

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 13, 2025 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Julee Beedy, Maegan Berry, Bruce Loy, and Josh Young.

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

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Maegan Berry motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the September 8, 2025 budget hearing and September 8, 2025 regular meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions: Approve the 2025-2026 Winter Coaches as follows: Kayde Rietzke, HS Head Boys' Basketball; John Biermann, HS Assistant Boys' Basketball; Bryce Nickelson, HS Head Girls' Basketball; Heather Price, HS Assistant Girls' Basketball; Brent Porter, HS Head Girls' and HS Head Boys' Wrestling; Emily Tankersley, HS Assistant Girls' Wrestling; Phillip Weilert, JH Head Boys' Basketball; Gerardo Ortiz-Chavez, JH Assistant Boys' Basketball; Travis Geyer, JH Head Girls' Basketball; Judith Lemus, JH Assistant Girls' Basketball; Matt Price, JH Head Wrestling; Bryer Porter, JH Assistant Wrestling.
 - E. Approve a request from Wichita County Parks & Recreation for building use for basketball practice from 11/7/25 to 12/15/25.
 - F. Accept a donation of \$1,485.37 from Western State Bank through the Wichita County Community Foundation, Inc. and a donation of \$1,485.37 from Security State Bank paid directly

to Porter's Signs & Designs for the purchase of WCES t-shirts for students and staff.

- G. Accept a donation of \$368 for high school basketball from raffle sales.
 - H. Accept a grant of \$21,800 from the Patterson Family Foundation for teachers enrolled in TAP or MAT programs.
 - I. Accept a donation of \$1,000 from Pioneer Communications for the football gate buyout on October 17, 2025.
 - J. Accept a donation from a raffle totaling \$571 with \$531 going to high school boys' basketball and \$40 going to athletics.
 - K. Accept a donation of \$693.70 from TRIBE for golf balls.
 - L. Accept a donation of \$4,250 from the Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc. for HUDL.
 - M. Accept a donation of \$100 from Western State Bank for food for the matinee students.
 - N. Accept a donation of \$100 from Security State Bank for the matinee.
 - O. Accept a donation of \$300 from Phil and Susan Escareno with \$150 going to high school boys' basketball and \$150 going to high school football.
- Motion passed 4-0.

Reconsider the disposition/sale of the CNC Machine

- 4. The Ag department's CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machine is a computer-controlled, automated tool that precisely cuts, carves, or shapes raw material into a custom-designed part. The machine's software is outdated and needs to be replaced. A motion was made to dispose of the CNC machine at the September 8, 2025 meeting.
- 5. Since that time, Superintendent Maxwell reached out to the company and has been informed that new software to update the CNC machine will only cost approximately \$2,000. A donation of \$1,000 was previously made to update the software. Therefore, the district only needs an additional \$1,000 to purchase the software update.
- 6. Bruce Loy motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to rescind action taken at the September 8, 2025 board

meeting to sell the CNC machine. Motion passed 4-0.

Grown & Learn MOU

7. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Grow & Learn MOU. Maegan Berry, Board of Education representative on the Grow & Learn Board, stated that everything was going well and there were no concerns at this time. Discussion was held.

CD Bids

8. Eryka Smith entered the meeting via phone at 7:10 p.m. Three were two bids received for certificates of deposit for \$500,000 from Western State Bank and Security State Bank for three, six, and nine months. The CD will start on November 4, 2025.
9. Western State Bank bid 3 months-4.00% (4.06% APY); 6 months-3.90% (3.94% APY); and 9 months-3.85% (3.87% APY).
10. Security State Bank bid 3 months-4.08% (4.15% APY); 6 months-3.97% (4.04% APY); 9 months-3.91% (3.98% APY).
11. Discussion was held. Julee Beedy motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve the bid from Security State Bank for six months 3.97%(4.04% APY) for the \$500,000 Certificates of Deposit to begin November 4, 2025.

Motion passed 4-1 with Josh Young abstaining due to conflict of interest. Eryka Smith exited the meeting via phone at 7:15 p.m.

2025 State Assessment Data

12. Mr. Douglas presented the 2025 State Assessment Data. Math, ELA, and Science State Assessments for Wichita County Schools were above the state average. Discussion was held.

WCES Principal's Report

13. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:
 - A. Constituion Day was celebrated September 17, 2025.
 - B. On September 24, 2025, the Class of 1965 toured the grade school, formally the Wichita County High School.

- C. Math curriculum alignment is going well and the discussions have been good in the district.
- D. Last Friday, during teacher inservice, Mrs. Gardner met with the new teaching staff for dyslexia training.
- E. October 31st will be the grade school Halloween parade at 2:30 p.m.
- F. The Veteran's Day choir is practicing before school, there are 35 students participating.
- G. Parent/teacher conferences are next week, notes will be sent home.
- H. Currently, six teachers are in LETRS training.
- I. Mrs. Gardner has applied for "Giving Day" to fund playground updates.
- J. Discussion was held on High Plains special education positions that are currently open. Mrs. Gardner stated that two additional paras are needed.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

- 14. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:
 - A. The average for ineligible students has dropped from 21 per week last year to 17 per week this year.
 - B. The "Think Before You Post" assembly was well received.
 - C. Senator Moran toured WCJSHS on October 2nd.
 - D. Homecoming was successful.
 - E. Junior High fall sports are ending this month. Football will end this Thursday. HPL volleyball will be this Saturday.
 - F. The High School Volleyball team placed second at High Plains League tournament on Saturday.
 - G. Girls' Regional Golf was today and the team ended the season well.
 - H. Regional Volleyball is Monday at Ellinwood.
 - I. Regional Cross Country is October 25th.

Superintendent's Report

15. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following updates:
- A. Bus #18 is the big activity bus, and will age out next year. It will be put up for sale at that time.
 - B. Three buses are currently on Purple Wave auction site, the bidding will close tomorrow.
 - C. "Count Day" was September 22nd. The district is down 25 students from last year which is a loss of approximately \$140,000 in funding.

Executive Session for Personnel

16. Julee Beedy motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting non-elected certified and classified staff pursuant to 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 7:54 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:24 p.m. Motion passed 4-0. Amanda Baker, Misty Gardner, and Brant Douglas exited the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

17. The meeting returned to open session at 8:24 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

18. Bruce Loy motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to officially adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk