

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 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 14, 2021 at the Wichita County Junior Senior High School.

People Present

2. Members present were: Jason Koehn, Brian Gerstberger, Jim Myers, 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 Guest: Julie Conard.

Construction Tour

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All present walked through the Wichita County Junior Senior High school for a construction tour.

Approved Consent Agenda

4. The meeting reconvened at the Board of Education office at 7:00 p.m. Nate Brown, Nicole Fischer, and Wesley Cooper entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Josh Young motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
 - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the May 10, May 24, and June 7, 2021 meetings.
 - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
 - D. Accept a donation of \$1,180 from Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc. for a powerlifting weight board.
 - E. Accept a donation of \$1,299 from Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc. for a skill attack volleyball machine.
 - F. Accept a donation of \$4,200 from the Finnup Foundation for the WCES art instructor salary.
 - G. Approve the hiring of Maegan Berry as the WCES art instructor funded through the Finnup Foundation Art Grant.
 - H. Approve the hiring of Layton Tankersley as the head cross country coach.

- I. Approve the hiring of Ashley Geyer as the assistant high school volleyball coach.
 - J. Approve the hiring of Wesley Cooper as the head high school wrestling coach.
 - K. Accept the resignation of Rita Smith as bus driver effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
 - L. Approval of summer weights supplemental for Brant Douglas and Haydon Parks.
 - M. Approve a Take & Bake Fundraiser for Junior High Cheerleaders.
- Motion passed 6-0.

WCES PE Teacher

- 5. Wesley Cooper, WCES PE teacher, discussed the PE shoe policy with the Board. He would like the policy to allow students to wear their street shoes on the gym floor and not to have to bring different shoes for gym. Some of the concerns he addressed were lost PE time changing shoes, behavior problems, and students not having the correct fit for PE shoes. Discussion was held. The Board will make a decision at the next Board meeting before enrollment in August.

Handbooks

- 6. Handbook changes were presented for WCES staff, WCES students, and WCJSHS student handbooks. The WCES staff handbook included staff updates. The WCES student handbook included schedule changes. The WCJSHS student handbook includes changes to truancy, rescue seminar, eligibility, in school suspension, out of town guests for dances, and sunglasses being worn. Mr. Schmidt also added guidelines for action in consideration of certain types of misbehavior. Additionally, policies were updated or added in regards to drug testing, google workspace, tech policy, open lunches, and instrumental rentals. All information will be presented to staff, students, and families on or before enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. Discussion was held. Brandon Whalen motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the handbook and policy changes for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

WCES Title I At Risk Report

7. Information was provided to Superintendent Maxwell from Connie McRae, Title I Coordinator. Thirty three students have graduated out of the Title I program. Some of the methods to encourage parental involvement are Back to School Night, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Site Council, SIT meetings, and Read Week. Tammy Simons entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

KESA Year 4 Update

8. Superintendent Maxwell presented the KESA Year 4 update. On April 13, 2021, USD 467 District Leadership Team met with the KESA Outside Visiting Team to review year 4 KESA activities. The feedback from the KESA Outside Visiting Team is as follows: The summary review of year 4 at Wichita County Schools in Leoti shows a team of educators who are collaborating together and who have specific goals for academic and social emotional needs of their students. The school is moving to a place where they will have solid Tier 1 curriculum materials, screeners in place to identify students who need additional resources and instructional materials for those students needing Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions. The school staff have grown to be more of a cohesive group that learn together and discuss next steps for the district. Communication about school practices appears to be more fluid and natural. An additional strength noted regarding the KESA goals would be that there is now written mission, vision and core beliefs for the district. There are long-range plans for curriculum adoption, facilities and staff development. There is also a broader focus on meeting students where they are social/emotionally and an acceptance of the responsibility for changing adult practices to meet those needs. Finally, there is a strong commitment to using research based curriculum materials across the district with fidelity to better serve their students academically.

WCES Principal's Report

9. WCES Principal, Mr. Douglas, updated the Board on the elementary school.
 - A. A field day was held on the last day of school.
 - B. State testing results are back.
 - C. Summer School will end on June 18, 2021.
 - D. The custodial staff has been working upstairs.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

10. WCJSHS Principal, Mr. Schmidt, updated the Board on the Jr./Sr. High School.
 - A. 108 students were on the 4th quarter honor roll.
 - B. Summer weights are well attended.
 - C. Driver's Ed beings July 5th, with 30 students.
 - D. Student attendance averaged 95% this year.

Superintendent's Report

11. Superintendent Maxwell updated the Board on the district.
 - A. Information about the required KSHSAA accident policy with a \$25,000 deductible and the additional KASB accident policy that includes sixth graders and reduces the deductible to \$10,000 was presented to the Board. Superintendent Maxwell asked the Board if they would like to continue with the additional KASB accident policy. Discussion was held. The Board declined the additional KASB policy for the 2021-22 school year.
 - B. The Neighborhood Revitalization policy for Wichita County was presented. If the Board agreed to the policy, the Board President's signature is required. Mr. Myers signed the Neighborhood Revitalization policy.
 - C. The Grow & Learn Childcare Center has begun dirt work and had a ground breaking ceremony on June 7, 2021.

Executive Session for Personnel

12. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles 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 9:09 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Wesley Cooper left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.
13. The meeting returned to open session at 9:09 p.m. No action was taken.

Executive Sessions for
Negotiations

14. 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 9:25 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Nicole Fischer left the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

15. The meeting returned to open session at 9:25 p.m. Brandon Whalen motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the negotiated items as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

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

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk