

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, November 11, 2019 in Leoti.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, Brant Douglas, Ann Wiles, Kris Casper, Misty Gardner, Zane Gerstberger, Camryn Biermann, Tara Biermann, Madison Ames, Madison Wiggs, Jax Berry, Jaxton Fritzmeier, Olivia Wedel, Katelyn Price, Breanne Ricke, Sophia Wedel, Taylor Beedy, Katelyn Thurman, Laney Biel, Zim Clark, Jentri Porter, Marcy Baker, Evelyn Thurman, Beau Porter, Quentin Koehn, Shelly Graff, April Hernandez, Chris Hernandez, Elida Hernandez, Geoffrey Blumenthal, Violet Vestal, Matt Comfort, Sarah Comfort, Camilla Vazquez, Cynthia Mendoza, Julianne Tarengo, Vincent Comfort, Arleen Lopez, Zulay Ramirez, and Destiny Johnson.

Approved Consent Agenda

1. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Brian Gerstberger motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes of the October 14, 2019 meeting.
 - C. Payments of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions: None.
 - E. Accept a donation of \$14,100.00 from an anonymous donor to the district for the Templer Field Stadium improvements.
 - F. Accept a donation of \$1,871.50 from Zoetis Industry Support Program to the FFA program.

- G. Accept donations totaling \$2,243.00 to the WCES Book Fair fund to Put a Book in Every Child's Hand.
- H. Accept a donation of \$165.00 from Golden Grains Insurance Agency, LLC, to WCJSHS Athletics for popcorn at homecoming.
- I. Accept a donation of \$10.00 from Ashlyn Parks, to WCJSHS Athletics.
- J. Accept a donation of \$75.00 from Myers AG, Inc., to WCJSHS Athletics.
- K. Accept a donation of \$1,573.00 from Security State Bank, to WCJSHS Athletics from the tailgate at homecoming.
- L. Accept a donation of \$2,233.00 from DCCCA, Inc., to KAYS for SAFE speaker.
- M. Accept a donation of \$1,000.00 from Wichita County Economic Development, Inc., to WCJSHS Career Day for Reality U Company.
- N. Accept a donation of \$50.00 from Bruce and Sheri Loy, to WCHS Pep Club for WCES students' face painting.
- O. Accept a donation of \$200.00 from Security State Bank , to WCHS Athletics for football sideline jackets.
- P. Accept a donation of pork patties from Seaboard Foods for the Sophomore Class football tailgate.
- Q. Accept a donation of \$648.87 from the Tribe Booster Club, to WCHS Athletics for pep club sponsorship and JH football armbands.
- R. Accept a donation of \$567.92 from the Tribe Booster Club, to WCHS Athletics for wrestling iPads and cases.
- S. Accept a donation of \$1,200.00 from Seaboard Foods, LLC, to WCJSHS Athletics from a football gate.
- T. Accept a donation of \$200.00 from Security State Bank, to WCJSHS Career Day, for Reality U Company.

Motion passed 7-0.

Veteran's Day Choir

- 2. Misty Gardner's students of the Veteran's Day Choir, performed two songs for the Board that they had performed at that morning's Veteran's Day celebration honoring Veterans. The students were from various grades had practiced for several weeks in the mornings to be able to perform for the

Veterans on November 11th at WCES. The Board thanked Mrs. Gardner and the students for their time and dedication. Mrs. Gardner, students, and parents left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Parent Group

3. Matt Comfort, representing several families, spoke to the Board about their concerns in the school district. Jim Myers thanked Matt and the group for speaking to the Board and said the matters would be further discussed. The group left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Executive Session for Personnel

4. Tammy Simons motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins 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 7:32 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. The regular meeting resumed at 7:32 p.m., no action was taken.

Executive Session for Personnel

5. Farrin Watt motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Maxwell, and Mr. 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 8:13 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. The regular meeting resumed at 8:13 p.m., no action was taken.

Exploratory Committee to Relocate District Office

6. Discussion was held on forming an exploratory committee to evaluate the possibility of relocating the district office to one of the school buildings. The decision was made to table the discussion for another year or two. Jim Myers left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

WCES Principal's Report

7. Ms. Maxwell, WCES Principal, presented updates on the grade school. She presented the Parent/Teacher Conference attendance information.

The overall attendance in the building averaged to 95%. She has completed all of the teacher evaluations for the first semester. During the early release inservices on Wednesdays, her staff has completed the ELA read-through. They will now look at resources to support the curriculum and focus on some free on-line technology resources. She has contacted several textbook vendors that will be sending samples over the next couple of months. A recent survey was given to get feedback from staff on the early release. This information will be evaluated and adjust the inservices as needed. Today the Veteran's Day program took place and was well attended. The second grade math night is tomorrow night, the high school musical matinee will be this Thursday. Picture retakes will be on November 15th and the grade school winter program will be on December 5th at 7:00 p.m.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

8. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, presented updates on the Jr./Sr. high school. The KMEA Honor Choir/Band was in Dodge City on November 9th. The high school musical, Once Upon a Mattress, will be this week. November 18th is the first Junior High basketball game at home. There were 99 out of 168 students on the honor roll. The parent/teacher conferences had 89 out of 113 families represented. The FFA fruit/meat sale is underway and the calf fry will be on November 23rd. The high school Student Council and NHS held a breakfast for Veterans and their families this morning. Scholar's Bowl is November 19th at home and the Jr./Sr. high school will dismiss early to set up for the event. Chill Day will be on November 26th at the Jr./Sr. high school. All of the money raised will be donated to the Wichita County Food Bank.

Superintendent's Report

9. Mr. Higgins, Superintendent, gave an update on the district budget. There is currently 72% of the budget remaining. An update on the utility bills was presented. Workplace Wellness recently had Biometric screenings completed for staff members. There is also a "Turkey Trot" this month to encourage more steps for staff. Board members will have a buildings walk-through on November 19th to check on the current conditions of the schools and

work that has been completed thus far. They will then plan the next steps to proceed with the buildings updates.

Advisory Boards

10. HPEC-Farrin Watt-unable to attend meetings. WC Rec Board-Brian Gerstberger- rec basketball will be starting. PDC-Jason Koehn-unable to attend meetings. Administrators stated that they are just approving PDC points at this time of year, so no planning is taking place. NWKT-Josh Young-receives email updates, nothing to report. Economic Development-Tammy Simons- Nikki Bjurstrom and Darla Lewis have been hired as the new directors, the daycare committee is still working towards opening a daycare center in Leoti.

Mental Health Issues

11. The Board discussed their concern over the mental health issues of students and how to best address the situation. Sara Brown has spoken with Max Meschberger from Compass to schedule a community presentation in January on "Suicide: Helping families identify the sign and symptoms". The only date that will work for Mr. Meschberger and the school district is January 20th after the Junior High basketball game against Tribune. Tribune parents/students will also be welcomed to participate. The event will be held in the auditorium and is free to the public. Sara will advertise when everyone returns to school in January. Cindy Blasi, Julie Conard's sister, a social worker for USD 260, Derby, KS, speaker in trauma-informed practices for students may also be available to speak with students and the community at a later date.

Strategic Planning Committee

12. The KESA committee and community members recently met with Angela Lawrence. Approximately 23 people were in attendance. They will continue to meet several times January through March to work on the Strategic Planning for the district.

Declare a Financial Contingency

13. Brandon Whalen motioned and Josh Young seconded to declare a financial contingency to utilize funds from the contingency fund to help pay for the roofing project. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment

14. Brandon Whalen officially adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Brandon Whalen, Vice-President

Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board