

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, September 9, 2024 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; and Guest: Sara Brown.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Maegan Berry motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the August 12, 2024 special and regular meetings.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Accept the resignation of Haylie Douglas as the high school girls' assistant basketball coach.
 2. Accept the resignation of Wesley Cooper as the high school boys' and girls' head wrestling coach.
 - E. Consider approving the Building Use Agreement for January 3rd & 4th, 2025 from the Leoti Takedown Club for the Wichita County Junior Senior High School.
 - F. Approve the list of 2024-25 fundraisers for WCJSHS.
 - G. Approve the disposition of discarded library books from WCES and WCJSHS as presented by Bridgette Carpenter.
 - H. Donations:
 1. Accept a donation from the Chad Armstrong Memorial for \$500 for families that need help with meals, school supplies, miscellaneous fees, or teachers who need classroom supplies. Chad Jeremy Armstrong was a

1993 graduate of Wichita County High School.

2. Accept a donation of 80 gift certificates from the Daily Dose Coffee Shop valued at \$6 each for all teachers and staff from Berta Binns, Farm Bureau Financial Services.
3. Accept a donation of school supplies for students and teachers from Wichita County Health Mart Pharmacy.
4. Accept a donation of \$500 from the Community Thrift Shop for Reality U.
5. Accept donations for the Chuck Jaeger Memorial as follows for FFA: John & Kathy Wing \$50; Pam Berlier \$100; Al & Barbara Kash \$30; David & Katherine White \$50; Art & Ellen Warner \$50; Emergent Green Energy, Inc., \$1,000; Dee Dee Wilken, Jon Wilken, and Don Wilken \$100; Mary Schreck \$25; Patti Dunlap \$50; Tom and Darla White \$50; Julie Kaps \$50; Ann and William Hess \$100; Dedra Beymer \$50; Beymer & Beymer Inc \$200; Robert Beymer \$200; Jerry and Betty Hilger \$50; John and Oralia Perez \$50; Runnin' 6 Farms, Inc (Matt Jaeger) \$500; Dennis & Sherril Geubelle \$100; John & Tamara Meisel \$50; Frank and Susan Wedel \$100; Lela Knedlik \$25; Jalene Conrad \$100; Ray and Virginia Sondregger \$50; Robert and Elizabeth Jaeger \$40; Melanie Algrim \$40; Carter and Kelsey Berning \$50; Tim and Sheryl Jaeger \$150; Kristin Bangerter \$50; Patricia Yeradi \$25; SJ Organics, LLC \$100; Brad and Ann Tate \$50; Gary and Rhonda Holstein \$40; CEB, Inc. \$200; James and Alberta Shafer \$100; Robert and Elizabeth Jaeger \$100; Kitra Roth \$100; Robert and Deborah Frederick \$25.
6. Accept a donation for the Ray Jaeger Memorial from Dee Dee Wilken, John Wilken, and Don Wilken \$100.
7. Accept a donation of \$1,000 for Wichita County High School Girls' Golf from the Warpath to Wellness Golf Tournament.
8. Accept a donation of \$1,252 from Security State Bank and a donation of \$1,252 from Western State Bank through the Wichita

County Community Foundation for WCES student and staff t-shirts.

- I. Approval of the 2024-25 Site Council: Amanda Baker, Abby Biermann, Tara Biermann, Margaret Bocanegra, Wendy Budde, Treven & Paige Burch, Brant Douglas, Levi and Simone Elder, Angel Espinoza, Denise Gerstberger, Karla Hermosillo, Pete Luna, Misty Gardner, Lori Maxwell, Morgan Morefield, and Eryka Smith.

Motion passed 5-0.

Adoption of the 2024-25 Budget

4. The 2024-25 Budget hearing was held at 6:50 p.m. There were no patrons that contested the budget as presented. Eryka Smith motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to approve the budget for the 2024-25 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

5. Superintendent Maxwell proposed moving the fall parent/teacher conferences from October 15th and 17th to October 22nd and 24th due to the amount of activities taking place during the scheduled week. It would prove to be difficult for families to attend the parent teacher conferences and still be able to attend their children's events. This will also mean that school would be held on October 18th, but not on October 25th. Discussion was held. Eryka Smith motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve moving parent teacher conferences from October 15th and 17th to October 22nd and 24th, and also having school on October 18th but not on October 25th. Motion passed 5-0.

Voting Delegate for KASB

6. A voting delegate from USD #467 for Kansas Association of School Boards needs to be appointed. The voting delegate does not need to attend in person, but can vote remotely. Farrin Watt motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve Josh Young as the voting delegate for KASB from USD #467. Motion passed 5-0.

WCES Principal's Report

7. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:
 - A. There are currently 219 students enrolled in the grade school.

- B. The fourth grade students and teachers attended an educational field trip to Fort Wallace last Friday.
- C. Student of the Week will be nominated- Confidence is the characteristic.
- D. Picture day is tomorrow.
- E. September 17th is Constitution Day.
- F. Principal Gardner will be meeting with her KELI trainer several times –Shawn Roberts of Scott City.
- G. The outdoor classroom is being used by classes throughout the day, as well as, students enjoying their lunch or doing homework at the tables.
- H. The teacher supplies from Security State Bank have been distributed and is very much appreciated from staff.
- I. Principal Gardner will be sending out a monthly newsletter to families.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

- 8. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:
 - A. Our school is a 1A.
 - B. There are 133 high school students enrolled and 57 junior high school students enrolled.
 - C. Fifteen students were inducted into National Honor Society on August 27th.
 - D. Fastbridge and Iready testing is taking place.
 - E. The principal from Tribune asked if there would be a possibility of allowing their students to come over for wrestling due to low numbers. They will provide transportation, pay all expenses, and provide an assistant coach. The Board will discuss and give an answer by the October board meeting.
 - F. The freshmen class is requesting to having a "donkey basketball" fundraiser in April. The Board discussed and approves.
 - G. Nevaeh Ridder and Faith Marcy were chosen as Ag Ambassadors for the American Movement and Farm Aid. They will be traveling to New York with Mrs. Means next week.

Superintendent's Report

- 9. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:

- A. There are 407 students enrolled which is up from last year.
- B. The insurance deductible with EMC Insurance will increase to \$75,000 per location when the insurance renews in December. The district has set money aside in contingency reserve for this reason.
- C. The new transit van has arrived. The district is checking into purchasing a small utility trailer that can be utilized to transport extra cargo such as musical instruments or athletic equipment.
- D. A security company is working on providing bids for a buzz in system.
- E. The district will pay \$6,000 in sign on bonuses, \$12,000 in ESL endorsement additional pay, and \$3,500 in college tuition reimbursement this year.
- F. There are currently nine certified staff interested in obtaining their ESL or ESOL endorsement.
- G. The \$250,000 CD matures October 30, 2024. The Board directed to bid now as interest rates may change soon a \$250,000 or a higher amount, if it is feasible, to be approved at the October 14th board meeting.

Executive Session for
Personnel

10. Julee Beedy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mrs. Gardner, 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 enter into executive session at 7:34 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:54 p.m. Motion passed 5-0. Nate Brown entered into the Board of Education office at 7:57 p.m. while executive session was taking place.

11. The meeting returned to open session at 8:54 p.m., no action was taken.

Adjournment

12. Eryka Smith motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to officially adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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