

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 8, 2023 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Brant Douglas; Director of Maintenance/Transportation, Buck Bishop; and Guests: Sara Brown, Tara Biermann, Haydon Parks, Denise Gerstberger, Garrett Morefield, Brantley Berning, Aryana Barrera, Emily Geyer, Hudson Wishon, Johny Martinez, and family members of the students.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the consent agenda with personnel addition of accepting a resignation from Kelyn Kiser for Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach and E-Rate contract possible approval, consisting of:
  - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the April 10, 2023 meeting.
  - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
  - D. Approve the disposition of 26 banners which will be replaced by TRIBE.
  - E. Personnel
    1. Accept the resignation of Tyrell Reynolds as the ag teacher effective the end of the 2022-23 school year.
    2. Accept the resignation of Leslie Niswonger as the PDC representative for the JSBS effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.
    3. Accept the resignation of Joy Brown as the HS Scholars' Bowl sponsor at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

4. Accept the resignation of Sara Brown as the HS Girls' Volleyball Head Coach at the end of the 2022-23 school year.
5. Approve movement on salary schedule for Sara Brown from Column VI to Column VIII.
6. Approve movement on salary schedule for Stacy Porter from Column I to Column III.
7. Approve the summer weights supplemental as follows: Full-time; Brant Douglas, Bryce Nickelson and Kayde Reitzke and half time: Ashley Geyer, Phillip Weilert, and Wesley Cooper.
8. Accept the resignation of Kelyn Kiser as the HS Girl's Basketball Assistant Coach at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

F. Gifts and Grants

1. Accept a donation of \$697 from Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc. for JSHS Scholars' Bowl.
2. Accept a donation of \$6,000 from the Finnup Foundation Trust for the Grade School Art Teacher.
3. Accept donations for Reality U as follows: Berta Binns \$250; Jones Construction \$300; Liz Kopfmann \$200; AgPro Inc \$200; Wichita County Eco Devo \$500; Wichita County Outdoorsmen \$500; Security State Bank \$500; KT Tire & Repair \$350; Western Hardware \$200; Western State Bank \$500; Out West Insurance \$100; American Implement \$250; Leoti Foods \$100; Thrift Shoppe \$500; Great Plains Family Dentistry \$50.

Motion passed 6-0.

Kindergarten Students  
Presentation

4. Denise Gerstberger's kindergarten students shared books with Board members. Garrett Morefield, Brantley Berning, Aryana Barrera, Emily Geyer, Hudson Wishon, and Johny Martinez read books to each member of the Board and the Superintendent. The Board thanked Mrs. Gerstberger and her students. Mrs. Gerstberger, students, and families left the meeting after their presentation.

TRANE Contract

5. The TRANE contract will automatically renew on June 1<sup>st</sup> unless it is cancelled by the district. Trane services the district buildings' HVAC systems. Discussion was held. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the TRANE Contract for the upcoming year.

Vehicle Purchases for 2023-24

6. The capital outlay plan has scheduled vehicle purchases for the upcoming summer and discussion to determine which vehicles will be purchased will help secure timely bids. Discussion was held. The Board gave permission to secure purchasing a small bus and an Expedition with pricing to be approved at a future meeting.

Handbook Approvals for the 2023-24 school year.

7. Student and staff handbooks were available for the Board to review. The proposed changes were presented with some corrections to be made. Discussion was held. The Board will approve the handbooks at the June meeting.

Grow & Learn Childcare Center

8. Grow and Learn Childcare Center is requesting the district pay for part of the tax exemption process costs of \$5,937.40 due to the work involved in the ownership transfer. Discussion was held.

E-Rate Contract

9. Superintendent Maxwell presented the E-Rate contract for the upcoming year. The goal of the E-Rate program is to make high speed internet and telecommunication services affordable for eligible schools by providing discounts based on need and the category of service. Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the E-Rate Contract. Motion passed 6-0.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

10. Brant Douglas, presented the following updates for WCJSHS:
  - A. State testing, I-Ready, and Fastbridge testing are completed.
  - B. The FAFSA has been completed by 85% of the senior class.
  - C. The high school would like to implement the Rubin program, an employability skills online platform that will be available during seminar class to help students become career ready.

- D. Baccalaureate is at 7 p.m. on May 10<sup>th</sup> and Graduation at 2:30 p.m. on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- E. High school awards is at 2:00 p.m. on May 10<sup>th</sup> and Junior High awards is at 2:15 p.m. on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Regional and State Golf and Track will be in the next few weeks.

WCES Principal's Report

11. Lori Maxwell, presented the following updates for WCES:
- A. State assessments and Fastbridge testing are almost complete.
  - B. Dawn McKinney is subbing for Haylie Douglas for the remainder of the year while she is on maternity leave.
  - C. Upcoming events are Math Fact Sundaes on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the AR BBQ on May 12<sup>th</sup>, Field day for all students on May 18<sup>th</sup> with snow cones, Fourth through sixth grades are having color wars, and spring concert and sixth grade promotion on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - D. I have been doing "Popcorn With The Principal" with students for character recognition.
  - E. Eureka Math training is on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for K-5 in person and 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> virtual.

Superintendent's Report

12. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
- A. The K-96 project is continuing and being handled to the best of our ability in regards to drop off and picking up students.
  - B. The Curriculum Leadership Institute Coaching contract to guide Ms. Maxwell and Mr. Douglas is \$6,000 per year or for the full service of \$23,500 per year. Ms. Maxwell is recommending the \$6,000.
  - C. The plaza roof is being replaced. The Board of Education's portion is \$4,537.00 with work to begin soon.
  - D. The \$250,000 CD at Security State Bank matured on May 3, 2023.
  - E. End of Year Staff Celebration is on May 19, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.
  - F. There are four candidate positions open for the Board of Education.

Executive Session for  
Personnel

13. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Parks present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting 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 8:35 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. Buck Bishop left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

14. The Board returned to open session at 8:35 p.m. No action was taken.

15. Haydon Parks gave the following athletic updates:

- A. BSN uniforms will have a sideline store available year round to order uniforms.
  - B. The new calendar system is active, R School Today. It is available for up to date event information.
  - C. KSHSSA Coaching School is July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. He asked permission to send coaches that are interested again this year. The Board agreed.
  - D. Gym Banners- The TRIBE Booster Club is purchasing new banners for the gym to highlight student accomplishments.
- Mr. Parks left the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Executive Session for  
Personnel

16. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell and Mr. Douglas present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting 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 9:51 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

17. The meeting returned to open session at 9:51 p.m. Julee Beedy motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve hiring Chris Baber to teacher driver's education this summer at the pay rate presented. Motion passed 6-0.

18. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve hiring Hallie Wettstein for the Ag teacher position for 2023-2024. Motion passed 6-0.
19. Jim Myers motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve renewal of certified staff except for Sara Brown and Melissa Reed. Motion passed 5-1 with Brian Gerstberger voting no.
20. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve renewal of contract with Sara Brown for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 4-2 with Jim Myers and Josh Young voting no.
21. Jim Myers asked if anyone would like to motion to renew the contract of Melissa Reed. No motion was made.
22. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve hiring a second ESL teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 6-0.
23. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to enter into executive session 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 10:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
24. The meeting returned to open session at 10:00 p.m. No action was taken. A special Board meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. at the Board of Education office.
25. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Executive Session for  
Negotiations

Adjournment

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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