

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, October 11, 2021 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Brian Gerstberger, Jim Myers, Tammy Simons, and Ann Wiles.

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; WCES Principal, Brant Douglas; Guests, Andy Fahrmeier and Jenny Long.

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 Ann Wiles seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the special meeting on September 10, 2021; the September 13, 2021 meetings at 6:45 p.m., 6:50 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.; and September 27, 2021 meeting.
 - C. Approval of bills and payroll.
 - D. Accept a donation from Bayer Fund to FFA for \$2,500.
 - E. Accept a donation from Green Plains Cattle Company of 161 lbs. Of ground beef to the food service program, retails for \$642.39. Motion passed 4-0.

ESSER III Proposal

4. Andy Fahrmeier presented restroom remodel options to the bathrooms in the WCJSHS lobby to address improvements through touchless restrooms to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Discussion was held. Andy Fahrmeier left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Grow & Learn Childcare Center Update

5. Tammy Simons and Jenny Long updated the Board on the progress of the construction project and timeline for opening the center. Discussion was held. Jenny Long left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Data Analysis of State Assessment and FastBridge

6. Superintendent Maxwell presented an analysis of the data for spring 2021 and fall 2021 from the State Assessment and FastBridge testing. Discussion was held. Josh Young entered the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

FFA Trip

7. Kevin Alm has requested permission to take FFA students to a one day out of state event on November 9, 2021 for OPSU Ag Day. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Tammy Simons seconded to allow Mr. Alm and students to attend the event out of state. Motion passed 5-0.

MENC Membership Fee

8. The MENC membership is required for music teachers who plan to enter any students in the district and state competitions. A request has been made for the dsitric to pay the enrollment fee annually to allow students to compete. The cost is \$122 per teachers for a total of \$366. Josh Young motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to pay the MENC Memberhsip Fee for the requesting teachers. Motion passed 5-0.

5 Year Capital Outlay Plan

9. Superintendent Maxwell presented an updated five year Capital Outlay plan for the district. Discussion was held.

10. Jim Myers motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the remodeling of the restrooms as presented by Andy Fahrmeier subject to ADA compliancy regulations. Motion passed 5-0.

K-DOT Land Acquisition

11. K-DOT needs to purchase a five foot strip of land between Indian Road and Carter for their upcoming highway project for \$1,004.00. Tammy Simons motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve selling the five foot strip of land between Indian Road and Carter for \$1,400 to K-DOT. Motion passed 5-0.

Quarterly Board Reports

12. **High Plains Education Cooperative**-Ann Wiles-Shelly Harris is the new Director for HPEC. The HPEC staff has been attending training and evaluating IEP's. HPEC has been conducting Board training. Superintendents will meet quarterly with HPEC.

13. **Wichita County Recreation Board of Directors-** Brian Gerstberger-The Rec Board is currently seeking a new director. They have connected with Finney County YMCA for little league football, volleyball, and basketball. Soccer and baseball will still be local.
14. **USD 467 Professional Council-**Jason Koehn-Mr. Koehn was not in attendance.
15. **Northwest Kansas Technical College-**Josh Young-Mr. Young stays informed via email and has no new information to report.
16. **Economic Development-**Tammy Simons-The housing assessment and task force is underway. They are working on business and community engagement. Upcoming events are the chili cook off, welcome bags made by the youth board members, and a possible business class for the public.

WCES Principal's Report

17. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, presented updates on the grade school as follows:
 - A. Parent/Teacher conferences are next week.
 - B. The annual Book Fair is next week.
 - C. The Kindergarten visited the local Fire Station October 8th.
 - D. The preschool students will be going to the pumpkin patch at Sheppards' farm this week.
 - E. Mrs. Fairchild had someone bring in live "pet" scorpions on September 27th to allow her class to learn about them.
 - F. The Fall Concert is on October 29th in the afternoon.
 - G. This Thursday some of the grades will be celebrating for having met their "AR" goals.
 - H. The Staff continue to work on FastBridge during professional development.
 - I. The current staff to student ratio in the grade school is 1 staff member to 12.52 students. This does not include special education staff.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

18. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, presented updates on the Jr./Sr. high school as follows:

- A. Inservice is October 15th in the morning and the afternoon is a work day.
- B. The staff has been planning I-Ready and FastBridge during professional development on Wednesdays.
- C. The teacher to student ratio in the Jr./Sr. High School is 1 teacher to 10.5 students.
- D. High Plains League Volleyball is October 16th in Lakin.
- E. Junior High League Volleyball is October 18th in Syracuse.
- F. We will be hosting High School Volleyball Regionals on October 23rd.
- G. Regional Cross Country is October 23rd in Johnson.

Superintendent's Report

19. Superintendent Maxwell presented updates in the district and buildings as follows:
- A. KASB has inquired about insuring the district. Currently EMC insures the district. The Board discussed their options.
 - B. The doors for the Jr./Sr. High School will be installed over Christmas break if they have arrived by that time.
 - C. The current enrollment is down 25 students from last year. However, even with the loss of a Career Technical Education Instructor, the CTE FTE's have increased.
 - D. ESSER III surveys were sent out to the community today.
 - E. Through a KDHE grant, 400 Covid-19 test kits will be sent to the district for those wishing to be tested free of charge.

Executive Session for Personnel

20. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Tammy Simons 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 board room at 10:56 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

21. Ann Wiles motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve Kayde Rietzke as an Assistant High School Football Coach with salary as discussed in executive session. Motion passed 4-1 with Josh Young Abstaining.

Adjournment

22. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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