

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 a.m., Monday, October 12, 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, Janee Porter, Brent Porter, Tori Koehn, Laurali Masterson, Misty Gardner, Bridgette Carpenter, Matt Price, and Brandy Marcy. Sara Brown entered the meeting at 7:34 a.m.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Tammy Simons motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the consent agenda, with addition of cohort discussion after the Superintendent's report, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the September 14 and September 21, 2020 board meetings.
 - C. Payment of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Approval of WCES & WCJSHS Crisis Plans.
 - E. Donations:
 1. Accept donations from Zoetis for \$274.50 for FFA.
 2. Accept a donation from Meredith Farr for hand sanitizer, masks, and sanitizer wipes.
 3. Accept SPARK funds of \$152,000.00 from Wichita County.
 4. Accept a donation from Tribe Booster Club for \$2,612.50 for HUDL.
 5. Accept a donation of 28 books to WCES classrooms from Jana Simon-Right Now, I Am Fine by Dr. Daniela Owen.

Motion passed 7-0.

FFA Out of State Trip Request

4. FFA Sponsor, Kevin Alm, is requesting approval for an out-of-state day trip for OPSU Interscholastic in Goodwell, Oklahoma for FFA competition. Discussion was held. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the out-of-state trip for FFA competition on November 10, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

WCES Principal's Report

5. Mr. Douglas, WCES Principal, gave an update on the elementary school:
 - A. WCES teachers scheduled their parent/teacher conferences at last Wednesday's professional development. The plan is for in person, social distanced conferences with parents wearing masks.
 - B. The halloween concert is planned with masks for outside guests.
 - C. AR goals are being met and the teachers are planning on ways to reward the students within their class groups. For example, fifth grade is having a BBQ during lunch on October 15th.
 - D. The grade school is refining the SIT process. They are currently implementing iredy as an intervention for students that are referred to SIT will do daily in the classroom. They have also signed up for some professional development for SIT through the co-op.
 - E. Mr. Douglas has met with his mentor principal and she will be observing him during professional development in November.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

6. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, gave an update on the Jr./Sr. High school:
 - A. At the high school leadership lunch, the students discussed Homecoming. The students had a lunch tailgate on Friday.
 - B. The Principal's Building Report has been completed.
 - C. District inservice is on October 16th.
 - D. Parent/teacher conferences on October 20th and 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. will be

in person with masks for visitors and highly recommended for staff.

- E. The substate volleyball tournament is October 24th in Syracuse. Regional cross country will be held at Johnson on October 24th also.

Superintendent's Report

- 7. Ms. Maxwell, Superintendent, presented updates on the district:
 - A. The current headcount is 410, up 3 from last year's. The FTE with SPED is 751.2, up 2.3 from last year's. With a base aid per pupil amount of \$4,569, the projected 2020-2021 funding will be \$3,432,232.
 - B. The kitchen was inspected by the Department of Agriculture on 09/24/20 with no violations. Breakfasts have doubled since the beginning of the year and lunches have increased by ten.
 - C. The Grow & Learn Day Care MOU has been updated. They would like to break ground before the end of the year.
 - D. Kennedy McKee audited the school district for the 2019-2020 school year. They will provide a completed report to the Board upon completion.
 - E. The Construction Manager At Risk contracts have been provided by the Hutton Corporation.

Cohort Groups Discussion

- 8. Superintendent Maxwell presented a possible plan to implement cohort groups in an effort to minimize students not being at school for in person learning. The district recognizes that the hybrid plan is not what is best for student learning, and it also disrupts working parents. For those reasons, the board will consider modifying the hybrid plan by establishing stable cohort groups. Proposed cohort groups would replace the current hybrid plan of operation at 50% capacity, and students would attend school five days per week in-person. Discussion was held. The proposed changes to the plan will be presented to the board at the November 9th meeting.

Executive Session

- 9. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to enter executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Schmidt 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 8:05 a.m. Motion passed 7-0. Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Janee Porter, Brant Porter, Tori Koehn, Laurali Masterson, Misty Gardner, Bridgette Carpenter, Matt Price, and Brandy Marcy left the meeting at 7:55 a.m.

10. The meeting resumed at 8:05 a.m., no action was taken.

Executive Session

11. Tammy Simons motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter executive session with 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 WCES computer lab at 8:31 a.m. Motion passed 7-0.

12. The meeting resumed at 8:31 a.m., Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to hire the winter coaches as presented in executive session. Motion passed 7-0.

Guidance from County Health Department and Dr. Myers

13. Dr. Myers and Marvel Brandt joined the meeting via phone to clarify the requirements of the Kansas Department of Health related to COVID-19 positive cases, quarantines, and PPE requirements. Discussion was held. Dr. Myers and Marvel Brandt left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Adjournment

14. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk