

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., Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

The original scheduled meeting of January 8, 2024 was cancelled due to hazardous weather conditions.

People Present

2. Members present were: Julee Beedy, Maegan Berry, Jesse Harbrige, Bruce Loy, Eryka Smith, Farrin Watt, and Josh Young.

The following new board members took their oath of office with Lynda Goodrich, Wichita County Clerk and Election Officer, prior to their first Board of Education meeting:

Eryka Smith (January 5, 2024)

Bruce Loy (January 7, 2024)

Maegan Berry (January 7, 2024)

Farrin Watt (January 7, 2024)

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; and Guests: Sara Brown, Nate Brown, Bridgette Carpenter, Courtney Young, Kris Casper, Alexis Casper, Jenna Koehn, and Zach Marcy.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Farrin Watt motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the consent agenda, with an additional resignation on item E and an executive session for superintendent evaluations, consisting of:
 - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for December 11, 2023.
 - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
 - D. Approve the request to use one of the school gyms for the 2024 elections if the Wichita County Community Building is unavailable on March 19, 2024, August 6, 2024, or November 5, 2024, as requested by Lynda Goodrich, Wichita County Clerk and Election Officer.

E. Accept the resignation and retirement of Joy Brown as the Library Media Specialist and Cheryl Johnson, third grade teacher effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

F. Gifts and Grants

1. Accept a donation of \$100 from Kent Janssen for the high school football team.
2. Accept a donation of \$115 from Doug and Cheryl Johnson for student milk and clarinet reeds.
3. Accept a donation of \$1,500 from an anonymous donor for student meals.
4. Accept a donation of \$150 from Wichita County Outdoorsmen for athletics from the veteran's admission to the 11/17/23 football game.
5. Accept a donation of \$2,000 from Pioneer for athletics from the football gate buyout on 11/17/23.
6. Accept a donation of \$1,144 from Wichita County Community Foundation, Inc. for athletics from the basketball gate buyout on 12/15/23.

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: Jenna Koehn, Alexis Casper, and Zach Marcy. The students presented "Food Trucks" that incorporated English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The Board thanked the students and teachers for their presentations. Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Young, and students left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Childhood 2.0 Request

5. Kris Casper, Wichita County Sheriff and Sara Brown, Counselor shared information about Childhood 2.0, a presentation offered on 01/25/24 at the high school auditorium from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Childhood 2.0 offers an insight into the changing face of childhood in the highly vulnerable digital age with a special focus on the consequent problems faced by kids and parents. Sheriff Casper left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Organization of the Board

- 6. Farrin Watt motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to nominate Josh Young for Board President for 2024. Motion passed 7-0.
- 7. Bruce Loy motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to nominate Jesse Harbrige for Board Vice President for 2024. Motion passed 7-0.

Appointment of Elected Personnel to Advisory Board

- 8. **High Plains Educational Cooperative**-Julee Beedy, Maegan Berry as alternative
- 9. **Wichita County Recreation**- No appointment
- 10. **USD 467 Professional Development Council**- Farrin Watt
- 11. **Northwest Kansas Technical College**- Josh Young resigns. Board appoints Carol Laws.
- 12. **Wichita County Economic Development** – Board appoints Kristin Harbrige.
- 13. **Negotiations Committee**- Jesse Harbrige and Bruce Loy
- 14. **Calendar Committee**- Josh Young and Farrin Watt
- 15. **Curriculum Committee** – Eryka Smith
- 16. **Grown & Learn Childcare Center Board** – Maegan Berry

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

Negotiations Training

- 17. The negotiations team members from the Board will be required to attend training before negotiations begin. The closest in-person trainings are in Lyons on January 31, 2024 or in Hays on February 6, 2024. Webinars are also offered if unable to attend in person. Jesse Harbrige and Bruce Loy will let the

Superintendent know which training they are available to attend.

Board Training

18. Foundations of Boardmanship Training are offered in Goodland on January 24, 2024 in the evening or Garden City on January 25, 2024 in the morning. There is also the option to invite Gary Sechrist to Leoti for the training. The Board would like Mr. Sechrist to train at a special board meeting. Superintendent will set up the board training with Mr. Sechrist.

FastBridge Data

19. Superintendent Maxwell presented FastBridge data from fall to winter for 2023-2024. The testing monitors reading and math skills in order for staff to evaluate how best to educate each student. Discussion was held.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

20. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates;

- A. The second quarter had 102 honor roll students.
- B. KELPA testing will begin January 29th.
- C. State assessments will be March 18th & 19th.
- D. National testing for 8th graders will be February 28th if they opt in.
- E. High Plains League Basketball for girls and boys will be in Elkhart on Monday, January 15th. It will be in Garden City the remainder of the week.
- F. High Plains League Basketball for girls and boys will be in Lakin on January 27th and Sublette on January 29th.
- G. The high school wrestling team will compete in Scott City on Saturday and at home on February 1st.
- H. The Spelling Bee is February 2nd at 1:30 p.m.
- I. Three football players were chosen for the 8-Man All-Star team: Brandon Price, Christopher Michel, and Wyatt Gardner.
- J. Emerson Biermann won the VFW Patriot's Pen essay.

WCES Principal's Report

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

- A. The Winter Program was December 18th.

- B. The staff greatly appreciated the extra day of leave on December 20th.
- C. Staff returned from winter break on January 3rd.
- D. The last day to run the shuttle bus before and after school was last Thursday. Today was the first day with the crosswalks reopened.
- E. Teachers are planning spring field trips.
- F. Snow removal was done by the city and school maintenance and was very much appreciated.
- G. The preschool program application through KSDE for at-risk funding for the 2024-25 school year has been submitted.
- H. Due to hazardous weather conditions, bus students were released fifteen minutes early today and activities were cancelled.
- I. Due to hazardous weather conditions, arrangements have been made for the high school wrestling team to spend the night in Great Bend.
- J. Negative temperatures on Monday and Tuesday are a concern and will be closely monitored to assess the safest options for students and staff.

Superintendent's Report

22. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:

- A. High Plains Education Cooperative is asking to amend the Interlocal Agreement.
- B. The \$500,000 Certificate of Deposit with Security State Bank will mature February 1, 2024 with same or better interest rates. The Board agreed to allow the automatic renewal with same or better interest rates.
- C. The storage closet doors for the cafeteria tables were replaced with taller doors to allow for the cafeteria tables to be stored with ease so as to extend the life of the cafeteria tables.
- D. The kitchen refrigerator/freezer roof was fixed to stop leaks.
- E. Staff attended via zoom yesterday a Science K-12 Curriculum Resource informational meeting as the district moves forward in adopting a science curriculum resource.

- F. In February, staff will present their recommendations for adopting a science curriculum resource.
- G. Next Tuesday, administration will meet with Dr. Miller for a KESA check-in.
- H. The 2022-2023 financial audit from Kennedy & McKee is complete.

Executive Session for Personnel

- 23. Julee Beedy motioned and Farrin Watt 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 9:13 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.
- 24. The meeting returned to open session at 9:13 p.m. No action was taken.

Executive Session for Superintendent Evaluations

- 25. Farrin Watt motioned and Jesse Harbrige 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 staff member is the Superintendent evaluation. The Board will return to open session in the board room at 9:24 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.
- 26. The meeting returned to open session at 9:24 p.m. No action was taken.

Executive Session for Calendar and Negotiations

- 27. Farrin Watt motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell and Mr. Douglas present to discuss calendar and negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The Board will return to open session in the board room at 9:50 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Nate and Sara Brown left the meeting.
- 28. The meeting returned to open session at 9:50 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

29. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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