

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, April 12, 2021 at the Board of Education office.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Brant Douglas; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; and Guests: Sara Brown, Bridgette Carpenter, Haydon Parks, Matt Long, Brandy Marcy, Candice Cooper, Cristina Escalante, Judy Tankersley, Krystal Hernandez, Andy Fahrmeier, Nick Nemechek, Chloe Cooper, Reid Marcy, Leila Torres, Baylee Long, Eli Hernandez, and Radley Cooper.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Brian Gerstberger motioned and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the consent agenda (with the following changes: C. payment of bills and payroll excluding Wheatland and Symmetry, add Matt Long to audiences, utility rate hikes from Winter Storm Uri will be an action item, and Board reports will be tabled until next month) consisting of:
  - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for March 8, 2021 and April 5, 2021 meetings.
  - C. Payment of the bills and payroll, excluding Wheatland and Symmetry.
  - D. Approval of payment to Fire Alarm Specialists, Inc. for a total of \$46,538.50 less insurance settlement of \$26,538.50 for a balance owed from USD 467 of \$20,000.
  - E. Disposition of surplus computer equipment as presented by Kasper Lechtenburg.
  - F. Accept the resignation of Courtney Young as the WCES art instructor effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

- G. Accept the retirement of Gayle Brown as activity bus driver effective 07/01/2021.
  - H. Accept the resignation of Phillip Weilert as the WCES library para effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- Motion passed 7-0.

Student Presentations

- 4. First grade teacher, Judy Tankersley, and students presented some of their morning routine to the Board. Chloe Cooper, Reid Marcy, Leila Torres, Baylee Long, and Eli Hernandez demonstrated how they greeted their teacher, recited poems, and worked on eye, hand, and mental coordination with the use of balls. The Board asked the students questions and thanked them and Mrs. Tankersley for sharing with the Board. Mrs. Tankersley, students, and family members left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Wellness Committee

- 5. Bridgette Carpenter gave an update on this year's Wellness Committee. A BCBS grant has enabled the wellness committee to purchase fitbits for new employees, Simply Produce drawings for staff, and prizes for Staff Step Challenges. BCBS school insurance and grant money is used to pay for staff biometric screenings annually. The committee will be adding "sensory walk" decals for students in the elementary school hallways to promote activity and mental health. They are also researching ways to add playground equipment for disabled students if they have enough funding available. Safe Routes to School signage was also purchased with the grant money. An indoor hockey set for Mr. Cooper's physical education classes was purchased with an additional BCBS grant as well. Mrs. Carpenter left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Knights of Columbus

- 6. Matt Long, Knights of Columbus, presented a check from sale of Tootsie Rolls in the amount of \$4,710.36 to be used in the special education department. The Board thanked Mr. Long for the generous donation. Mr. Long left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Building Projects Updates

- 7. Andy Fahrmeier, Hutton, and Nick Nemechek , GMCN, presented a guaranteed maximum price ammendment and contracts for Board approval for the upcoming construction project in the school

district. The project will begin June 1, 2021 with completion on August 13, 2021. Josh Young motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the guaranteed maximum price amendment of \$1,196,950.00 for the roof replacement at the Wichita County Junior-Senior High school with approved alternate roofing areas numbered 1 and 2, window replacement, and other areas as outlined in the contract. Motion passed 7-0.

8. The cafeteria flooring options were presented as follows:
  - A. Leave concrete floor, ground up slab for grit, possibly stain, and cover in a clear coat. Price will range from \$55,000 to \$70,000.
  - B. Kinetex permeable carpet with a lifetime guarantee at a cost of approximately \$70,000 to \$75,000.
  - C. Padded flooring similar to the one that was pulled up, at a cost of approximately \$145,000.
  - D. Epoxy floor, which requires no maintenance at a cost of approximately \$155,000.After much discussion, Jim Myers motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve Kinetex flooring in the cafeteria dome. Motion passed 7-0.

Grown & Learn Update

9. Tammy Simons updated the Board on the Grow and Learn Childcare Center. They have met with Dick Construction to discuss some ways to reduce the cost of the build. They have raised approximately \$627,140. They are continuing to apply for various grants and loans through organizations to secure the funding needed to begin the construction project. The committee is optimistic that the construction will still begin this summer.

Utility Rate Hikes

10. Superintendent Maxwell presented the bills for Symmetry Gas (increase \$7,700) and Wheatland Electric (increase \$55,939). KASB has given direction and options on paying the gas bill with the increases. KASB has advised districts on the following options: pay in full with a 5% discount, pay over 6 months, join a lawsuit action at a cost of \$400 to our district, or only pay the minimum \$4.57 per unit (\$2, 426.91) in pursuit of a future reduction or agreement.

11. Brandon Whalen motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to pay Symmetry Gas the statutory legal limit of \$4.57 per unit at a total cost of \$2,426.91 and not joining the lawsuit. Motion passed 7-0.

12. Ann Wiles motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to pay Wheatland Electric over twelve months as provided in the bill. Motion passed 4-3 with Jim Myers and Jason Koehn voting against and Josh Young abstaining.

KASB Membership Renewal

13. Superintendent Maxwell presented the KASB membership renewal at a cost of \$8,181.51 for the 2021-2022 school year. Tammy Simons motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the KASB membership renewal for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Legislative Bills Update

14. Superintendent Maxwell updated the Board on the legislative bills affecting the school district.

Graduation & Spring Activities

15. Discussion was held on having covid restrictions for graduation and spring activities, not including those sanctioned by KSHSAA. It is being left to the local government and entities to decide restrictions. After discussion, Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to have no restrictions at graduation and activities, not sanctioned by KSHSAA. Motion passed 7-0.

Summer School

16. Superintendent Maxwell presented information on the proposed Summer School for 2021. Summer school will be held June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served to students. There is also opportunity to have one-to-one tutors for students, possibly throughout the summer. The ESSER money for covid relief will pay for summer school and tutors. Tammy Simons motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the proposed summer school for 2021. Motion passed 7-0.

Board Reports

17. The Advisory Board reports will be tabled until next month's Board meeting.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

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

- A. High School Regional Solo & Ensembles were held virtually this year.
- B. There were 104 students on honor roll.
- C. Prom was held on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- D. They are currently working on enrollment and scheduling for next year.
- E. The Junior High will be adding a reading intervention time for students.
- F. Mr. Schmidt presented guidelines for action in consideration of certain types of misbehavior.
- G. State assessments are in May.
- H. The golf team has been asked to help with Western Hardware Appreciation Day.
- I. The High Plains Art Fair will be held virtually.

WCES Principal's Report

19. WCES Principal, Mr. Douglas, updated the Board on the elementary school.

- A. State testing begins, chromebooks will be used.
- B. Field trips will be in April and May.
- C. The elementary attended the Musical Matinee.
- D. KELPA testing is completed.
- E. During PDC, they are working on a school wide behavior improvement plan.

Superintendent's Report

20. Superintendent Maxwell updated the Board on the district.

- A. Three board members will be elected for a four year term starting on the second Monday in January, 2022. Current members in those positions are Tammy Simons, Brandon Whalen, and Josh Young. The filing deadline is June 1, 2021.
- B. The recommended midblock crosswalk from the traffic study was removed by KDOT.
- C. It has been inquired as to whether the blood drives can be at the school gym as in the past or continued to be held at the community building. The Board agreed by consensus that it can be held at the gym beginning next school year.
- D. Mr. Simon will begin the bidding process to refinish the gym floors this summer.

Executive Session for  
Personnel

21. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Josh Young seconded to enter executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Parks 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 at 10:13 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

22. The meeting returned to open session at 10:13 p.m. No action was taken. Mr. Parks left the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

Executive Session for  
Personnel

23. Tammy Simons 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 at 10:53 p.m.

24. The meeting returned to open session at 10:53 p.m. No action was taken.

Executive Session for  
Negotiations

25. Brandon Whalen motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Douglas present to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The Board will return to open session at 11:34 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Sara Brown left the meeting at 11:14 p.m.

26. The meeting returned to open session at 11:34 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

27. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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