

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, August 9, 2021 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Jason Koehn, Brian Gerstberger, 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 Delbert Schmidt; and Guests: Kasper Lechtenberg and Julie Conard.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Tammy Simons motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the consent agenda, with addition of item L and M to accept donations, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the July 26, 2021 meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills.
 - D. Accept a donation from Security State Bank for \$5,100 for gym floor refinishing.
 - E. Accept a donation from Western Kansas Community Foundation for \$750 for Junior High Vocal Music Sight Reading Curriculum.
 - F. Accept a donation from Western Kansas Community Foundaton for \$1,200 for WCHS Piano Program keyboards.
 - G. Accept a donation from Western Kansas Community Foundation for \$150 for Flouride Topical Dental Treatment.
 - H. Accept a donation from Western Kansas Community Foundation for \$700 for WCHS Student Council Leadership Day.
 - I. Disposition of office items damaged during the roofing project as presented.
 - J. Disposition of 13 monitors listed on the IT Items for Disposition document dated 07/26/2021.

- K. Personnel:
 - 1. Accept the resignation of Audra Berning as WCES para.
- L. Accept a donation of JSBS school supplies from the Methodist Church.
- M. Accept a donation of \$179.97 for wristbands from JCY, Inc.
Motion passed 7-0.

Long Range ChromeBook Replacement Plan

- 4. Kasper Lechtenberg, IT Director, presented a long range chromebook replacement plan for the JSBS. The proposal is as follows:
 - A. To purchase ChromeBooks for each new incoming class of 7th graders with the expectation that the ChromeBooks will be used for the remainder of their school career.
 - B. Upon graduation students will keep their ChromeBooks eliminating a future storage and disposition problem for the district.
 - C. Items A) and B) will be designed and implemented for optimal efficiency upon Board Approval.
- 5. Discussion was held. The Board directed Mr. Lechtenberg to proceed with the proposal. Mr. Lechtenberg left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

ESSER III Funds

- 6. Superintendent Maxwell presented information on the ESSER III funds available to the district. The ESSER III application is due on August 20th. We can apply for an extension if needed. Previous discussions for ESSER III centered around remodeling the JSBS restrooms and/or HVAC to improve air quality in the domes and other items from the Indoor Air Quality Report. Discussion was held. Superintendent Maxwell will file an extension on the ESSER III application.

CDC Guidelines for Covid-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools

- 7. Superintendent Maxwell presented new guidance from CDC and a Federal Order requiring masks on schools buses. Ms. Maxwell spoke with the County Health Nurse and Dr. Myers about their recommendations. Discussion was held. The Board will follow the Federal Order requiring masks on schools buses. The Board will address issues

during the school year as they arise in regards to Covid-19.

WCES Principal's Report

8. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, presented updates on the grade school as follows:
 - A. Approximately 220 students are enrolled in Pre-K through 6th grade.
 - B. Mrs. Brown is making the library schedule.
 - C. Teachers are currently in the building for their floating work days.
 - D. Mr. Douglas has four interviews scheduled for para positions.
 - E. The buildings will focus on new K-12 Math curriculum and will present the proposal to the Board by the spring of 2022 for the 22-23 school year.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

9. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, presented updates on the Jr./Sr. high school as follows:
 - A. Approximately 178 students were enrolled in grades 7-12.
 - B. There are several new students enrolled and several families that have not enrolled their students as of yet.
 - C. August 16th is the first day of athletic practice.
 - D. The first JH and HS volleyball games are on August 27th.
 - E. The first JH football game is September 2nd and HS football game is September 3rd.
 - F. The first Cross Country meet is September 4th.
 - G. ChromeBooks will be checked out by students on August 19th.

Superintendent's Report

10. Superintendent Maxwell presented updates in the district and buildings as follows:
 - A. There have been some issues at the elementary school roof and has caused some water damage to one of the fourth grade classrooms. The HVAC company and Weathercraft roofing company that recently reroofed that portion of the roof have looked it over.
 - B. The gym floors have been refinished and will be allowed to be in use soon.

- C. The roof along the bay windows on the south side of the elementary school needs replaced. The Board advised to proceed with the roof replacement.
- D. K-JUMP proposal for five year contract with Wood River was presented. The Board advised Ms. Maxwell to check with Midwest Energy.
- E. The north side of the elementary classroom dome has what appears to be moss or mold on it. The construction company advised to power wash as they believe it is moss.
- F. The flooring in the cafeteria will be completed this week.
- G. A company will test removing the water stains on the brick at the WCJSHS. If the water stains are removable, they will present a proposal to the Board.
- H. The Kansas State Household Economic surveys have been completed by a large percentage of families to help determine at risk funding from the state.

11. The Board advised Superintendent Maxwell to check on refinancing the bond with Gillmore & Bell in an effort to reduce the interest rate.

12. Discussion was held on new vehicles or buses. The district has inquired about two small buses, but they are in high demand at the moment.

13. The West side of the Jr./Sr. High school has had bushes removed and Superintendent Maxwell will investigate options for landscaping that area.

14. The Board discussed salary increases and employee recruitment.

15. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to enter into 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

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return to open session in the board room at 8:32 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

16. The meeting returned to open session at 8:32 p.m. No action was taken. Jason Koehn exited the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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17. Brandon Whalen motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell 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 board room at 8:53 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

18. The meeting returned to open session at 8:53 p.m. Jason Koehn reentered the meeting. Jim Myers motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the Principals' contract amounts for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

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19. Tammy Simons motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter into 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 board room at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

20. The meeting returned to open session at 9:15 p.m. Josh Young motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the hiring of Director of Buildings & Grounds/ Transportation as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

21. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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