

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 14, 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; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; and Guest: Sara Brown.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Jess Harbrige motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the July 10, 2023 meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Appointment of Homeless Liaison: Lori Maxwell
 2. Appointment of Freedom of Information Officer-Open Records: Tammy Mason
 3. Approval of Phillip Weilert as the PDC representative for the JSHS.
 - E. Approve movement on the salary schedule for Phillip Weilert from Column II, Step 2 to Column V, Step 2.
 - F. Approve reimbursement rate for mileage at 65.5 cents per mile effective 07/01/2023.
 - G. Approve waiving the building fees for Wichita County Parks & Recreation for the 2023 volleyball and football season from 08/15/23 to 11/15/23.
 - H. Accept a donation from the Wichita County Outdoorsmen, LLC for \$2,325 for printing school calendars.
 - I. Accept a donation of \$3,200 from Western Community Foundation for band shelving.

- J. Accept a donation of \$1,789.27 from Knights of Columbus Charities and Foundation from the Tootsie Roll Program for the special education fund.
 - K. Accept a donation of \$1,164.50 from the golf tournament for high school football.
 - L. Accept four donations totaling \$4,050 from the Western Kansas Community Foundation as follows: \$2,050 for a Die Cut Machine, \$500 for HS English Department books, \$1,000 for Reading Interventions, and \$500 for Book Club Books.
- Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Handbooks

- 4. Superintendent Maxwell presented the 2023-2024 Classified Handbook and Substitute Handbook. There were no changes to the Classified Handbook. The Substitute Handbook reflected the new certified substitute teacher rate increase of \$120 per day. Josh Young motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the Classified and Substitute Handbooks for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

2023-24 Building Needs Assessments

- 5. Superintendent Maxwell presented the 2023-24 Building Needs Assessments as a continuation of the assessment data review for FastBridge and State Assessments presented at the June 12, 2023 Board of Education meeting. The information provided will be taken into consideration as part of the budget adoption process. The information can be found on the district website at www.leoti.org, District, Required Documents, 2022-23 School Year Building Needs Assessment for 2023-24 Budget Considerations-WCES and 2022-23 JSHS School Year Building Needs Assessment for 2023-24 Budget Considerations.
- 6. The Building Needs Assessments address Student Needs, State Board of Education Outcomes, Curriculum Needs, Education Capacities, Staff Needs, Facility Needs, Family Needs/Community Relations, and School Data for the Wichita County Elementary School and the Wichita County Junior-Senior High School. Discussion was held. Jim Myers left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

2023-24 Budget Review

7. Superintendent Maxwell presented the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. The State Aid per pupil amount is \$5,088. The proposed budget for General Fund is \$3,798,192. The proposed budget for Supplemental General is \$1,269,221. Discussion was held. Jim Myers returned to the meeting.

8. The Revenue Neutral Tax Rate Hearing will be held September 11, 2023 at the Board of Education office at 6:45 p.m. The Budget Hearing will be held September 11, 2023 at the Board of Education office at 6:50 p.m. The proposed budget and Revenue Neutral Tax Rate will be published in the Wichita County Native Sun August 23rd and August 30th.

Approval of Health Insurance

9. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Renewal for the 2023-2024 school year. The insurance rates have dropped slightly from last year. A single premium is \$652.59, with the district paying \$618.80 towards a single policy and the employee paying \$33.79. Discussion was held. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Renewal for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Renewal of Bobcat Lease

10. The Bobcat Lease renews every five years. The new Bobcat will lease at a rate of \$7,000 per year for the next five years. Josh Young motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the new Bobcat lease as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

11. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:

- A. Approximately 181 students in 7th-12th grades have enrolled.
- B. The staff is currently in the building preparing for the start of the school year.
- C. Today was the first day of sports' practices.
- D. The athletic department will be communicating with families via goindiansathletics.com. The information will be provided to families during coach/family meetings for each sport.

WCES Principal's Report

12. WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell, presented the following updates:

- A. The crosswalks will be closed due to the road construction project. The district has come up with a plan to bus students from the South parking lot of the First Baptist Church before and after school. The information will be communicated on social media, Sneak Peek, and in the newspaper.
- B. Staff inservice was today and tomorrow, staff work day on Wednesday, and students first day of school will be Thursday, August 17th.

Superintendent's Report

13. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:

- A. The grade school classroom dome HVAC project is complete.
- B. The JSHS Gym Roof has been completed. There have been several minor leaks and the roofing company is working to correct those areas. The wrestling mats did get some water on them from a leak. The roofing company and Ms. Maxwell have been in contact with the wrestling mat manufacturer to ensure that the mats are properly dried and disinfected.
- C. The track resurfacing is completed. The lane stripes need to be painted on the track and will be completed soon.
- D. A new sidewalk leading in the Southeast entrance of the grade school will need to be bid out.
- E. The unfilled positions in the district are as follows: an ESL teacher, two custodians, two paras, and a high school girls' assistant basketball coach.
- F. Current enrollment numbers for the 2023-2024 school year are 405 students, 218 in the grade school and 187 in the junior-senior high school. Those numbers may change as some students that have moved out of the district have not requested to transfer yet.

Executive Session for Personnel

14. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Julee Beedy 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 7:53 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

15. The meeting returned to open session at 7:53 p.m. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the winter coaches as presented in executive session. Motion passed 7-0.

16. Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the athletic director representatives as presented in executive session. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

17. The Board will meet in special session on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at the WCJSHS lobby for a building walk through and capital outlay discussion. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk