

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, January 9, 2023 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Julee Beedy, Brian Gerstberger, Jesse Harbrige, Jason Koehn, Jim Myers, Ann Wiles, and Josh Young.

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Brant Douglas; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; Director of Maintenance/Transportation, Buck Bishop; and Guests: Haydon Parks, Sara Brown, Nate Brown, Deb Ames, Bridgette Carpenter, Courtney Young, Brittany Berning, Leticia Amaro, Kade Gerstberger, Ashley Villalobos, Yakelin Barrera, Keleigh Hernandez, Jadee Crouch, Abigail Salinas, and Jacob Cach-Amaro.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Josh Young motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the consent agenda, with additions of items F and G for personnel, consisting of:
  - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for December 12, 2022.
  - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
  - D. Approve waiving the building fees for WCES for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team practices and scrimmage in January and February as requested by Amanda Baker.
  - E. Gifts and Grants
    1. Accept free-will donations of \$1,065 from the Community Football Meet, Greet, and Eat.
    2. Accept a grant of \$1,986 from Blue Cross Blue Shield for pickleball packs, lacrosse sets, scooter boards, and a volleyball net for the playground.
    3. Accept a donation of \$1,500 from KT Tire for the Vo-Ag department.

4. Accept a donation of \$250 from Western Kansas Community Foundation for FFA for Anniversary Celebration Expenses.
5. Accept anonymous donations of \$100 and \$37 to pay negative lunch balances for WCES students.
6. Accept an anonymous donation of \$4,000 to pay off negative balances in the school lunch program and other student needs.

F. Personnel hiring:

1. Layton Tankersley, high school assistant track coach.
2. Wes Cooper, high school assistant golf coach.

G. Accept the resignation of David Chidester, custodian.

Motion passed 7-0.

Sixth Grade Presentations

4. Mrs. Bridgette Carpenter, Mrs. Courtney Young, and the following sixth grade students shared projects they have been working on this year: Kade Gerstberger, Ashley Villalobos, Yakelin Barrera, Keleigh Hernandez, Jadee Crouch, Abigail Salinas, and Jacob Cach-Amaro. The students' projects included comparative research English Language Art projects, "Word" for the year English Language Arts and Social Emotional learning projects, and "Food Trucks" that incorporated English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The Board thanked the students and teachers for their presentations. Mrs. Carpenter, parents, and students left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Organization of the Board

5. Josh Young motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to nominate Jim Myers for Board President for 2023. Motion passed 7-0.
6. Jason Koehn motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to nominate Josh Young for Board Vice President for 2023. Motion passed 7-0.

Appointment of Elected Personnel to Advisory Board

7. **High Plains Educational Cooperative**-Ann Wiles, Jim Myers as alternative
8. **Wichita County Recreation**- Brian Gerstberger

9. **USD 467 Professional Development Council-**  
Jason Koehn
10. **Northwest Kansas Technical College-** Josh Young
11. **Wichita County Economic Development –** Julee Beedy
12. **Negotiations Committee-** Jesse Harbrige and Brian Gerstberger
13. **Calendar Committee-** Josh Young and Jim Myers

Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the appointments as listed. Motion passed 7-0.

Negotiations and Board Training

14. The negotiations team members from the Board will be required to attend training before negotiations begin. The closest in-person training is in Oakley on February 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Webinars are also offered if unable to attend in person. Jesse Harbrige and Brian Gerstberger will let the Superintendent know which training they are available to attend.

Track Resurfacing Bids

15. Superintendent Maxwell presented two bids for resurfacing the track. Track bids were published and due January 6, 2023 by 3:00 p.m. The bids are as follows:

16. Vibra-Whirl Sports, LTC-\$78,280

17. United Sport System-\$73,500.

18. After discussion, the Board advised Superintendent Maxwell to research more information on the bid proposals and if they are in line with the current district needs. The track bids will be further discussed at the February Board meeting.

Bids for Certificates of Deposit

19. The district bid out certificates of deposit for \$500,000 and \$250,000 from Western State Bank and Security State Bank. The bids are as follows:

20. Security State Bank -\$500,000 12 month 4.65% and \$250,000 3 month 4.29%.

21. Western State Bank-\$500,000 12 month 3.01% and \$250,000 3 month 3.01%.

22. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the bids from Security State Bank as presented. Motion passed 6-1 with Josh Young abstaining. Deb Ames left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

FastBridge Data

23. Superintendent Maxwell presented FastBridge data from fall to winter for 2022-2023. As a district, scores are trending upward. Discussion was held.

Auditor's Report

24. KSDE and Kennedy McKee & Company LLP have both completed their annual audits. The KSDE audit which determines the district funding based on student FTE's and other criteria, shows a reduction to the district of 6.6 FTE's which is an approximately \$32,000 reduction to the general budget.

25. The financial audit from Kennedy McKee & Company LLP for the 2021-2022 school year did not reveal any significant findings. Josh Young voted and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the financial audit as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

26. Julee Beedy motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the Kennedy McKee & Company LLP Engagement letter for the years ended June 30, 2023, 2024, 2025. Motion passed 7-0.

WCES Principal's Report

27. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates.

A. During Wednesday professional development, they will be discussing skill levels and student interventions.

B. Christ Scheufele will present to the grade school students on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

C. The District Spelling Bee is February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Classroom teachers are prepping to do classroom spelling bees now.

D. The State Test is coming up and staff is preparing students.

- E. As the WCHS football coach, the following players were selected for the All Star team: Erhik Hermosillo, Cordell Brown, and Romeo Terriquez.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

- 28. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt's report was given by Superintendent Maxwell as follows:
  - A. There were 105 students on the honor roll for second semester.
  - B. Tomorrow will be reading diagnostics testing.
  - C. State Assessments are in March.
  - D. KELPA testing is January 30<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. NHS Blood Drive is January 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - F. The High School League Basketball tournament is January 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Monday and Tuesday night will be at Leoti.
  - G. Chris Scheufele will present to the Junior Senior High school students on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.
  - H. The Junior High League Basketball tournament is January 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent's Report

- 29. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
  - A. January is Board Appreciation month and the district would like to thank the Board members for volunteering their time to serve on the school board. NHS would like to recognize the Board members on January 24<sup>th</sup> at a home basketball game.
  - B. A dividend payment of \$6,915.59 was received from EMC Insurance.
  - C. A FEMA payment of \$1,219.57 was received for the December 15, 2021 wind storm.
  - D. The district received a Windfarm payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$99,253.25.
  - E. The district office received 52 staff leave requests last week.
  - F. Mr. Douglas was invited to speak at a football clinic on February 10, 2023.

Executive Session for Fall Coach Evaluations and Spring Coaching Positions

- 30. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Parks present to discuss matters adversely or favorably

affecting non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The matters affecting the non-elected certified and classified staff members is their fall coach evaluations and spring coaching positions. The Board will return to open session in the board room at 8:31 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Buck Bishop and Courtney Young left the meeting.

31. The meeting returned to open session at 8:31 p.m. No action was taken. Haydon Parks left the meeting. The Board took a five minute break at 8:32 p.m.

Executive Session for  
Personnel

32. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting 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 10:03 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

33. The meeting returned to open session at 10:03 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

34. There will be a special board meeting on January 30, 2023. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk