

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 at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2025 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Julee Beedy, Jesse Harbrige, Bruce Loy, 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 guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Andrea Bauck, and Sondra Hembree.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Jesse Harbrige motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the January 13, 2025 board meeting.
  - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
  - D. Prom is April 5<sup>th</sup>. Approve the use of the Wichita County Junior Senior High School for after-prom activities from 12:00-2:00 AM on April 6, 2025.
  - E. Approve the contracts for spring coaches:
    - 1) High School Track: Janee Porter, Head Coach; Allen Baker, Assistant Coach; Layton Tankersley, Assistant Coach.
    - 2) High School Golf: Nate Brown, Head Coach; Wesley Cooper, Assistant Coach.
    - 3) Junior High Track: Judith Lemus, Head Coach; Stephanie Thelen-West, Assistant Coach.
  - F. Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to the Old Town Museum and Carousel in Burlington, CO on May 7, 2025.
  - G. Approval of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Indian Kiva and Bent's Old Fort in LaJunta, CO on April 3, 2025.
  - H. Accept the resignation of Gladys Martinez as head JH volleyball coach.

- I. Accept the resignation of Tori Smith as a preschool para.
- J. Gifts and Grants:
  - 1) Accept donations of \$1,000 from Wichita County Community Foundation, Inc. (Wichita County Outdoorsmen) for past due student lunches.
  - 2) Accept a grant of \$2,060.20 from Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc. for two picnic tables.

Motion passed 6-0.

#### WCES Art Presentation

- 4. Wichita County Elementary Art Instructor, Sondra Hembree shared artwork from students. The art program is funded through a Finnup Foundation grant. Discussion was held. The Board thanked Ms. Hembree for the presentation. Ms. Hembree left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

#### Curriculum Update

- 5. Superintendent Maxwell updated the Board on curriculum writing within the district. Stacey Brutin of CLI has been working with the Social Studies Subject Area Committee and the Curriculum Coordinating Council. These Services may expand to include the Math Subject Area Committee for 25-26. Discussion was held. The Board advised Ms. Maxwell to seek other curriculum writing opportunities, such as, Southwest Plains Regional Service Center and to survey the teaching staff on what options they would prefer in the curriculum writing process.

#### Enrollment Capacity (JBCC)

- 6. Ms. Maxwell provided the current enrollment projections and nonresident enrollment capacity policy, JBCC. The Board reviewed the projected enrollment numbers for next school year. Discussion was held.
- 7. Farrin Watt motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve the USD 467 student enrollment projections and the nonresident enrollment capacity of 36 students in grades kindergarten through eighth grades and 40 students in ninth through twelfth grades. Motion passed 6-0.

## Accountability Report

8. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Accountability Report for 2023-24. Some of the information provided in the yearly report is the school district's student achievements, resources, and demographics. Discussion was held.

## WCES Principal's Report

9. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:
  - A. Mr. Cooper has implemented a Wednesday workout incentive with a trophy that is awarded weekly to the winning class.
  - B. Malaky Colbary is the Spelling Bee winner and Jenna Koehn is runner up. State Spelling Bee is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - C. Students participated in "Wellness Week" February 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, which included the following:
    - 1) Monday-Concentrate on screen time, sleep, and hygiene
    - 2) Tuesday- Try it Tuesday
    - 3) Wednesday- Recess Rocks
    - 4) Thursday- Get caught eating a fruit or a veggie at lunch
    - 5) Friday- Focus on mental health
  - D. "Kansas Day" was celebrated. The grade school chose a western theme for the day. Staff and students participated in various activities throughout the day to celebrate.
  - E. A Superbowl graph was created and dress up day was Friday.
  - F. February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's day with classroom celebrations.

## WCJSHS Principal's Report

10. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:
  - A. The iReady testing is being reviewed.
  - B. KELPA testing is being completed by Mrs. Cortez and staff.
  - C. The staff is being trained on State Testing procedures.
  - D. Handbooks are being reviewed by staff to update.
  - E. Mrs. Reed had a guest speaker from South Africa.
  - F. Mr. Douglas will attend a job fair at Fort Hays tomorrow for possible teacher recruitment.

- G. Junior High Wrestling has started practices and will have their first meet next Thursday.
- H. Winter sports are coming to a close.

## Superintendent's Report

- 11. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
  - A. Superintendent Maxwell asked for the Board's guidance on the greenhouse.
  - B. The north auditorium doors need replaced and are a unique size. The doors can be purchased at a cost of approximately \$9,000 for the current size doors or \$6,200 for a regular size set of doors, but would need additional labor to fit to the doorway. The Board directed to purchase the doors that are the same size as the current doors.
  - C. Superintendent Maxwell has received the Seal of Literacy on her state educator's license.
  - D. The current time clock system is no longer viable. A bid from Time Management System is available for purchase at a one time fee of \$3,000 for implementation and approximately \$2,000 annually. The new system will integrate into the accounting software.
  - E. Due to predicted weather, the time for Tuesday games has been moved up to ensure students are safe.

## Advisory Board Updates

- 12. **HPEC**-Bruce Loy-HPEC is currently hiring a new director. The interviews will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Deb Reding's resignation was accepted at the last board meeting.
- 13. **Negotiations**-Training has been canceled for in-person and will be available online.
- 14. **Rec**-no update available
- 15. **Calendar**-no update available
- 16. **PDC**-Farrin Watt-The PDC committee will meet Wednesday morning.
- 17. **CCC**-Eryka-no further information to report

18. **NW Tech**-no update available

19. **EcoDevo**-Josh-Economic Development is seeking a new restaraunt for the community.

Executive Session for Calendar  
and Negotiations

20. Eryka Smith motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mrs. Gardner, and Mr. Douglas present to discuss calendar and negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The Board will enter into executive session at 8:44 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:24 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. Andrea Bauck left the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

21. The meeting returned to open session at 9:24 p.m. No action was taken.

Executive Session for  
Superintendent Evaluation

22. Eryka Smith motioned and Julee Beedy 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 enter into executive session at 9:25 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 10:02 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

23. The Board invited Ms. Maxwell into the executive session at 9:43 p.m.

24. The meeting returned to open session at 10:02 p.m., Bruce Loy motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve a one year contract with Superintendent Maxwell for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session for  
Personnel

25. Eryka Smith 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 enter into executive session at 10:04 p.m. and return to

open session in the board room at 10:11 p.m.  
Motion passed 6-0.

26. The meeting returned to open session at 10:11 p.m.  
No action was taken.

Executive Session for  
Personnel

27. Bruce Loy motioned and Julee Beedy 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 10:12 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 10:37 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

28. The meeting returned to open session at 10:37 p.m.  
No action was taken.

Adjournment

29. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

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Josh Young, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk