

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 Thursday, March 9, 2017 in the board office in Leoti.

People present

2. Members present were: **Brian Gerstberger, Jim Myers, Tom Ridder (arrived at 7:03), Tammy Simons, Farrin Watt and Brandon Whalen (arrived at 7:02).**

Also present were Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Pat Bishop; WCJ-SHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; Maintenance/Transportation Director, Ed Simon; Co-AD Haydon Parks; and guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Aimee Burch, Julie Conard, Gabby Espinoza, Diana Kirk, Lesly Torres, Cale Warden, and Doug Weilert.

Approve consent agenda

3. **Brian Gerstberger moved and Farrin Watt seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:**
 - A. Agenda for the meeting
 - B. Minutes for February 13, 2017
 - C. Payment of the bills and payroll
 - D. Personnel action:
 1. Approve a contract with Heath Brown, HS Head Baseball Coach.
 2. Accept a resignation from Shonda Taylor, JH STUCO sponsor, at the end of the 2016-17 school year.
 3. Approve a contract with William Taylor, custodian.
 - E. Accept a donation of \$10,000 from the Tribe for the football field sound system.
 - F. Accept a donation of \$771.06 from the Wichita County Track Fund.
 - G. Accept a donation of \$2,000 from Wichita County Economic Development for college visit expenses.

Motion carried 4-0
4. Aimee Burch, Gabby Espinoza and Lesly Torres met with the board to talk about the Applied Math Financial Literacy class. They are using the Dave Ramsey

program. Mrs. Burch explained how the students are implementing the curriculum by following the 5 tenets of the program - 1. Save \$500, 2. Get out of debt, 3. pay cash for a car, 4. pay cash for college, and 5. build wealth. Students Gabby Espinoza and Lesly Torres answered questions and explained some of the ways they are using the program. Mrs. Burch feels this would be a good class for all high school students to take.

AD report/football discussion

5. Haydon Parks, Co-AD, reported that winter sports are done. There are 19 out for baseball this year with 6 of those being girls and 6 doing track and baseball. High School track has 39 out and junior high track has 51 out. Discussion ensued about a possible change of leagues due to High Plains League requiring the schools associated with it to play 11 man football and we do not believe we will have enough students out for football in the next few years to play 11 man football.

Curriculum handbook discussion

6. Sara Brown reviewed curriculum changes for the high school for next year. They are working on getting more Career & Technical Education (CTE) classes available for students. They are also looking into ways to provide more foreign languages in the curriculum.

7. Aimee Burch, Gabby Espinoza, and Lesly Torres left the meeting at 8:00.

Transportation/maintenance discussion

8. Ed Simon notified the Board that we will need to purchase another activity bus this year due to one being outdated. We have been having roof leaks at WCJ-SHS and will need to replace that roof within the next 5 years. He will be dealing with a sinking floor in the preschool room over spring break. He has been asked to get the baseball fields ready for games and will be happy to help with that when time allows but cannot always predict if he will have time on game day to do that. Board members said that was originally something parents and coaches said they would take care of and they still need to do that. He noted that he has been having trouble filling a vacancy in the custodial staff and feels the low wage we are

offering has not helped that situation. Air handlers that have a temporary fix may have to wait for their final repairs until summer. He also asked about hiring summer help and was told to get the same number as we have hired in the past.

Aim Coalition Pathways discussion

9. Diana Kirk spoke about the Aim Coalition Pathways Grant and how it could help the school district. They would like to have someone from the district wellness committee to meet with their leadership group to plan uses for the money that is set aside for the schools. Diana left the meeting at 8:33.

Principal reports

10. WCJ-SHS Principal Schmidt related that their KELPA testing is complete and they will begin state assessments on March 29. They had a very successful Career Fair and are hoping to get more schools involved next year. State Science Olympiad will be April 1, track will start soon and students will be participating in the High Plains Art festival. We are looking at doing ALICE training for staff and students. Wichita County Economic Development has given us \$2000 to use for expenses related to taking juniors to Hays to visit Fort Hays State University, Hays Academy of Hair Design and North Central Kansas Technical College on March 28. We have received one application for the Industrial Arts position.

11. WCES Principal Higgins noted that they have also completed their KELPA testing.

Superintendent report

12. Superintendent Higgins reminded Board members of the April 8 Prom invitation at their place and asked them to RSVP soon. We had our State audit this week and got an extra .5 FTE for a preschool SPED student. He also reviewed budgets and utility bills with the Board.

Approve curriculum changes

13. Brandon Whalen moved and Tom Ridder seconded to approve proposed changes to the WCHS Curriculum

Handbook. Motion carried 6-0.

- Board goals discussion
14. President Myers asked if anyone had comments or questions on the Board goals. WCJ-SHS is working on Improving Academic Success with the addition of new Pathways and classes in the curriculum. For Civic Engagement they are working on implementing a Community Service Requirement for graduation.
15. Mr. Higgins volunteered to be the school district representative on the AIM BC/BS grant committee.
- Approve bus for Shrine Circus trip
16. Brian Gerstberger moved and Farrin Watt seconded to approve providing a bus for the 4th grade trip to the Shriner's Circus April 22, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.
- Executive session for negotiations
17. At 9:20 p.m. Brian Gerstberger moved and Tom Ridder seconded to enter executive session with the Board and Mr. Higgins present for forty-five (45) minutes for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.
18. At 10:05 p.m. regular session resumed.
- Adjournment
19. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

Pat Bishop, Clerk