

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, February 14, 2022 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Julee Beedy, Brian Gerstberger, Jesse Harbrige, Jason Koehn, Jim Myers, Josh Young, and Ann Wiles.

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Brant Douglas; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; and Guests: Leslie Niswonger, Melissa Reed, Sara Brown, and Nate Brown.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board congratulated the WCHS Scholars' Bowl team and sponsor, Joy Brown, on competing at State Scholars' Bowl. Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
 - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Approval of the minutes for January 10, 2022.
 - C. Approval of bills and payroll.
 - D. Approve the hiring of Martha Chavolla as a cook.
 - E. Approve contracts for Spring coaches as presented:
 - 1) High School Track: Janee Porter, Head Coach; Allen Baker, Assistant Coach; Shad Mehl, Assistant Coach.
 - 2) High School Golf: Nate Brown, Head Coach.
 - 3) Junior High Track: Wesley Cooper, Head Coach; Layton Tankersley, Assistant Coach; Judith Lemus, Assistant Coach.
 - F. Disposal of surplus athletic items as presented by Haydon Parks.
 - G. Disposal of surplus ink cartridges as presented by Kasper Lechtenberg.
 - H. Disposal of surplus items from maintenance barn as presented by Buck Bishop.

I. Gifts and Grants

- 1) Accept a donation from TRIBE for \$200 for Pep Band Food Vouchers.

Motion passed 7-0.

ESSER III-Proposed HVAC Upgrade

4. Superintendent Maxwell presented the proposed HVAC Upgrade. ESSER III funds for covid relief in the amount of \$586,184 are available to the district. The district has proposed using most of the funds to pay for HVAC upgrades to the Wichita County Elementary School and possibly Wichita County High School to improve indoor air quality. The proposals from GMCN Architects are to upgrade the elementary school classroom dome, elementary school cafeteria dome, or high school weight room dome.

5. Josh Young motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to enter into a contract with GMCN Architects to upgrade the proposed elementary school classroom dome and high school weight room dome. Motion passed 7-0.

Capital Improvements

6. Superintendent Maxwell presented the proposed capital project of a restroom remodel. KASB recommends making all renovations ADA compliant. Three options for the men's restroom were presented for Board consideration. Discussion was held.

7. The Board suggested adding signage to the JSHS lobby to better indicate the ADA compliant restrooms just north of the lobby bathrooms.

8. The Board discussed adding sidewalks to the west side of the JSHS with the remaining funds from the school improvement project instead of renovating the restrooms as previously discussed.

Data Analysis for FastBridge and iReady

9. Superintendent Maxwell shared a comparison of fall to winter scores in reading and math based on the data analysis from FastBridge and iReady.

10. Principals and ELA team members, Leslie Niswonger and Melissa Reed, shared detailed data

for their respective buildings. Melissa Reed and Leslie Niswonger left the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

A & P Field Trip to Colorado

11. Stephanie T-West requested approval to take eight A & P students to Colorado on May 8th & 9th. Sara Brown would go on the trip to help with supervision.
12. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the A & P field trip to Colorado on May 8th & 9th. Motion passed 7-0.

Cell Phone Policy at WCJSHS

13. The current cell phone policy at WCJSHS was not discussed.

WCES Principal's Report

14. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, presented updates on the grade school as follows:
 - A. The Spelling Bee was held on February 1st. Fifth grader, Jacob Cach-Amaro is the Spelling Bee Champion. Seventh grader, Jacob Rempel is the runner up.
 - B. The 100th day of school was celebrated in classrooms.
 - C. The iReady results show that most students have had an overall improvement from the fall.
 - D. Staff will go over three math curriculum options during professional development and decide on a recommendation for the Board.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

15. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, presented updates on the junior-senior high school as follows:
 - A. The Scholars' Bowl team competed at State Scholars' Bowl on February 12th.
 - B. KELPA tests are in February and the Kansas State Assessments schedule is being organized.
 - C. Regional wrestling is February 18th and 19th in Norton. State wrestling is February 25th and 26th in Hays.
 - D. Substate basketball is February 28 through March 5th. State basketball is March 9th through March 12th.
 - E. Two motivational speakers presented to staff and students in the last month. KC Wolf and Gary Miracle. Both speakers were well received.

Superintendent's Report

16. Superintendent Maxwell presented updates in the district and buildings as follows:
- A. The Board is invited to attend the Youth Entrepreneurship Fair on March 3rd at the JSHS.
 - B. The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is interested in using the elementary school for a carnival fundraiser later in the year.
 - C. Grow & Learn is interested in having their internet routed through the school's system as it is the least evasive option.
 - D. The financial audit for 2020-2021 was reviewed by Superintendent Maxwell.
 - E. There is growing concern over the auditorium sound system. Kasper Lechtenberg and Tori Koehn are working together to obtain bids.
 - F. The principal evaluations by the superintendent are complete.
 - G. The teacher evaluations by the principals are almost completed.
 - H. The classified leave policy for snow days is that the days are currently non-paid days or an employee may use an unclassified day. It has been suggested to be allowed to use a previously earned sick day instead of an unclassified day.
 - I. The calendar committee is meeting on February 15th at 4:00 p.m.
 - J. The Board will meet with Gary Sechrist from KASB for training on February 16th at 6:00 p.m.
 - K. The district is still waiting for bids to repair the fence that was damaged in the December 2021 wind storm.
 - L. Proposals have been received for refinishing the gym floors.

Executive Session for Personnel

17. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Schmidt 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 board room at 9:50 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

18. The Board returned to open session at 9:50 p.m. Josh Young motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve reassigning Elaine Anthony to the Math Teacher position at WCJSHS for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for
Negotiations

19. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Schmidt present to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The Board will return to open session in the board room at 10:02 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Nate Brown and Sara Brown left the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

20. The Board returned to open session at 10:02 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

21. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk