

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 467
WICHITA COUNTY
LEOTI, KANSAS

Meeting Time and Place

1. The Board of Education of Unified School District #467, Wichita County, Kansas met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 11, 2020 in Leoti.

People Present

2. Members present were: Brian Gerstberger, Jason Koehn, Jim Myers, Tammy Simons, Ann Wiles, Josh Young, and Brandon Whalen.

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Acting Clerk, Beverly Higgins; WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell; (via zoom) WCJH AD, Brant Douglas; Director of Buildings & Grounds/Transportation, Ed Simon; and Guests: (via zoom) Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Brandy Marcy, JoAnn Seaton, Nikki Bjurstrom, Jenny Long, and Haydon Parks.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, he recognized the retiring staff members and the staff with their years of service. Brandon Whalen moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda with the addition of item F, Accepting a donation in the amount of \$510.00 from the Wichita County Community Foundation to Joann Fund for student dental health, and item G, Appointing Beverly Higgins as Acting Clerk, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the April 13 regular meeting.
 - C. Payments of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Accept a resignations of Doug, Dixie, and Trenton Weilert as High School Girls Basketball coaches.
 2. Approve offering a contract to Candice Cooper for WCES accounting secretary for the 2020-2021 school year.
 3. Offer a contract to Wesley Cooper for WCES PE teacher for the 2020-21 school year.
 - E. Accept a check in the amount of \$116.10 from Box Tops for WCES.

F. Accepting a donation in the amount of \$510.00 from the Wichita County Community Foundation to Joann Fund for student dental health.

G. Appointing Beverly Higgins as Acting Clerk.
Motion passed 7-0.

Grow & Learn Childcare Center Inc.

4. Tammy Simons, representing G & L, discussed changes to the lease agreement to accurately reflect the agreement between G & L and USD 467. MOU's will be discussed and written. There was also discussion on parking, the tiered plan for USD 467 staff to have priority care spaces for their children, and food service for the daycare.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

5. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt was ill, so a prepared update on the end of school procedures at the Jr./Sr. High school was presented.

WCES Principal's Report

6. WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell, presented updates on the elementary school. Continuous Learning is still going on through on-line learning. Some teachers are working with students in a small group or one-on-one setting. About eight students are being served in an in-person setting. End of Year Class Picnics are being planned if Phase 2 is implemented allowing 30 or fewer people to gather after May 18th. If Phase 1 is continued, picnics will not occur. Sixth grade will tour the JSHS to help them transition to 7th grade. They are touring in groups of less than ten. Ms. Maxwell finished her ESOL class on Friday, May 8th and will take the Praxis on July 2nd. Dyslexia Training is May 14th with Cindy Hadicke through Zoom. She will attend this. AIM Virtual Tour is Friday, May 15th at 1:00 PM. The Board is invited. If ELA materials arrive, a webinar will be held to review materials for Wonders and StudySync on May 20th. If materials are not received by that date, the training will be postponed.

Superintendent's Report

7. Superintendent, Keith Higgins, presented updates for the district. The current budget is at about 24% for the school year. The utilities budget was presented and he said that we have spent approximately \$20,000 less so far this year compared to last year. He also informed the board that Christine Baber had been contacted about

Driver's Education which will probably not happen until July. Information on foodservice, fuel, and utilities comparing expenditures before spring break and after was discussed.

2020 Graduation options

8. With the governor's latest executive order that specifically says no graduation ceremonies are to take place in Phase 1, WCJSHS is still without a graduation plan. It will be discussed again at the June 8th, 2020, meeting.

Food service discussion

9. Currently the district is obligated to serve lunch to May 21st, the official last day of school. Discussion was the concern that participation would drop off at that point so by board consensus there would be no meals served the week of May 25th, serve the week of June 1st, then decide at the June 8th meeting to either stop serving or continue through the month of June which would complete our current agreement.

Building project timeline

10. The proposed new projects were discussed. Mr. Higgins reported that he has been in contact with GMNC Architects about a bidding timeline but has not heard back.

2020-2021 Sports Medicine

11. Mr. Higgins presented the proposed contract with Sports Medicine Services with St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City, in the amount of \$3,600.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. Brian Gerstberger moved and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the contract. Motion passed 7-0.

2020-2021 WCES Student Handbook, Staff Handbook, WCJSHS Student Handbook, WCJSHS Staff handbook and Classified Handbook approval

12. There was no discussion on the handbooks. Josh Young moved and Jason Koehn seconded to approve all student and staff handbooks. Motion passed 7-0

Executive Session for Personnel

13. Brian Gerstberger moved and Tammy Simons seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins, Ms. Maxwell, and Brant Douglas present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting non-elected certified and classified staff pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The matters affecting the non-elected certified and classified staff members is their performance and

employment. The Board will return to open session in the district board room at 9:19 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Rehire certified staff

14. The meeting resumed at 9:19 pm. Ann Wiles moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve hiring all certified staff who have not already resigned for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed 6-1, Jim Myers voted no.

Executive Session for Negotiations

15. Tammy Simons moved and Josh Young seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins, Ms. Maxwell, and Brant Douglas present to discuss negotiations. The Board will return to open session in the district board room at 9:36 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

16. The meeting resumed at 9:36 p.m., with no action taken.

Adjournment

17. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Bev Higgins, Acting Board Clerk