

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, April 14, 2025 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Julee Beedy, Maegan Berry, 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: Sara Brown, Amanda Baker, Tara Biermann, Renee Harbin, Darla Lewis, Bailey Preedy, Courtney Young, and Andrea Bauck.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Bruce Loy motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the March 10, 2025 board meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Approve the out of state trip request for Mrs. Stephanie Thelen-West's students and an additional sponsor for Idaho Springs, Colorado and Denver, Colorado on May 26 and 27, 2025.
 - E. Approve the out of state trip for Mrs. Ashley Norton's 8th Grade science students for Cave of the Winds in Manitou Springs, Colorado, and Florissant Fossil Beds in Florissant, Colorado on May 7, 2025 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
 - F. Approve the request from Jenny Long and Tiffany Wilbur to use the Wichita County Elementary gym for Leoti Lightning Swim Team's dryland workouts during inclement weather from May 19 to July 11, 2025. The building use fees would be waived.
 - G. Approve the disposition of 45 old junior high track tops and pants as presented by Stephanie Thelen-West.

H. Personnel:

- 1) Accept the resignation of Haydon Parks as the high school boys' head basketball coach.
- 2) Accept the resignation of Morgan Fluent as the high school girls' assistant basketball coach.
- 3) Approve the hiring of ShayReah Loy as the high school cheerleading coach.
- 4) Approve the hiring of Wesley Cooper as the junior high head football coach.

I. Gifts and Grants:

- 1) Accept a donation of \$247 from Wichita County Farm Bureau for athletics from popcorn sales at the 02/20/25 HS basketball game.

Motion passed 7-0.

Parent Concern

4. Mrs. Courtney Young and Mrs. Amanda Baker addressed the board about the WCJSHS dual credit college class policy. Discussion was held. The Board thanked Mrs. Young and Mrs. Baker for their concern. Shannon Kreutzer entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

WCJSHS Outside Concession and Restroom Facilities

5. Members from the TRIBE discussed their desire to write grants to fund a future project at the track that would update the football and track concession stand, restroom facilities, and improve the bleachers. Discussion was held. The Board thanked the TRIBE for their initiative. Nate Brown entered the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

KASB Dues and Legal Services

6. Superintendent Maxwell presented the KASB Membership renewal for \$6,098.74 and the KASB Legal Assistance Fund contract for \$2,750.00 for 2025-2026.
7. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to approve the KASB Membership renewal for \$6,098.74 and the KASB Legal Assistance Fund contract for \$2,750.00 for 2025-2026. Motion passed 7-0.

\$250,000 CD Maturing

8. Superintendent Maxwell presented information on the \$250,000 CD with Security State Bank that is

maturing as of May 1, 2025. It is her recommendation to allow the CD to mature as the district may need the funds for end of year expenses and it is recommended that the district wait to rebid the CD until August.

9. Maegan Berry motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve allowing the \$250,000 CD with Security State Bank to mature May 1, 2025 and be rebid in August. Motion passed 7-0.

Handbooks

10. Handbook changes for WCJSHS and WCES for the 2025-26 school year were presented to the Board and include the following:

- 1) WCES Student Handbook
- 2) WCES Teacher Handbook
- 3) WCJSHS Student Handbook
- 4) WCJSHS Staff Handbook
- 5) WCJSHS 2025-26 Curriculum Handbook

11. The Board discussed the changes and will approve the handbooks at the next Board meeting. Shannon Kreutzer left the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Darla Lewis left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

WCES Principal's Report

12. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:

- A. Mrs. Gardner has completed LETRS training.
- B. Fourth grade FCE Essay & Artwork winners: 1st Forrest McKinney, 2nd Ivy Berning, and 3rd Kaydee Mazanec. Honorable Mention: Hadley Berry, Kinsley Leggett, Eli Said Narvaez-Salvador, Annie Davis, Brantlee Van Allen, Arianna Murillo, and Nelson Cach-Amaro.
- C. There was 96% attendance for parent/teacher conferences.
- D. State testing ends April 23rd.
- E. Through a Delta Dental grant, a presentation on April 21st will teach students about good oral hygiene.
- F. Mrs. Gardner will help supervise the sixth grade trip to Fort Hays Tech/Northwest College in Goodland on Wednesday.
- G. Mrs. Gardner will help with the JH Track meet on Friday.

- H. Prizes with the Principal for “Empathy” will be this month.

WCJSHS Principal’s Report

- 13. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:
 - A. Parent/Teacher conferences had about 50% attendance for core classes.
 - B. Scheduling nights for students and parents were successful thanks to Mrs. Brown.
 - C. State testing is almost completed.
 - D. Spring sports have started.
 - E. Vocal and Band students have had great success and will be competing at State next weekend.
 - F. Prom went well and the after prom was well received.
 - G. Jenna Koehn won Leaders of Tomorrow essay contest and will be in Topeka April 23rd for an award ceremony.
 - H. The high school home track meet is Thursday, April 28th.
 - I. May 7th is the high school awards ceremony at 2:00 p.m.
 - J. May 8th is the JH Spring Concert.
 - K. High School Graduation is on May 10th at 2:30 p.m.
 - L. Mr. Douglas has worked with staff on data training.

Superintendent’s Report

- 14. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
 - A. The senior class would like two board members at graduation. Josh Young and Bruce Loy volunteered.
 - B. Federal funds are suspended. KSDE has appealed the suspension.
 - C. Superintendent Maxwell will be out of the district April 16th and 17th.

Executive Session for Calendar and Negotiations

- 15. Julee Beedy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell present to discuss calendar and negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The Board will enter into executive session at 8:14 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:49 p.m. Motion

passed 7-0. Tara Biermann, Renee Harbin, Bailey Preedy, Amanda Baker, Courtney Young, and Andrea Bauck left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

16. The meeting returned to open session at 8:49 p.m. Josh Young motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to approve negotiations with the calendar to be approved at a later date and improving the verbiage of the Negotiated Agreement. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for Personnel

17. Josh Young 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 8:50 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

18. The meeting returned to open session at 9:05 p.m. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve hiring Cambree Koehn, part-time teacher; Shaelee Smith, teacher (MAT program); Sondra Hembree, teacher apprentice; Jenni Ortiz, teacher apprentice; Hannah Nickelson, part-time student support; and Jennifer Dean, JH Head Volleyball for the 2025-2026 school year.

Executive Session for Personnel

19. Josh Young 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 and classified staff members is their performance and employment. The Board will enter into executive session at 9:07 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:27 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

20. The Board asked Mrs. Maxwell to enter executive session at 9:17 p.m. Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Douglas left the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

21. The Board returned to open session at 9:27 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

22. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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