

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 14, 2026 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Maegan Berry, Adam Marcotte, Jim Myers, Matt Price, Eryka Smith, and Farrin Watt.

Also present were: Superintendent, Brant Douglas; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Rees McKinney; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; and Guests: Andrea Bauck, Nate Brown, Sara Brown, and Gannon West.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Eryka Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Maegan Berry motioned and Matt Price seconded to approve the consent agenda, with change of name in Item E.1., consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the August 10, 2026 regular meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Approve the list of fundraisers for the 2026-27 school year.
 - E. Personnel Actions:
 1. Approve the assignment of Melanie Staab to teach Junior High Band and receive the corresponding percentage of the extra-duty stipend for the position.
 2. Approve the assignment of Tori Koehn to teach High School Vocal and receive the corresponding percentage of the extra-duty stipend for the position.
 3. Approve the assignment of Sara Brown to teach Junior High Vocal and High School Band and receive the corresponding percentage of the extra-duty stipend for those positions.
 4. Approve the assignment of Misty Gardner to teach Kindergarten and First Grade music.

5. Approve the assignment of Leslie Niswonger to co-direct the musical and receive the corresponding percentage of the extra-duty stipend for the position.
6. Approve the assignment of Erin Prochnow to co-direct the musical and receive the corresponding percentage of the extra-duty stipend for the position.
7. Approve hiring Evangelina Holguin as an ESOL paraeducator.
- F. Personnel Actions:
 1. \$1,415 from Wichita County Community Foundation, Inc. for WCES t-shirts.
 2. Security State Bank-\$5,100 gym floor sponsorship.
 3. Wichita County Outdoorsment, Inc.-\$2,000 school calendars.
- G. Consider approving the Building Use Agreement for October 31, 2026, from the New Life Church for Trunk or Treat to be hosted in the Wichita County Elementary School gymnasium/cafeteria.
- H. Consider approving the Building Use Agreement for January 8th & 9th, 2027, from the Leoti Takedown Club for the Wichita County Junior Senior High School.
- I. Approve the disposition of the listed materials:
 1. 1 treadmill from the HS weight room (trash).
 2. 1 treadmill from the HS weight room (sell).
 3. Asset Report Disposal List.

Motion passed 6-0.

Fourth Grade Presentation

4. Mrs. Andrea Bauck shared highlights of the recent field trip to the Fort Wallace History Exposition. The Board asked questions and thanked Mrs. Bauck for her presentation. Mrs. Bauck exited the meeting.

Adoption of the 2026-27 Budget

5. The 2026-27 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 2026-27 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan Update

6. Superintendent Douglas presented the updated five year capital outlay plan. The short term plan includes vehicle and bus purchases, technology upgrades, and HVAC and phone system

improvements. Long Range plans include the electrical system at the Jr. Sr. high school, grade school gym and dome roof replacements, Jr. Sr. high school lobby and bathroom renovations, school safety improvements, and football/track concession and bathroom improvements. Discussion was held.

Consider Junior-Senior High School Semester Test Policy Proposal

7. Superintendent Douglas presented the semester test policy proposal for the Junior-Senior High School. Discussion was held. Farrin Watt motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to approve the proposed Junior-Senior High School semester test policy. Motion passed 5-1, with Jim Myers voting no.

WCES Principal's Report

8. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:
 - A. The grade school student and staff shirts purchased with donations are in and have been distributed to all classes. Mrs. Brown took class pictures and an all school picture.
 - B. The fourth grade enjoyed the field trip to the Fort Wallace History Exposition.
 - C. On home game days, the cheerleaders are doing face painting in the mornings for grade school students.
 - D. Each week a class will be featured.
 - E. August students of the month were nominated for "cooperation".
 - F. September 17th is Constitution Day.
 - G. October 1st students will attend the "Kansas Air Tour" at the airport.
 - H. An ESL/Title I parent meeting is scheduled for the evening of September 21st.
 - I. The Kansas Corn STEM presentation is September 25th.
 - J. New this year, the grade school provides daily flexible academic intervention and enrichment groups to support students who need extra help as well as those ready for advanced learning.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

9. WCJSHS Principal, Rees McKinney, presented the following updates:
 - A. Fastbridge testing was August 18th.
 - B. Mrs. Brown had a senior parent meeting on August 20th.
 - C. Mr. McKinney, Mr. Lechtenberg, and Mr. Bishop conducted a walk through of the building to check areas that need improved security.
 - D. Some seniors have painted parking spots.
 - E. Mr. McKinney is conducting an E-Walkthrough of the mathematics department.
 - F. Mr. McKinney has begun staff evaluations.
 - G. The band performed and a moment of silence was held on September 11th.
 - H. There are approximately 77% of junior high students in fall activities.

Superintendent's Report

10. Superintendent Douglas presented the following updates:
 - A. The current enrollment numbers are 220 in the grade school and 161 in the junior-senior high school.
 - B. Participation in fall activities is approximately 77% for junior high and 52% for high school.
 - C. Mr. Douglas recommended that the Board establish a routine schedule for reviewing district policies.
 - D. Early release on Wednesdays for professional development begins this week.
 - E. The Board asked Mr. Douglas about transportation issues.

Executive Session for Personnel

11. Matt Price motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Gardner, and Mr. McKinney 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 7:57 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. Gannon West exited the meeting at 7:57 p.m.
12. The meeting returned to open session at 8:27 p.m., no action was taken.

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14. The meeting returned to open session at 8:44 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

15. Farrin Watt motioned and Matt Price seconded to officially adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

Eryka Smith, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk