

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 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; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; and Guests: Misty Gardner, Nate Brown, Tara Biermann, Buck Bishop, and Hallie Means.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Julee Beedy motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the September 11, 2023 meetings.
  - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
  - D. Personnel Actions:
    1. Approve the hiring of Shelby Tooley and Adela Lizarraga as custodians.
    2. Approve the hiring of Dalton Robison, Keila Castillo Flores, and Hailey Keeton as part-time student custodians.
    3. Approve the hiring of Haylie Douglas as the high school girls' assistant basketball coach.
  - E. Gifts and Grants
    1. Accept a donation of \$500 from Luna Construction for the Plasma Cam machine.
    2. Accept a donation of \$1,017.75 from Chandler and Stephanie Berning for the Plasma Cam machine.
    3. Accept a donation of \$450 from The Salvation Army for tuition and books.
    4. Accept a donation of \$140 from Security State Bank for the musical matinee lunch.
    5. Accept a donation of \$4,000 from Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc. (TRIBE) for HUDL.

- F. Approve the out-of-state FFA trip to Goodwell, Oklahoma on November 7, 2023.
- G. Approve the disposition of items presented by Elaine Anthony and Stephanie Thelen-West.
- H. Approve an on-line auction for the retired banners from the athletic department as requested by AD, Haydon Parks.  
Motion passed 7-0.

FFA and Ag Program Update

- 4. Mrs. Hallie Means provided the board with an update on the FFA and Ag programs for the 2023-2024 school year.

Review Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan

- 5. Superintendent Maxwell presented the proposed five year capital outlay plan for district improvements. The Board is planning for additional improvements to the district buildings and grounds over the next five years. A new 14 passenger route bus will be delivered to the district on Thursday. The new SUV will be delivered possibly in February. Discussion was held on the ongoing needs for the district.

Certificate of Deposit Bids

- 1. The district bid out certificates of deposit for \$250,000 from Western State Bank and Security State Bank. The bids are as follows:
- 2. Security State Bank -\$250,000 3 months 5.01% (5.13% APY), 6 months 5.01% (5.13% APY), 9 months 5.01% (5.3% APY), 12 months 5.01% (5.13% APY).
- 3. Western State Bank-\$250,000 3 months 4.80% (\$2,959.20), 6 months 5.01% (\$6,177.60), 9 months 5.05% (\$9,339.30), 12 months 5.05% (\$12,625.00).
- 4. Ann Wiles motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the bid from Security State Bank for a \$250,000 certificate of deposit for 6 months 5.01% (5.13% APY). Motion passed 6-1 with Josh Young abstaining.

2019 Activity Bus Lease

- 5. Superintendent Maxwell presented the 2019 Bluebird 42-passenger leased bus that can be purchased with a balance of \$54,920 due in two equal payments of \$28,258.23 due 10/9/23 and

10/9/24. Brian Gerstberger motion and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the purchase of the 2019 activity bus lease to be purchased in two installments of \$28,258.23 in October of 2023 and October of 2024. Motion passed 7-0.

JBCC-Out of District Students

6. Superintendent Maxwell presented the JBCC policy, which sets a capacity limit on class sizes pertaining to allowing out of district students to attend in the Wichita County school district. Through administrative and staff input, the recommendation is 18 students in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, 20 students in third through eighth grades, and 25 students in ninth through twelfth grades. The capacity limit will be reviewed annually. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the recommended capacity limit per classroom as discussed effective January 1, 2024. Motion passed 7-0.

7. The date to notify out of district students if they are allowed to attend within the district due to capacity limits is recommended to be June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A hearing regarding enrollment of nonresident students' policy will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:50 p.m. at the Board of Education office. The public notice will be published in the Wichita County Native Sun two consecutive weeks prior to the hearing. Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the date to notify and hearing date established. Motion passed 7-0.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

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

- A. The Principal's Building Report has been submitted to the state.
- B. The Graduation Drop Out Report is due October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Professional development is focusing on artificial intelligence in education.
- D. October 13<sup>th</sup> is teacher inservice and workday.
- E. Homecoming was last week
- F. JH fall sports are wrapping up.
- G. Parent/teacher conferences are October 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

- H. High Plains League Volleyball is Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> in Leoti.
- I. High Plains JH Volleyball is October 16<sup>th</sup> in Lakin.
- J. Substate Volleyball is at Syracuse on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- K. Regional Cross Country is in Meade on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

WCES Principal's Report

- 9. WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell, presented the following updates:
  - A. Prizes with the Principal have started with teacher nominations for students exhibiting the character trait of optimism this month.
  - B. Girl Scouts will present to the grade school on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - C. The Warrior Reading Award assembly is this Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the JSHS auditorium.
  - D. Preschoolers will go to the Sheppard's pumpkin patch this Thursday.
  - E. Kindergarteners will go to the firehouse this Thursday.
  - F. Wheatland Electric will have a presentation all day on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - G. October 31<sup>st</sup> is the fall concert and parties.
  - H. Teacher evaluations are currently being conducted in both buildings.

Superintendent's Report

- 10. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
  - A. A correction to the August Board meeting minutes for a donation is as follows: Accept four checks from the Western Kansas Community Foundation funded by the Wichita County Community Foundation for donations totaling \$4,050 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.
  - B. Science curriculum samples have been ordered and will be reviewed by staff to make a recommendation to the Board.
  - C. Dyslexia annual training has been completed.
  - D. Discussion was held on purchasing a new screen for the auditorium or a new projector/screen combination. The Board

advised to get quotes on a new projector and screen for the WCJSHS auditorium.

- E. Biometric Screenings for staff are available through the health department free of charge as part of the wellness committee health initiative.
- F. The Site Council is interested in helping with a Giving Tree for teachers to request items for their classrooms to help with student learning.
- G. The headcount table as of September 20<sup>th</sup> shows 393 students enrolled.
- H. There was an issue with noise makers at the last home football game. The announcer will give a reminder before each home football game to remind fans of the KSHSAA rule regarding noise makers.

Executive Session for  
Personnel

- 11. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jese Harbrige 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 8:33 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.
- 12. Misty Gardner was asked to enter into executive session at 8:25 p.m.
- 13. The meeting returned to open session at 8:33 p.m. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve hiring Misty Gardner as the Wichita County Elementary Principal for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed 7-0.
- 14. Jim Myers motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve paying Buck Bishop a stipend as presented in executive session. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

15. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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