

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 9, 2020 at the Wichita County Jr./Sr. High School lobby.

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: Sara Brown, Brandy Marcy, Julie Conard, and Misty Gardner.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board thanked Marvel Brandt for her assistance at the schools and extra efforts during this time. Brandon Whalen motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the October 12, 2020 BOE meeting.
 - C. Payment of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Approve offering a contract to Alec Horton for the Junior High Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach.
 - E. Approve waiving the building fees for Little Dribblers Basketball Camp on Saturdays from 10/31/2020 to 11/21/2020.
 - F. Gifts and Grants:
 1. Accept donations from Patterson Family Foundation for \$4,020 for pandemic relief.
 2. Accept a donation from Patterson Family Foundation for 2,000 masks.
 3. Accept donation from Security State Bank for \$1,101.
 4. Accept a donation from Myers Ag Inc. for \$100.
 5. Accept a donation from Wichita County Health Department for five infrared

forehead thermometers for the route buses.

6. Accept donation from Price Repair for 36 patriotic masks for the Veterans Day program.
7. Accept donation from Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc. (TRIBE) to the athletic department for \$4,438.
8. Accept donation from Rees Wedel to the athletic department for \$40.

Motion passed 7-0.

Veteran's Day Choir

4. Misty Gardner and the Veterans Day Choir performed for the Board in the auditorium. The Board thanked Mrs. Gardner and the twenty one students for their efforts and performing for Veterans Day. Mrs. Gardner and students left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Student Presentation for "Be The Change" Day

5. NHS and STUCO students; Maggie Brown, Cambree Koehn, Jacob Hernandez, and Cheyenne Warrington presented information from their "Be The Change Day" in the auditorium. They spoke about team building at Camp Christy with activities such as Whale Watch, Spider Web, Island, Rock Climbing, and brainstorming. The Board thanked Mrs. Conard and students for their presentation. The students left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Tract of Land

6. A bid was presented for the tract of land West of the high school as advertised in the newspaper for two weeks. Josh Young motioned and Tammy Simons seconded to accept the bid from Farrin and Kim Watt for the tract of land west of the high school football field on the north side of J Street pending a legal survey which will be paid for by the Watts. Motion passed 7-0.

Revisions to the USD 467
Reopening Plan

7. Superintendent Maxwell presented the proposed changes to the reopening plan. A survey was sent out to staff with 1/3 that would like to leave the plan the same and 2/3 of the staff changing the criteria to allow for more cases before moving into a different zone and change in some of the zone guidelines. Some of the proposed changes are as follows:
- A. The amount of allowable cases would change from the current green zone at 0% to under 3%.
 - B. The amount of allowable cases would change from the current yellow zone at 5% to 3%-5.9%.
 - C. The amount of allowable cases would change from the current orange zone of above 5% -10% to 6%-9.9%.
 - D. The red zone would remain the same.
 - E. The orange zone of hybrid learning would change from alternating days to staying in school in a modified quarantine in cohort groups.
 - F. No daily logs required.
 - G. Red zone would change from teachers would try to make student contact daily to the grade school would try to make student contact daily and the Jr./Sr. High school would set up a schedule for student contact.
 - H. Attendance policies would be relaxed some during the 2020-2021 school year.
 - I. Food Service would change from all sack lunches to simplified meals with K-2 in the cafeteria and 3-6 in classrooms. The high school would be closed campus for lunch during the orange zone.
 - J. All activities would follow the High Plains League rules.

8. Discussion was held on the proposed changes. Jim Myers motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the presented changes, but keeping the current mask mandates and zone criteria cases guidelines. Motion passed 5-2 with Koehn and Gerstberger voting against.

KESA-Year 3 Update

9. Superintendent Maxwell presented the KESA update. The district has continued to meet all compliance requirements in a timely and accurate manner. They have met and had their year three evaluation that should have taken place in the spring. They are currently in their fourth year.

Indoor Air Quality Assessment

10. The indoor air quality assessment was presented from Trane. The assessment detailed procedures and upgrades to enhance and improve the air quality in the schools through the HVAC system. Discussion was held on the findings. The Board decided to wait until the federal funding was available to make the suggested improvements before approving any further actions.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

11. WCJSHS Principal, Mr. Schmidt, updated the Board on the Jr./Sr. High school.

- A. Junior High basketball practice has started.
- B. November 16th will begin sports practices for the high school.
- C. First quarter honor roll had approximately 121 students.
- D. During parent/teacher conferences, 56 out of 120 families attended virtually.
- E. The Jr./Sr. High school practiced being in cohort groups for two hours on November 4th. One issue they discovered was internet connectivity. Mr. Lechtenberg has resolved that issue.
- F. FFA is selling fruit and will have their calf fry on November 21st.
- G. The home scholar's bowl meet is November 17th. School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m.
- H. STUCO and NHS are planning "chill day" on November 24th to raise money for the Wichita County Food Bank.

12. High Plains League has set guidelines for participation in sports and activities.

- A. Gym capacity will be 30% of total seats.
- B. Masks required for all fans.
- C. Seat communities separately.
- D. Use two entrances: one for home fans and one for visitors.
- E. No food or drinks in the gyms.
- F. Play will be stopped if masks are not worn.
- G. There are not set guidelines for wrestling, tournament directors will set guidelines.
- H. Scholars Bowl is limited to 25 people in a room and masks are required.
- I. Christmas concerts will be 30% capacity of total seats.

WCES Principal's Report

13. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, updated the Board on the elementary school and JH athletics.
 - A. Parent/teacher conferences had 97% attendance.
 - B. A link was sent to families of the Halloween concert.
 - C. Veterans Day is November 11th and students will be performing for the grade school in the morning and the Veterans and community afterwards.
 - D. December 3rd is the winter concert. In order to social distance, the K-2 will perform, 5th and 6th grade band, and then the 3rd -6th grades to allow families to leave after their child's performance.
 - E. The grade school has had their first modified quarantine.
 - F. The coaching evaluations for fall sports have been completed and will be available at the next BOE meeting.

Superintendent's Report

14. Superintendent Maxwell updated the Board on the district.
 - A. Evaluations are due November 13th.
 - B. Outdoorsmen have asked to sell raffle tickets in the parking lot at the game on Friday night to meet the fall fundraiser goals. The trap shoot is not being held, which is one of their regular fundraisers. The Board agreed.
 - C. Nate Brown is requesting permission to mount a 20 foot pole to a boiler mount on the high school roof. This is to improve communication for a radio, which is being used for geography curriculum. The class is looking at weather across the world including hurricanes, and recent activity in South America. The Board agreed.
 - D. Quarantines-as of today, five students were in quarantine.
 - E. Students will continue to receive free meals until the end of the school year.
 - F. A patron is interested in purchasing lots at the old RBS site. The Board directed Superintendent Maxwell to advertise the lots for sale with no minimum bid.

Executive Session

15. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles 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 lobby at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

16. The meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m., no action was taken.

Executive Session

17. Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter into 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 lobby at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

18. The meeting resumed at 9:45 p.m. Tammy Simons motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve hiring the custodial position discussed in executive session. Motion passed 7-0.

19. Josh Young motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to not have school on November 23rd and 24th. The two days will be paid days to contracted staff. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

20. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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