sizes, curriculum, and ordering supplies. Our new elementary addition allows us to be creative to lower our teacher to student ratio as these large classes get older. We are in the process of developing a schedule that helps us give students the best education possible. As we progress into the spring, we will be sending more information out on how this will look. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at the office.

We also have many activities that are being planned for the spring season. Information about field trips, open houses for Pre-K and Kindergarten, and other activities will be shared when details are finalized. This also means that state testing (NSCAS and ACT) will begin in a few weeks. When students do well on state tests, it can be a sign that they are receiving high-quality instruction, and that the school is effectively preparing students to meet academic standards. This can be beneficial for both students and LCS, as it can lead to higher student achievement and greater recognition for our school and our staff. Last year, our students scored very well on their tests and received an EXCELLENT district rating that I have mentioned over the past couple of months. We expect our students to score well and continue to show improvement in all areas.

Congratulations to our winter activities and student groups on their success and hopefully they see continued success at their postseason competitions. Spring is right around the corner!

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer  
Superintendent/Elementary Principal



Leigh Community School  
Board of Education  
American Civics Committee Meeting  
February 12, 2025

Held K called the committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

Verification of Notice by Held K

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Held K

Present were American Civics Committee Members – Brabec D, Hoffman, Urban J & Board Members Went, Wietfeld M, Folken, Held K, Machmueller.

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

Excuse Absence of Higby

Public Comment – History Content; History Books

Discussion/Presentation by Superintendent Fischer – Review Civics Curriculum - Social Studies Courses Taught; Meeting the ‘Americanism’ Standards; Civics Class.

Adjourned at 6:37 pm

The regularly scheduled February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will follow at 6:30 pm in the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec,  
Board Secretary

Leigh Community School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
February 12, 2025

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Hoffman, Machmueller Urban J, Went, Wietfeld M.

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

Excuse Absence of Higby

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment – None

Principal’s Report – Students of the Month; Patriot Wrestling Tournament; District Wrestling; Girls Basketball Districts; Boys Basketball; Speech; FFA; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent’s Report – Elementary Notes; CIP Goals for 2024-2029; Schedule; Facilities & Transportation; Classified; Letters of Intent; Good Luck to All Activities as Post Season Begins; Legislative Update; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Motions Passed: Approved the ’25-’26 School Calendar; Approved the Lease Agreement on the Wrestling Room.

Discussion Item: Special Education Report

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Brabec D to enter into executive session at 7:11 pm to discuss contract negotiations for a new interlocal agreement & personnel which is necessary to protect the public interest.

Entered out of closed session of contract negotiations for a new interlocal agreement & personnel discussion with motion made at 9:35 pm by Hoffman, seconded by Higby, to enter back into regular session.

Moved by Urban J, seconded by Brabec D to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. All present voting “aye”. Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec  
Board Secretary

## Social Studies News:

February is always an exciting time of year in the Social Studies classroom. This semester we are lucky to have Andrew Erbst from Stanton joining us as a Student Teacher. He is slowly taking over the classes and is doing a great job of growing as an educator.

7th Social Studies is currently learning about South Asia. They are doing a great job of completing their maps and learning about the culture and history of this region.

8th Social Studies has just begun studying the Civil War. They recently completed their Family Genealogy projects. This is always a fun project to learn about the student's families and for them to take some pride in their own history.

The 10th World History class has just completed studying the French Revolution. They have done a good job of learning the different movements and revolutions of the 1800s.

The 11th US History class is currently learning about the Cold War. They are creating 'Atomic Bomb Safety Videos' right now to help people learn to safely 'Duck & Cover'.

The 12th American Government class just completed their study of the Executive Branch. Of course this comes along with my favorite time of the year being "Presidential March Madness". The class did a great job this year and there were many competitive and heated matchups. This year's participants and their presidents were:

Carter Brabec - James Polk, Keeley Campbell - Ronald Reagan, Kammy Held - Theodore Roosevelt, Izzy Hollatz - Barack Obama, Brianne Kuhr - Chester Arthur, Paige Kurpgeweit - Grover Cleveland, Alisyn Lich - George Washington, Elijah Melchor-Smith - Abraham Lincoln, Jared Olson - Harry Truman, Amaiya Ross - Rutherford Hayes, Baylee Settje - Andrew Jackson, Brynn Settje - James Monroe, Emily Stender - Dwight Eisenhower, Ella Urban - Franklin Roosevelt and Riley VanDyke - George W. Bush.

Congrats to our 2025 Champion - Baylee Settje!





# FFA

On Wednesday February 5, five members went to Central Community College in Columbus to get interviewed for their state degree. Those members included Kammy Held, Brianne Kuhr, Jared Olson, Carter Brabec, and Paige Kurpgeweit. These members will be receiving their state degree at state convention. Along with submitting the state degrees the FFA chapter also had a total of 7 students submitting proficiencies.

Proficiencies are based on the student's SAE they work on and fill out in AET through the year. This includes hours, descriptions, photos, and money or paid income. Being in FFA and having an SAE to work on keeps you on track and gives you many skills. Such as time management, being able to manage your money and the paid income, and work ethic. Sometimes being caught up in life and you may get behind in your project and journal entries it is important to stay on top of your work and be responsible.

## Proficiencies Results:

Kammy Held-Gold 1- Goat Production

Carmen Malena- Gold 1- Ag Sales

Carter Brabec- Gold 2- Beef Production Placement

Brianne Kuhr- Gold 3- Beef Production Placement

Brianne Kuhr- Gold 2- Diversified Ag

Daphne Jedlicka- Silver- Sheep Production Entrepreneurship

Luke Eisenmann- Silver- Grain Production

Blake Loseke- Bronze- Beef Production Placement

## **Leigh Speech Team Community Night**

**Come see our students showcase  
their hard work this season.**

**6:00 PM - Tuesday, March 4th, 2025  
at Leigh High School**

**No admission  
Please use the Activities Entrance**

# Counselor's Notes

## Upcoming Assessments and College Preparations

Our students have been hard at work completing the second round of MAP (Measures of Academic Performance) testing, which included 2nd through 6th grade students, as well as our junior high and high school students.

Up next, our junior class will take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) assessment on the morning of March 12th.

The juniors have been busy preparing with ACT John Baylor test prep for the ACT the morning of March 26th. Additionally, sophomores will take the PreACT on the morning of March 21st. We encourage all students to approach these assessments with confidence and put forth their best effort!

In April, students in grades 3-8 will participate in the NSCAS Growth assessments.

## Seniors: Preparing for the Future

Seniors are diligently working on their college and local scholarship applications, with local scholarships due March 15th via AppCentri. A reminder to parents that completing the FAFSA is a Nebraska graduation requirement. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Gall for assistance.

As always, we appreciate your support in helping our students succeed!

## Quiz Bowl and Academic Competition Update

Our Quiz Bowl team, featuring Brayden Loseke, Luke Eisenmann, Brienne Kuhr, and Liz Hoffman, has been actively competing in the KTCH Radio Quiz Bowl. They demonstrated impressive knowledge and teamwork, finishing in third place after their final match against Randolph on Monday, February 24th. Congratulations to them on a great performance!

The team will be back in action on March 31st in Clarkson for the EHC Quiz Bowl tournament and again on April 9th at Northeast Community College. In addition, our students will attend Northeast Academic Day on March 19th, providing another excellent opportunity to showcase their academic strengths.

We are proud of our students' dedication and achievements—best of luck in their upcoming competitions!

# Leigh Community Schools

<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">March</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2025</span>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">BBB District Finals</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">JH Dance - Leigh Elementary Gym. 7:00-9:00 p.m.</div>
2	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Start of Spring Practices</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Pat Pd - WSC Rep Visit</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">LEAP after school</div>	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">FFA- District CDE's - Pt 2 @ CCC</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Speech - Community Night - 6:00 p.m.</div>	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">FFA Meeting</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Girls Basketball Championships in Lincoln (Classes A-C1-D1)</div>	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">NO SCHOOL</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Teacher Work Day</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Girls Basketball Championships in Lincoln (Classes B-C2-D2)</div>	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">NO SCHOOL</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Girls Basketball Championships in Lincoln - All Classes</div>	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">State Girls Basketball Championship Finals in Lincoln - All Classes</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Little Pats Wrestling Tournament in Leigh 9am</div>
9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Daylight Savings Time Begins</div>	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">NO SCHOOL</div>	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Dance Team Tryout Practice</div>	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Dance Team Tryout Practice</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">ASVAB Testing - Juniors - 8:15 a.m.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Boys Basketball Championships in Lincoln (Classes A-C1-D1)</div>	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Dance Team Tryout Practice</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Boys Basketball Championships in Lincoln (Classes B-C2-D2)</div>	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">End of 3rd Quarter</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Dance Team Tryouts</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Boys Basketball Championships in Lincoln - All Classes</div>	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Boys Basketball Championship Finals in Lincoln - All Classes</div>
16	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">FCCLA Chapter Meeting - 6:00 p.m.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">6:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting</div>	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">District Speech @ High Plains</div>	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">NECC Scholastic Contest</div>	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Spring Athletic pictures - 2:30 p.m.</div>	21 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Pre ACT - Sophomores</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Reality 101 - 6th-8th Grades @ Lindsay Academy - 1:15 p.m.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Alumni VB and BB</div>	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Alumni VB and BB</div>
23	24	25	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">State Speech @ Kearney (Classes A &amp; B)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">ACT 8 a.m-12 p.m. - Juniors</div>	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Speech @ Kearney (Classes C1 &amp; C2)</div>	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">State Speech @ Kearney (Classes D1 &amp; D2)</div>	29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">FCCLA -Take &amp; Bake Cooking Day</div>
30	31 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Boys Golf @ West Point/Beemer Invite (Indian Hills) 10:00 a.m.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">EHC Quiz Bowl @ Clarkson</div>	1	2	3	4	5

# MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 BR: Cereal Bar, Cereal L: Chicken Patty, Bun, Tri Tater, Peas & Carrots, Applesauce	4 BR: Eggo Pancakes L: Meatball Sub, Sun Chips, Mixed Veggies, Peas	5 BR: PB&J L: Garlic Cheese Bread, Potato Wedges, Corn, Mand. Oranges	6 NO SCHOOL	7 NO SCHOOL	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL	11 BR: Smore Bar L: Hot Dog, Spud Bites, Baked Beans, Tropical Fruit	12 BR: Mini Donuts L: Nachos, Refried Beans, Breadstick, Mixed Fruit	13 BR: Tornado L: Popcorn Chicken, (H/S Bun), Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Fresh Oranges	14 BR: Poptart, Cereal L: French Toast, Hash Brown, Juice, Yogurt, Sausage	15
16	17 BR: Poptart, Cereal L: Hot Ham & Cheese, Sweet Potato Fries, Green Beans, Hot Apples	18 BR: Pancake-Sausage Sandwich L: Taco, Refried Beans, Tri Tater, Pineapple	19 BR: Churro L: Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Fruit Cup	20 BR: Bagel Breakfast Pizza L: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Chips, Baked Beans, Peaches	21 BR: Frudel L: Cheese Ravioli, Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Peas	22
23	24 BR: Rice Krispie Bar, Cereal L: Pulled Chicken, Bun, Tri Tater, Corn, Tropical Fruit	25 BR: Combo Breakfast Sandwich L: Pancake, Sausage, Hash Brown, Juice	26 BR: Muffin, Cereal L: Hoagie, Chips, Carrots, Applesauce	27 BR: PB&J L: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Peas	28 BR: Yogurt, Bun L: Cheese Pizza, Lettuce, Broccoli, Mand. Oranges	29
30	31 BR: Bagel Bites L: Corn Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Mixed Veggies, Peaches			Milk is included with all menus	All Breakfasts include fruit or juice	



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## From the Principal's Desk:



Congratulations to Levi Gall on his first place finish at the NSAA wrestling tournament last weekend in Omaha. Levi finished his junior year with a 49-3 record as the Class D 285# State Champion. A lot of hard work was put in for the past few months and paid off with a gold medal. Levi was the first Patriot gold medalist in Patriot history. What a huge accomplishment for Levi and the Patriot program. The boys and girls basketball teams ended their seasons in sub-district play the past couple weeks. Track and golf season is upon us and spring practices are set to begin on March 3rd. Speech season is in full swing and the conference speech meet was held in Clarkson this past Wednesday. Check the Leigh Community Schools website for the results. Quiz Bowl received third place in the radio quiz bowl challenge. There are a lot of great things happening at Leigh Community Schools. Please follow the FaceBook page to get all the

upcoming events and what is happening within the school on a daily basis. The 4th quarter is quickly approaching. We are currently finishing up with MAP testing and NCAS tests will take place in the middle of April. We take great pride in our test scores and it reflects the great education that is provided here at Leigh Community Schools.

Students of the Month - Lexis Gleason (junior), Karly Wendt (junior), Grant Zabka (7th grade)