

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. on Monday, January 9, 2017 in the board office in Leoti.

People present

2. Members present were: Brian Gerstberger, Jason Koehn, Jim Myers, Tom Ridder, Tammy Simons, Farrin Watt, and Brandon Whalen

Also present were Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Pat Bishop; WCJ-SHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt (arrived at 7:35 p.m.); and Guests: Julie Conard, Shad Mehl, Melissa Reed, Ed Simon, and Shelby Wilson.

3. Jim Myers noted 2 additions to the agenda - 11a Executive session for personnel and 4b Ed Simon report.

Approve agenda

4. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for December 12, and December 21, 2016.
  - C. Payment of the bills.
  - D. Personnel:
    1. Accept a resignation from Cale Warden HS Asst. Baseball Coach.
  - E. Accept a \$490.00 check from Pioneer Communications for WCHS Athletic Department.
  - F. Accept a \$1,000 check from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Healthy Habits for Life Grant for the Nutrition and Wellness and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade FACS classes.
  - G. Accept a donation of \$7,000.00 from the Heartland Mill Board of Directors.
  - H. Accept a donation \$563.40 from Boxtops for Education for WCES.Motion carried 7-0.

Flipped Classroom discussion

5. Melissa Reed, JH Language Arts teacher, and Shelby Wilson, JH Math teacher, met with the board to discuss

the new “flipped classroom” concept they are using in their classrooms where the students view a video and answer questions before class on concepts that they will work on in class that day. They discussed testing results before and after using this method and are seeing improvement in student achievement after a short time. Board members commended them on their initiative. Mrs. Reed and Ms. Wilson left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

- Ed Simon report
6. Ed Simon, Maintenance/Transportation Director “trainee” reviewed his first week on the job and thanked the Board for hiring him for the position.
7. Delbert Schmidt arrived at 7:35 p.m.
- Drama class trip
8. Julie Conard requested permission to take her drama class to a student matinee of the play “The Christians” in Denver on February 8. All expenses will be paid from her WCCF grant.
- Approve drama class trip
9. Farrin Watt moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the Denver trip. Motion carried 7-0.
- Audio system discussion
10. Shad Mehl presented 3 quotes for audio systems for the football field/track facilities. The Tribe Booster Club is asking the Board to considering partnering with them to purchase this. After discussion the Board asked for more time to consider this.
- Security State Bank proposal
11. Mr. Mehl also presented a proposal from Security State Bank to have an organization in the school sell raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1,000 by shooting a half court goal at remaining basketball games. Security State Bank would provide the prize money and the school group selling the raffle tickets would keep the money to use for their group. This is similar to a program they are sponsoring in Scott City. Board members approved the proposal and will allow Mr. Mehl to work out the details.
- Executive session for attorney-client discussion
12. At 7:55 p.m. Brian Gerstberger moved and Tom Ridder seconded to enter executive session with the Board and Mr. Higgins present and attorneys Randy Grisell, Steve

Massoni, and Wyatt Hoch present by phone for forty-five (45) minutes to discuss matters which will be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Motion carried 7-0.

- 13. At 8:40 p.m. the Board resumed regular session.
- 14. WCJ-SHS Principal Schmidt reported on the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester, state assessments, KAYS blood drive, FFA at the stock show, and HPL basketball tournament next week. We will be hosting the Regional Scholars' Bowl meet on February 2 and a JH Scholars' Bowl meet on February 6 with early dismissal both days for the J-SH students. They are discussing the possibility of having ACT tests in Leoti and still working on ways to motivate students to do well in school. He will discuss assessment results with the Board at the next meeting.
- 15. WCES Principal Higgins noted that they lost 2 students and gained 4 students over the Christmas break. Today was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day with 6<sup>th</sup> graders visiting the Sheriff's office. The County Spelling Bee will be held January 31 at 1:30 in the Auditorium. Grades 4-6 will be working with Sugar Free All Stars on February 6 courtesy of a grant thru the Wichita County Arts Alliance. They will hold a concert for other students that afternoon and a 45 minute concert in the Auditorium that evening for the general public.
- 16. Superintendent Higgins reviewed budget updates. He reminded the negotiations team that they are now required to receive training yearly. The Calendar Committee will need to meet soon to start on next year's calendar.
- 17. Board members on various advisory boards presented reports. Farrin Watt noted that HPEC has several teachers applying for loan forgiveness, their negotiations team will be doing their training at SWPRSC, and Kim Simon has left and been replaced with Lizzie Weilert. Brian Gerstberger reported on the REC Commission and they will have a meeting later

Principal reports

Superintendent report

Advisory Board reports

this week. Tom Ridder reported that the PDC is working on the District goals and the August inservice schedule. Tammy Simons noted that Northwest Tech in Goodland is in the top 2% of two year schools for graduation rate. Brandon Whalen reported that Economic Development has two new members and they will meet this week.

Approve Board Policy updates

18. After review, Tom Ridder moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve adopting KASB Policy updates for DFAB, DP, EE, GAK, GBU, JBC, JBCA, JBCB, JGR, JGCB, JRB, and MI. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve paying part of audio update at football field

19. Following discussion on the football field/track sound system, Tom Ridder moved and Jason Koehn seconded to approve paying \$3,819.00 for the project. Motion carried 6-1 with Farrin Watt dissenting.

20. Questions were asked regarding the eight eighth grade students in Mrs. Burch's math class who are not involved in the "flipped classroom" program. Board members would like to see what the Edmentum assessment would show for those students.

21. President Myers reminded Board members to complete their evaluation of the Superintendent and return them to Pat by January 31.

Adjournment

22. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Board of Education  
Unified School District #467  
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Jim Myers, President

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Pat Bishop, Clerk