

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, January 13, 2020 in Leoti.

People Present

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

Also present were: Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell; WCJH AD, Brant Douglas, Director of Buildings & Grounds/ Transportation, Ed Simon; and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, Farrin Watt, Lynda Goodrich, Johanna Ridder, and Yazmin Barrera.

Call to Order

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office

4. Lynda Goodrich, Wichita County Certified Clerk and Election Official, administered the oath of office to Ann Wiles, Jim Myers, Jason Koehn, and Brian Gerstberger. Mrs. Goodrich left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Organization of the Board

5. Brian Gerstberger nominated Jim Myers, seconded by Jason Koehn as President of the School Board. Motion passed 6-1 with Jim Myers abstaining.
6. Brian Gerstberger nominated Brandon Whalen, seconded by Tammy Simons as Vice-President of the School Board. Motion passed 6-1 with Brandon Whalen abstaining.

Election to Advisory Boards

7. Ann Wiles will replace Farrin Watt as the High Plains Educational Cooperative Board representative. Jim Myer is the first alternate and Brandon Whalen is the second alternate.
8. Brian Gerstberger is the Wichita County Recreation Board representative.
9. Jason Koehn is the USD 467 Professional Council Board representative.

10. Josh Young is the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board representative.
11. Tammy Simons is the Wichita County Economic Development Board representative and Jason Koehn is the alternate.
12. Brandon Whalen and Josh Young will represent the Board on the negotiations committee.
13. Jim Myers and Brian Gerstberger will serve on the calendar committee.

Approved Consent Agenda

14. Jim Myers thanked Mrs. Weilert and Mrs. Campas for all of the years they have taught and dedicated their time to the students of Wichita County and the Board wished them well with their retirement. Tammy Simons motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the consent agenda with new additions D3, J, K, and dollar amount change of item H, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes of the December 9, 2019 regular meeting.
 - C. Payments of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Accept Cecelia Weilert's resignation at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
 2. Accept Sheila Campas' resignation at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
 3. Accept Elodia Holguin's resignation.
 - E. Accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$150.00 to WCJSHS for the Mystery Literature class presentation.
 - F. Accept an anonymous donation of \$3,500.00 to WCJSHS for unpaid student fees.
 - G. Accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the WCJSHS Wrestling to help pay for a new set of practice mats.
 - H. Accept a donation from the Wendy Wilbur Memorial Fund for Athletics in the amount of \$535.00.
 - I. Accept a donation from K-T Tire in the amount of \$2,000.00 to WCJSHS FFA.
 - J. Accept an anonymous donation of \$500.00 to the WCJSHS Wrestling to help pay for a new set of practice mats.
 - K. Accept \$193.80 from BoxTops for WCES.Motion passed 7-0.

Farrin Watt

15. Farrin Watt thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the School Board. He especially thanked the administrators and staff for their dedication to the students. Mr. Watt left the meeting at 7:11p.m.

Student Presentation

16. Johanna Ridder and Yazmin Barrera presented their award winning Entrepreneurship Fair presentation. The proposed idea was COPT Center. A cancer, orthopedic, and physical therapy center. The students shared the proposed costs and benefits of their idea. The Board thanked the students for their presentation and hard work.

Director of Buildings and Grounds/Transportation Updates

17. Ed Simon, Director of Buildings and Grounds/Transportation updated the Board on the district projects. The sewage injector at the high school was installed and functioning by January 6th. The new water heaters at the high school have been installed. The elementary roof is mostly finished and approximately one third of the high school auditorium roof has been replaced. It will take about two weeks to complete if the weather is good. The gymnasium floors have been refinished. Several route buses need to be replaced as they have several miles on them and are needing repaired more often. Two washing machines may need replaced soon and two vacuums have quit working. Other items that may need replaced soon are the goal winches at the high school, tables and chairs for the high school lobby, several lunchroom tables in the cafeteria, and the cafeteria floor.

WCES Principal's Report

18. Ms. Maxwell, WCES Principal, presented updates on the grade school. During Wednesday in-services, the grade school will be reviewing webinars on January 15th, 29th, and February 5th with the three major textbook companies. ELA Resources are being reviewed at this time. They plan to have a proposal by the March Board meeting. The new website went live on Wednesday, January 8th. Ms. Maxwell is continuing to update and add resources. She is putting together a tutorial for district teachers to be able to implement their own pages on the website. Upcoming events are January 16th,

Preschool “P” Palooza and district KESA meeting and strategic planning committee will meet. January 22nd is OVT KESA Chair Training. February 3rd is the district Site Council meeting. February 4th is the Wichita County Spelling Bee at 1:30 p.m. February 6th is another KESA and Strategic Planning committee meeting. Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Myers, and Mrs. Wiles will attend the KASB Foundations of Boardmanship training in Garden City on February 8th.

WCJSHS Principal’s Report

19. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, was not present but did make available the updates on the WCJSHS. The first semester ended on December 20th and grades were completed Monday, January 6th. State assessments window opens March 16th. STUCO held a blood drive on January 8th. On Monday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m., WCJSHS is hosting a presentation on teen suicide prevention. Regional Scholars’ Bowl is February 6th at Wakeeney.

20. Mrs. Julie Conard presented information on the upcoming Career/College Day on February 27th. This year Reality U from Wichita will be there with booths set up to simulate real world situations for students. K-State Poly Tech will also be there with demonstrations. Jana’s Campaign, a national education and violence prevention organization will also be presenting. Additionally, the Highway Patrol will be presenting information on school safety for students. Colleges from all over will be in attendance as well. All students in 7th through 12th grades will participate in the day’s events.

Superintendent’s Report

21. Mr. Higgins, Superintendent, was not present but made available his report. We are half way through the school year and 58% of the budget is left. The district received Windfarm Tax money in lieu of taxes. The Windfarm signed a new ten year agreement with the annual payment now made in December. The Board of Education recognition is tomorrow, January 14th at the varsity boys’ halftime.

22. Josh Young motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to allow this year’s prom meal to take place at the Catholic Church parish due to the large

number of students, per the request of the prom sponsors and students. The prom will be held at the WCJSHS gym per usual. Motion carried 7-0.

23. Mr. Douglas, JH Athletic Director, shared on behalf of Mr. Parks, that some students may be interested in participating with Scott City's baseball program this school year in a possible baseball cooperative agreement between the schools. It is at no cost to the district and students/parents will be required to sign a waiver releasing Wichita County School District from any liabilities, etc. It is being proposed this evening at Scott City's school board meeting. Discussion will be held when there is more information presented to the Board.

24. A special board meeting will be held on January 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the district projects and open positions for the 2020-2021 school year.

Executive Session for
Personnel

25. Josh Young motioned and Tammy Simons seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell and Mr. Brant 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 8:55 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. Ed Simon, Julie Conard, Nate Brown, Sara Brown, and students left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:55 p.m., no action was taken.

Adjournment

26. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board