

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 467  
WICHITA COUNTY  
LEOTI, KANSAS

Meeting Time and Place

A. The Board of Education of Unified School District #467, Wichita County, Kansas met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2022 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

B. Members present were: Julee Beedy, Jesse Harbrige, 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: Matt Long, Sara Brown, Haydon Parks, Melissa Reed, Leslie Niswonger, Kevin Alm, Rachel Wiggs, Andrea Bauck, and Stephanie Thelen-West.

Approved Consent Agenda

- C. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Jim Myers commented on the quality of the music programs and congratulated the Powerlifting State Champions. Josh Young motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the consent agenda, with the addition of discussing the WCHS Volleyball Assistant Coach resignation, consisting of:
- A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for April 11, 2022.
  - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
  - D. Accept the resignation of Kevin Alm as Ag Teacher and FFA Sponsor effective June 30, 2022.
  - E. Approve the hiring of Bryer Porter as assistant JH wrestling coach for the 2022-23 school year.
  - F. Approve the hiring of Stephanie Thelen-West as Student Council sponsor for the 2022-23 school year.
  - G. Approve the hiring of Misty Gardner and Tracey Baker for summer school.
  - H. Gifts and Grants
    - 1) Accept a donation of \$994.61 from Tribe for entryway rugs at WCJSHS.
    - 2) Accept a donation of \$2,699 from Tribe for the NOAH Analytics.

Motion passed 5-0.

Knights of Columbus

D. On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 2930, Matt Long presented a check for \$3,199.50 from money raised by selling tootsie rolls. The money is donated to the Wichita County Schools Special Education Department. Matt Long left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Athletic Director Updates

E. Haydon Parks, WCHS Athletic Director, presented the following information:

1. KSHSAA is hosting a coaching clinic for all coaches in Topeka on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at a cost of \$90 per coach, hotel, and transportation. The Board agreed to allow coaches to attend.
2. The WCHS Cheerleading Coach is requesting an assistant coach due to the length of the season, back to school dance sponsorship, Veteran's Night routine, competitions, early morning practices to accommodate other sports practices, cheer camp, and 12 cheerleaders for both football and basketball.
3. The WCHS Golf coach is requesting an assistant coach or person to assist part time due to the amount of varsity and junior varsity meets during the golf season.
4. The athletic department is asking the district to pay for at half of HUDL cost and will ask the Tribe to cover the other half of HUDL which coaches and athletes utilize to track individual and team information during games and practices. The cost is \$8,000 per year with a three year contract. The Board agreed to pay half.

MTSS Tier 2

F. Leslie Niswonger and Melissa Reed presented the Multi-Tiered System of Supports information. Tier 1 is universal instruction and interventions, Tier 2 is targeted group interventions, and Tier 3 is intensive and individual interventions. Mrs. Niswonger and Mrs. Reed explained the reading screeners and intervention process. Discussion was held. Brian Gerstberger entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

JSHS Sound System Quotes

G. Sealed bids for a JSHS sound system were advertised in the official school newspaper, Wichita County Native Sun, for three weeks. One bid was submitted. JR Audio bid \$26,622. Julee Beedy motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the bid from JR Audio for \$26,622 for a new JSHS sound system. Motion passed 6-0.

Greenhouse Bids

H. Superintendent Maxwell presented three quotes to replace the greenhouse that was destroyed in the wind storm on December 15, 2021. The quotes are as follows:  
1. Grower’s Solution-\$14,290.29  
2. Greenhouse Megastore-\$15,794.77  
3. American Plant Products-\$35,528.12  
The Board will wait until a new Agriculture teacher has been hired to gain their input into the project before proceeding with rebuilding the greenhouse.

Building and Vehicle Insurance Claim Updates

I. Superintendent Maxwell presented a comprehensive list of the vehicles that were damaged during the hail storm on April 22, 2022. The preliminary cost of damage according to EMC Insurance is \$54,482.77 on 15 vehicles/buses. The deductible for the district is \$1,000. The district is currently working on replacing the broken windows and getting estimates on body damage.

iReady Quote for Tier 2 Interventions

J. Superintendent Maxwell presented the iReady quote for Tier 2 intervention at a cost of \$29,268 for a six year contract or \$4,878 per year. This will allow 60 seats for reading in the Jr./Sr. High school and 60 seats for math for the elementary school. Discussion was held. Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the iReady Quote for Tier 2 Interventions of \$29,268 for a six year contract or \$4,878 per year with the option to purchase more seats for student intervention if needed. Motion passed 6-0. Leslie Niswonger and Melissa Reed left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Elevate K-12 Curriculum for Science

K. Superintendent Maxwell presented information on Tier I live streaming online instruction, Elevate K-12. Elevate K-12 would be an option for next year if the district is unable to fill the Wichita County Junior High Science teacher position. The program allows

for a live streaming instructor for classes with the need for an in person class proctor. Monday through Friday instruction would cost \$13,000 per class, per year. This would cost the district \$65,000 per year, plus the additional cost of an in person class proctor. Discussion was held.

#### WCES Principal's Report

- L. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, presented updates on the grade school as follows:
1. Several field trips have taken place and more are planned as the school year comes to a close.
  2. Western State Bank sponsored Math Facts Sundae's last Friday for students that mastered their division facts.
  3. As Fastbridge, iReady, and state testing come to a close, Mr. Douglas is comparing the data to see the alignment of the programs and student growth over the year.
  4. There are currently 13 students signed up for summer school.
  5. The spring concert and 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will be next Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
  6. Fifth grade will be hosting their Wax Museum on Friday from 1:45 to 3:00 p.m.
  7. The preschool program will be at 10:00 a.m. on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  8. Field day for students grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will be on the last day of school. They will eat lunch at the football field and have sno-cones at 11:30 a.m.
  9. Kindergarten graduation will be at 10:00 a.m. on the last day of school.

#### WCJSHS Principal's Report

- M. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, presented updates on the junior-senior high school as follows:
1. Spring music concerts were held; the JH was April 26 and the HS spring music concert was held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Art and Industrial Arts show was that same night.
  2. Graduation is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.
  3. Regional golf is Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Atwood.
  4. Regional track is Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Colby.
  5. The athletic banquet is on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.
  6. Finals are May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Superintendent's Report

- N. Superintendent Maxwell presented updates in the district and buildings as follows:
1. Grow and Learn has the following priority tiers:
    - a. District Certified Staff
    - b. High Plains Certified Staff
    - c. District Classified Staff
    - d. High Plains Classified StaffSuperintendent Maxwell asked if Board members wanted to be included in the tiers. The Board declined to be included as they are not employees and did not want to take a slot that would be available to employees.
  2. Staff Appreciation end of year lunch is May 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. The district will honor those retiring from the district and years of service.
  3. This year, USD 467 partnered with Security State Bank to honor a teacher of the year from each of the two buildings – Wichita County Junior Senior High School and Wichita County Elementary School. Security State Bank honored the selected teachers with a \$250 check. Teachers were asked to nominate a candidate from the teachers in their building, and after nominations were made, a ballot was created and teachers voted. Mrs. Bridgette Carpenter was chosen from the elementary school and Mrs. Julie Conard was chosen from the Jr./Sr. High school.
  4. A parent voiced concern over the current bus policy that does not allow for transporting students that live less than 2 ½ miles from the school. Superintendent Maxwell explained this is a state policy that does not allow for transportation if the student is less than 2 ½ miles from the school.

## Executive Session for Personnel

- O. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Douglas present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The matter 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 9:31 p.m. Motion carried 6-0. Stephanie Thelen-West and Kevin Alm left the meeting.

P. The Board returned to open session at 9:31 p.m. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve rehire of the teacher contracts for 2022-2023 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Q. Jim Myers motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the stipend for food service employees as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

R. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve hiring Sandy Hanson as a Wichita County Elementary School teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

S. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the resignation of Ashley Geyer as the high school assistant volleyball coach. Motion passed 4-2 with Jim Myers and Julee Beedy voting no. The Board took a break before proceeding. Andrea Bauck and Rachel Wiggs left the meeting.

Executive Session for  
Negotiations

T. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles 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 10:23 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. Sara Brown left the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

U. The Board returned to open session at 10:23 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

V. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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