

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, February 13, 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; Director of Maintenance/Transportation, Buck Bishop; and Guests: Sara Brown, Nate Brown, Amber Porter, Andrea Bauck, Tara Biermann, Danielle Schoenberger, and Geoffrey Blumenthal.

Board Member Photo

3. Before the meeting started, Danielle Schoenberger took a photo of the Board members for the school yearbook. Danielle and Geoffrey left the meeting.

Approved Consent Agenda

4. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Jesse Harbrige motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the January 9, 2023 and January 30, 2023 meetings.
 - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel
 1. Accept the resignation of Raye Herbias as ESL para.
 2. Approve the hiring of Margartia Villalobos as custodian.
 3. Approve contracts for spring coaches as presented:
 - a) High School Track: Janee Porter, head coach; Allen Baker, assistant coach; Layton Tankersley, assistant coach.
 - b) High School Golf: Nate Brown, head coach; Wesley Cooper, assistant coach.

- c) Junior High School Track: Judith Lemus, assistant coach, (the head and assistant coach positions are still open)

E. Gifts and Grants

1. Accept donations of \$2,700 from TRIBE for the gate program.
2. Accept an anonymous donation of \$500 for unpaid student fees at the JSHS.
3. Accept a donation of \$1,178.35 from TRIBE for basketball warm-ups.
4. Accept a donation of \$500 from Seaboard Foods, LLC for shirts for the HPL Basketball Tournament.
5. Accept a donation of \$393 from Western Hardware for apparel for the athletic department.
6. Accept a donation of \$5,334.25 to FFA from the Calf Fry and Gun Raffle.

F. Approval of the 2022-2023 Site Council members:

- Amanda Baker, Abby Biermann, Tara Biermann, Margaret Bocanegra, Wendy Budde, Paige Burch, Treven Burch, Brant Douglas, Levi Elder, Simone Elder, Angel Espinoza, Karla Hermsillo, Lucia Figueroa, Pete Luna, Chuck McLaughlin, Tammy McLaughlin, Morgan Morefield, Delbert Schmidt, and Eryka Smith.

G. Approval of the 5th grade field trip to the Indian Kiva and Bent's Old Fort in LaJunta, Colorado in April.

Motion passed 7-0.

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5. Tara Biermann shared funding ideas from the TRIBE organization. Discussion was held. The Board felt that drop down volleyball nets and a new trophy case with updated trophies and awards at the front entrance of the JSHS would be the best use of TRIBE funds at this time and agree to allocate up to \$9,000 to offset the costs. Mrs. Biermann stated the TRIBE will meet again on March 1, 2023 and she will present this to the organization.

Accountability Reports

6. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Accountability Reports and District Profile for 2021-2022. Discussion was held. Superintendent Maxwell said overall the district is showing improvement.

Track Resurfacing Bids

7. Superintendent Maxwell gave follow up information on the two track bids presented at the January 9, 2023 board meeting: Vibra-Whirl Sports, LTC-\$78,280 and United Sport System-\$73,500. After speaking with both bidders and Shad Mehl, who originally initiated the track project, it was concluded that United Sport System would be using a material that differed from the original and the “red” color match up may differ slightly. Since some areas of the track would only be repaired and not completely resurfaced, it was concluded that Vibra-Whirl Sports, LTC would be using the same material that is currently on the track and would therefore be able to most closely match the surface.
8. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve Vibra-Whirl Sports, LTC for \$78,280 for the resurfacing/repair of the track. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Appointment for Economic Development

9. Kristin Harbrige has been asked to be the school district Board Appointee for the Wichita County Economic Development Board of Directors.
10. Josh Young motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve Kristin Harbrige as the USD #467 School Board Appointed member to the Wichita County Economic Development Board of Directors. Motion passed 6-1 with Jesse Harbrige abstaining.

WCES Principal’s Report

11. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates.
 - A. The District Spelling Bee was held on February 3rd with Jacob Rempel as the Spelling Bee Champion and Santiago Garcia as the runner-up.
 - B. Students and staff celebrated the “100th” day of school.

- C. Staff and students celebrated Superbowl week and ended with a friendly staff football game.
- D. Seventeen fourth graders attended the Shriner's Circus last Saturday.
- E. Staff is currently working on reviewing the grade school handbook and are recommending updates to the attendance policy and treating "smart watches" and cell phones in the same capacity at the grade school.

Superintendent's Report

12. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
- A. Western Kansas Outdoorsmen contacted the district to ask if there were any future projects they could help fund. Some ideas they had included playground and physical education equipment, turf for the soccer field area, track resurfacing, professional striping for the football field, and scholarships.
 - B. Discussion is being held at the state level on changing the amount of students that a district has in qualifying a school district to play 8-man or 11-man football. This will potentially affect our school district.
 - C. Wichita County Tax Revenues to the school district received in January 2023 are as follows: \$775,365.29 to Supplemental General, \$312,387.66 to Capital Outlay, \$223,086.86 to Bond & Interest, and \$3,809.05 to General for a total of \$1,314,648.86.
 - D. TASN/KSDE is making a free promotional video to highlight our school district on April 6th.
 - E. KESA goals are curriculum in all areas and stakeholder involvement.

Consideration for Approval of 2023-2024 School Calendar

13. The teacher calendar committee, appointed Board members, and administration met and discussed calendar options for the 2023-2024 school year. The committee and Board members propose approving the 2023-2024 school calendar, option A. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to

approve the 2023-2024 school calendar, option A, as presented.
Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for
Personnel

14. Julee Beedy 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 9:03 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

15. The Board returned to open session at 9:03 p.m. No action was taken.

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16. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Josh Young seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell and Mr. Douglas 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 9:14 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

17. The Board returned to open session at 9:14 p.m. Jim Myers motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve an administrative contract with Brant Douglas for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years. Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Douglas left the meeting.

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18. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to enter into executive session 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 9:46 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. Brant Douglas, Andrea Bauck, Amber Porter, Buck Bishop, and Tara Biermann left the meeting.

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19. The meeting returned to open session at 9:46 p.m.
No action was taken.
20. Julee Beedy motioned and Josh Young 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 10:06 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.
21. The meeting returned to open session at 10:06 p.m. Jim Myers motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve a contract with Superintendent Lori Maxwell for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years with wages to be determined. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

22. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk