

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, June 8, 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: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; WCJH AD, Brant Douglas; Director of Buildings & Grounds/ Transportation, Ed Simon; and Guests: Sara Brown and Julie Conard.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, he thanked Jana Simon for her years of service in education to Wichita County schools and wished her well on her retirement. Jason Koehn motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda, with moving item D.3. to item 12. a., consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the May 11, 2020 meeting.
 - C. Payments of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Accept a resignation from Jacque Simon, WCES 4th grade teacher.
 2. Accept a resignation from Jana Simon, district Federal Funds and ESOL teacher.
 3. Accept a resignation from Delbert Schmidt as Junior High head boys' basketball coach.
 4. Approve offering a contract to Bryce Nickelson for head High School girls' basketball coach for the 2020-2021 school year.
 5. Approve Haydon Parks and Brant Douglas as summer weight room co-sponsors.
 - E. Accept a donation of \$3,603.11 from the Knights of Columbus Council 2930 from the Tootsie Roll program to the USD 467 Special Ed program.

Motion passed 7-0.

Graduation

4. Mrs. Julie Conard, senior class sponsor, would like the senior graduating class to have a commencement on June 20, 2020 in the WCJSHS gym at 10:00 a.m. The graduating class received diplomas and had a "Senior Cruise" on May 16th, but were unable to have a graduation ceremony due to the restrictions. The Board approved the request. Jim Myers and Josh Young will help with the ceremony.

Senior Requests

5. Sara Brown, District Counselor, wanted to make the Board aware that next year's Seniors will be missing more days than typical to have college visits due to the fact that they were unable to this school year. The Board approved.

WCES Principal's Report

6. WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell, presented updates on the elementary school. The English Language Arts resources arrived and training was held for WCES. All WCES teachers have their materials to review over the summer. Melissa Reed's teacher manuals are backordered until June 12th so her training will be scheduled once the manuals arrive. Ms. Maxwell is working on setting up the digital accounts. ASQ forms will be due August 10th. For those parents who need help with the ASQ, dates have been set for August 12th & 13th for preschool and kindergarten parents to come in for help through Misty Gardner, Denise Gerstberger, and Michelle Sheppard. Chromebooks and carts for WCES 2:1 initiative have been ordered for 4th through 6th grades. The current ones will come downstairs for those grades. ETS cancelled the ESOL Praxis test for July 2nd, so Ms. Maxwell is waiting for them to reschedule. The state will require six hours of Dyslexia training for all teachers in 2020-21. This will be done during early release. The New Superintendent's workshop is June 11th in Topeka. The Clerk and Superintendent's workshop is June 17th in Hays. Ms. Maxwell presented the State Assessment results for 2018-19.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

7. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, presented updates on the Jr./Sr. High school. Custodians are currently cleaning and getting the buildings ready for the next school year. There were 108 students on the 4th quarter honor roll. Mr. Parks and Mr. Douglas have had 90 to 95 students for summer weight lifting. Driver's education will begin on July 20th. Mr. Schmidt would like to have the student drug testing six times per school year with approximately fifteen students each time. Richard Falcon from Compass will be at the August inservice and invites the community for the "Trauma Informed" training. All of the chromebooks have been returned for this school year with minor issues.

Superintendent's Report

8. Superintendent, Keith Higgins, presented updates for the district. He is waiting for the final payment allocation from the state to finish out this budget year. The utilities have decreased significantly during the last few months with the buildings mostly closed. There was very little fuel purchased also, but the food service expenses increased significantly with the grab-n-go meals provided to the children in the community ages one through eighteen.
9. The technology policy is being updated with the Board approval to make it a \$30 fee per each student in the Jr./Sr. High school. Brandon Whalen motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the technology policy fee change. Motion passed 7-0.

Building Project

10. The architects have been in contact with Mr. Higgins and would like to set up a meeting with a couple of Board members, Ms. Maxwell, and Mr. Simon to discuss the next phase of the building projects. They will set up a meeting for next week to come up with a rough estimate to be approved at the July Board meeting, with the projects to be started in the summer of 2021.

Executive Session for Personnel

11. Tammy Simons motioned and Josh Young seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Simon, and Mrs. Mason 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 8:05 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

12. The meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m. No action was taken. Mr. Simons and Mrs. Conard left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Executive Session for
Personnel

13. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins and Ms. Maxwell 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 8:30 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

14. The meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m., no action was taken.

Executive Session for
Personnel

15. Tammy Simons motioned and Brandon Whalen 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 9:15 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

16. The meeting returned to open session at 9:15 p.m. Josh Young motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to rehire classified staff for the 2020-21 school year as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for
Negotiations

17. Brandon Whalen motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins, Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Douglas

present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The matters affecting negotiations are compensation and benefits for the 2020-2021 school year. The Board will return to open session in the district board room at 9:26 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

18. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to table discussion of item 12.a. until the July Board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

19. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk