

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, September 14, 2020 at the Wichita County Elementary computer lab in Leoti.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Brant Douglas; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; Director of Buildings & Grounds/ Transportation, Ed Simon; and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Leslie Niswonger, Julie Conard, Brandy Marcy, Stacey Seaton, JoAnne Seaton, Haydon Parks, Travis Geyer, Tara Biermann, Melissa Reed, Terrel Harrison, Nayely Moran, and Miranda Colbary.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, He thanked Dale Chidester for his more than twenty years of teaching in the Wichita County School district. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the consent agenda, with additions 4E, a donation of a balance beam to the grade school physical education class by an anonymous donor, a donation of \$265.00 to the Junior High volleyball program by an anonymous donor, and item 5C, Haydon Parks discussing the Hudl program for athletics and events, consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the August 10, August 17, and August 24, 2020 board meetings.
  - C. Payment of the bills.
  - D. Personnel Actions:
    1. Approve offering a contract to April Burns for WCJSHS library para.
    2. Accept the resignation of Dale Chidester from teaching history at the JSHS at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

- E. Donations:
  1. Accept a donation from the Wichita County Community Foundation for the following:
    - \$500 for the high school book club
    - \$2,588.15 projector for the English classroom
    - \$1,500 for the piano class
    - \$691.52 for clay and anatomy mannequins
    - \$700 for STUCO/NHS
    - \$575 for digital storytelling class
  2. Accept a donation from Meredith Farr for hand sanitizer, masks, and sanitizer wipes.
  3. Accept a donation from Green Plains for 11 2.5 gallons of hand sanitizer.
  4. Accept a donation from Western State Bank for 8 cases of disinfecting wipes (\$303.92).
  5. Accept a donation from Price Repair LLC for \$895.38 for wall mats in the wrestling room.
  6. Accept a donation from Western State Bank for \$1,294 from the football tailgate.
- F. Approve JSHS fundraisers for 2020-2021.
- G. Disposition of excess outdated technology devices as presented by Kasper Lechtenberg. Motion passed 7-0.

Yearbook

- 4. Nayely Moran from the Wichita County Junior Senior High School yearbook staff took a picture of the current Board members. Mrs. Niswonger and Nayely left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Project Learning

- 5. Melissa Reed, Junior High English teacher, presented information on project learning via the E-Mints grant. Student, Miranda Colbary, presented her passion project on Judicial Law. She incorporated the SmartBoard television that was provided with grant money. The Board thanked Mrs. Reed and Miranda for sharing. Mrs. Reed and Miranda left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Purchase of the HUDL program

- 6. Haydon Parks, high school athletic director, presented information on the HUDL program that the district currently utilizes. The HUDL program is offering a camera and more options to help coaches with statistics, etc. The program allows coaches, athletes, and others to watch practices and games. Tara Biermann, Tribe Booster Club, stated the booster club is willing to pay half of the cost this year

and next year. The total cost this year and next year will be \$5,225.00 per year. The cost for all years after, if the same program is used will be approximately \$8,000 per year. Josh Young motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to pay half of the cost for the HUDL program, \$2,612.50, for the next two years. Motion passed 7-0.

Associated Services

7. Travis Geyer, Associated Services, LLC, spoke to the Board about the school district bidding out the insurance for the school district buildings and vehicles. He asked that the Board close the bidding process and allow Associated Services on behalf of EMC Insurances to continue as the district's insurance carrier. Jim motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to cancel the bidding process as of today and to review the cost of EMC Insurance at their normal renewal before December 20, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

Roof Update

8. Ed Simon presented the current bids for repairing the roof at the WCJSHS by the locker room and the connector roof to the dome. D.V. Douglass Roofing, Inc presented a "TPO Membrane" bid of \$15,779.00 with an optional addition of \$1,250.00 for a twenty year material and labor warranty. They also submitted an alternative bid for a metal roof in the amount of \$14,951.75. Weathercraft bid \$24,329.00 for a "TPO Membrane". Discussion was held. The Board will make a final decision at the September 21, 2020 special board meeting.

COVID Guidelines for Sports

9. Discussion was held on allowing restricted concessions during football games. Jim Myers motioned and Tammy Simons seconded to allow restricted concessions during football games with limited prepackaged food in several locations throughout the football game. Motion passed 7-0.

Lots West of the Football Field

10. Ms. Maxwell presented information on the lots west of the football field. Discussion was held on allowing an open bid for the approximately 1.2 acres that have recently been inquired about for purchasing purposes. The Board directed Ms. Maxwell to place the bid in the paper for the public with the cost of the

survey, closing costs, and a minimum bid of \$10,000.

11. The lots at the former RBSES school are also available for purchase and will be placed in the paper as well for patrons to bid on.

#### WCES Principal's Report

12. Mr. Douglas, WCES Principal, gave an update on the elementary school. There are currently 230 students enrolled in preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. During professional development on Wednesdays they have discussed teacher evaluations. The teachers are videoing themselves and doing a self evaluation as part of the process. They have a student of the month for kindness. Mrs. Gardner is working on the Veteran's Day program.

#### WCJSHS Principal's Report

13. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, gave an update on the Jr./Sr. High school. There are currently 115 high school and 66 junior high students enrolled. Financial Aid Senior/Parent meeting was held with 31 families in attendance out of a possible 42. Two students are currently enrolled in the professional work study program. NHS induction ceremony was held on August 17<sup>th</sup> with 11 new members. Homecoming is the week of September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>. During professional development on Wednesdays, they have discussed evaluations and the hybrid plan. STUCO/NHS "Be The Change Day" is September 16<sup>th</sup> at Camp Christy. Discussion was held on the possible issues with the gymnasium floor.

#### Superintendent's Report

14. Ms. Maxwell, Superintendent, presented updates on the district:

A. Wichita County has been given Coronavirus Relief Funds through SPARK, Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas. The district should be receiving reimbursement soon for the \$116,008.40 currently spent towards items already used and for future use to handle the needs of the district due to the coronavirus pandemic. The amount needed may increase to \$151,230.04 total and should all be reimbursed with the funds provided by SPARK.

- B. USDA is currently funding all enrolled students in the free breakfast and lunch program until December 2020, or when funding runs out.
- C. The State Board of Education approved suspending fall KESA visits if districts choose.
- D. Dyslexia training for all staff has not been delayed by the State Board of Education as anticipated.
- E. The Wellness Committee met on September 9, 2020 to discuss the staff wellness challenges, biometric screenings, and the bulb outs in front of the grade school.
- F. Vision and hearing screenings have been delayed until the spring, except for students with IEPs.
- G. The current enrollment is 389 students plus 21 preschool students for a total of 410 students. Last year's enrollment was 389 students plus 18 preschool students for a total enrollment of 407 students. September 21<sup>st</sup> is the official student county day.
- H. KDOT stakeholder meeting is September 21<sup>st</sup> and the KDOT traffic study is on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- I. There is an opportunity for an indoor air quality assessment at the cost of \$7,000. The assessment and incurred cost will be paid for with a COVID relief grant if the district qualifies. The Board directed Ms. Maxwell to proceed with the opportunity.

Executive Session for Personnel

15. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to enter executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Schmidt, 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 WCES computer lab at 9:37 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, Brandy Marcy, Stacey Seaton, JoAnne Seaton, Haydon Parks, Travis Geyer, Tara Biermann, Ed Simon, and Terrel Harrison left the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

16. The meeting returned to open session at 9:37 p.m. Jim Myers motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the classified wages as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

17. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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