

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, September 13, 2021 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Jason Koehn, Tammy Simons, Ann Wiles, and Josh Young.

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; and WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Tammy Simons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jason Koehn motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the consent agenda, with exception of Item C (moved to Item 11B), consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the August 9, 2021 meeting.
 - C. Approval of bills and payroll.
 - D. Accept a donation of \$100 from the Bob R. Jackson and Gloria Jackson Living Trust for athletics.
 - E. Accept the resignation of Aubrei Dirks from a cook position at WCES.
 - F. Approve the hiring of Selena Gonzalez as a cook at WCES.
 - G. Approve the hiring of Cierra Tol-Sucuqui as a paraprofessional at WCES.
 - H. Approve the hiring of Krystal Hernandez as a paraprofessional at WCES.
 - I. Approve the 2021-22 JSHS activity fundraisers as presented.
 - J. Disposition of books from the JSHS English department. 60-A Separate Peace; 29-Grammar for Writing Books; 160-Vocabulary Books (40 per grade level).
Motion passed 4-0.

Symmetry Settlement

4. K-JUMP has reached a settlement with Symmetry. The remaining settlement amount for USD 467 is

\$2,418.15. Josh Young motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve paying the remaining settlement amount with Symmetry. Motion passed 4-0. Jim Myers entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

WoodRiver Energy Five Year Contract

5. KASB has negotiated a five year agreement with WoodRiver Energy for a fixed gas price of \$4.26 per MMBTU. Entering this agreement requires Board approval. Discussion was held. Josh Young motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the five year contract with WoodRiver Energy. Motion passed 5-0. Brant Douglas entered the meeting via phone.

High School Lunch

6. A question has been raised about allowing high school siblings to ride together at lunch. Current policy allows only 11th and 12th grade students in cars. Discussion was held. Tammy Simons motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to amend the current policy to allow siblings of 11th and 12th grade students to ride in the car with their sibling during lunch. Motion passed 5-0.

COVID-19 Plan

7. Superintendent Maxwell reviewed the current COVID-19 plan and discussed whether new protocols need to be put in place to address the current rate of the virus in Wichita County. Discussion was held. Tammy Simons motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the updated COVID-19 plan for the school district in place of the previous plan. The plan is as follows:
 - 1) Publish a list of symptoms. If someone is exhibiting two or more symptoms, the person should stay home.
 - 2) Offer voluntary free COVID-19 testing at school by obtaining funding through KDHE.
 - 3) If a household family member tests positive, resulting in student quarantine, the parent may consider voluntary, ongoing testing for the student for the duration of the quarantine. As long as the test is negative, and the student is asymptomatic, the student may come to school.
 - 4) Quarantines are not required for asymptomatic people who have been vaccinated.
 - 5) Inform community of availability of fully FDA approved vaccines for ages 12 and up.

Motion passed 5-0.

Buck Bishop entered the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

WCES Principal's Report

8. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, presented updates on the grade school as follows:
 - A. FastBridge screenings are almost completed.
 - B. I-Ready placement tests will be within two weeks.
 - C. The WCES Culture Committee will meet once per quarter.
 - D. The annual Book Fair will be the week of parent/teacher conferences.
 - E. Mr. Douglas will be attending the Leadership Academy through KASB on September 28th.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

9. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, presented updates on the Jr./Sr. high school as follows:
 - A. Approximately 175 students are enrolled in grades 7-12.
 - B. The financial aid senior/parent meeting was well attended on August 26th, with 12 out of 21 students in attendance.
 - C. NHS inducted 10 new members on August 31st.
 - D. Homecoming was September 10th. Mr. Schmidt thanked Security State Bank for donating to the tailgate lunch.
 - E. The staff has been planning I-Ready and FastBridge during professional development on Wednesdays.
 - F. The WCJSHS Culture Committee will meet once per quarter.
 - G. Mr. Alm and students would like to attend the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana the third week of October.
 - H. Mr. Alm and students would like to attend the OPSU Ag Day in November.

10. Josh Young motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to allow Mr. Alm and students to attend the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana the third week of October. Motion passed 5-0.

11. The Board tabled the discussion of allowing Mr. Alm and students to attend the OPSU Ag Day in November until the October board meeting.
12. Jim Myers was approached by parents that shared their appreciation in having Mr. Alm attend their child's FFA 4-H project presentation during the county fair. He also wanted to show appreciation for how our football coaching staff handled themselves during games. They represented the district well. Jim Myers also wanted our district to look into hosting our home cross country meet on a different weekend, rather than on Labor Day weekend. He felt this might bring more schools to the meet. He also inquired about the Jr./Sr. high school's screen time, specifically during their reading intervention time. Mr. Schmidt assured him that screen time would be very minimal during reading intervention.

Superintendent's Report

13. Superintendent Maxwell presented updates in the district and buildings as follows:
 - A. Landscaping on the west side needs to be addressed. The Board would like the sidewalk to go all the way around and be the same size as the front of the high school. Mr. Bishop felt the buffalo grass in that area was good where there will not be side walk.
 - B. The hard water spots on the brick have been cleaned in a couple of areas by a company. Buck Bishop wants to try to clean the hard water with the chemicals the company suggested rather than pay the company.
 - C. The leak in one of the fourth grade classrooms is still leaking water. It appears that the wall needs to be resealed and will most likely be a summer project. They will continue to monitor the area.
 - D. The WCES art room also has a water leak. They will continue to monitor the situation and repair.
 - E. The lowest portion of the roof at the WCES gym needs replaced. It is a small area. Ms. Maxwell will contact a roofing company about repairing that area.
 - F. The current enrollment rate for K-12 is 368 students and 19 preschool students for a total

of 387. Our enrollment is down 23 students from last year. This student loss was anticipated with the large outgoing senior class from last year. The district receives \$4,704 per student from the state in funding.

- G. Grow & Learn will be meeting soon to discuss the availability of open spots for district employees.
- H. The current bonds are not available for refinancing until 2026.
- I. November 9th is teacher recruitment at Washburn in Topeka. The district will try to send representatives.

14. Josh Young was approached about a concern over the air conditioning not working on the activity buses. Ms. Maxwell said that Lonie Reed is working on fixing the systems on the activity buses.

15. The Board asked Superintendent Maxwell about the flooring in the cafeteria. She stated that there was a small corner of one section that appeared to be coming up. The Board advised her to contact the company as the flooring is still under warranty.

16. The Board inquired about the need for new cafeteria tables. Superintendent Maxwell is getting quotes.

17. The Board will have a special board meeting on September 27th at 7:30 a.m. beginning in the Jr./Sr. high school lobby to do a facility walk through.

18. Josh Young motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Douglas (via phone) 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 8:45 p.m. Motion passed 5-0. Buck Bishop left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

19. The meeting returned to open session at 8:45 p.m. Josh Young motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to

Executive Session for
Personnel

approve Ron Lamaster as head custodian. Motion passed 5-0.

20. Jim Myers motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve adjustment to pay for classified employees as presented in executive session. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Bills & Payroll

21. Josh Young motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve bills and payroll as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

22. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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