

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, April 10, 2017 in the board office in Leoti.

People present

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

Also present were Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Pat Bishop; WCJ-SHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; Co-AD Shad Mehl; Treasurer, Tammy Mason; and guests: Nate Brown and Sara Brown.

Approve consent agenda

3. Brian Gerstberger moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for March 9, 2017 and March 21, 2017.
 - C. Payment of the bills.
 - D. Personnel items:
 1. Approve hiring Wyatt Wentz as Industrial Arts teacher for the 2017-18 school year.
 2. Accept a resignation from Kara Ayers, JH Scholars' Bowl sponsor.
 - E. Approve disposal of equipment as listed.
 - F. approve a request for the annual KAY trip in June to Wichita or Denver.Motion carried 6-0.

Athletic information

4. Co-AD Shad Mehl informed the Board that the speakers have been installed at the football field and can be heard across town. He invited everyone to come to the home track meet tomorrow. Discussion has been held regarding preparing the baseball fields for home games. Matt Huber has agreed to do this. The Board agreed to pay \$15.00 per hour with a maximum of \$50 per game for this service. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Mehl reviewed information on us being able to move to the Northwest Kansas League beginning with the 2018-19 school year. That league has tabled a vote on this until

May. We will know by August if this will take place. They also discussed the lack of a high school music festival in this league. Administrators will check with High Plains League officials to see if there is a possibility of us continuing to participate in their league music festival. Questions were asked and answered about the length of baseball practices.

Principal reports

5. Mr. Mehl left after these discussions.
6. WCJ-SHS Principal Schmidt reported that Edgar Chavez and Rene Santillana Padilla placed 2nd in the robot competition and Aaron Ridder and Joe Ridder placed 3rd in the electric car competition at State Science Olympiad. Prom went well. Mr. Schmidt and Sara Brown discussed the foreign language class alternative they have come up with. There are 3 or 4 students interested. The cost would be \$495 for 2 semesters of an online class. State assessments will be completed April 25. Senior finals will be May 9 and 10. Other items noted are league track, regional track and baseball. Jim Myers and Brian Gerstberger volunteered to help with graduation and Brandon Whalen said he might be available. Aimee Burch has asked to use the school for adult night classes for the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace class.
7. WCES Principal Higgins noted that they had 97% attendance at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Upcoming field trips include the 5th grade Bent's Fort trip, 6th grade to Goodland for career day, and 4th grade Shriner's Circus trip. The Spring music program will be May 9. They will complete state assessments soon.

Superintendent report

8. Superintendent Higgins reviewed budgets with the Board. It was noted that the High School athletic fund has a \$7700 balance at the end of March. Board members and Mr. Higgins reviewed their meeting with Wheatland Electric concerning our electric bills and felt it was a positive experience. They will have a meeting annually with the company representatives to review our usage. Our bus situation was discussed. Ed Simon is looking at alternatives for replacement of bus #1

which exceeds legal age limits at the end of this year and will have to be replaced. Farrin Watt suggested that we look into lease options instead of buying.

- Various board reports
9. Jason Koehn and Brandon Whalen reported that there is an Economic Development meeting this week. Wind and Wheels and Business After 5 are the activities they are working on currently.
 10. Farrin Watt reported on the HPEC meeting he attended. They have 2 vacancies currently and feel they will be able to fill those. They also discussed budget.
 11. Tammy Simons reported that NWKTC is worried about funding and appreciate being invited to our Career Fair.
 12. No Professional Council meeting was held this month.
 13. Brian Gerstberger reported that Wichita County Rec has 110 kids out for soccer. They are working on baseball, swimming and setting goals.
- Legislator meeting
14. Superintendent Higgins invited the Board to attend a “town hall” meeting with our legislators at the Care Center Tuesday, April 11 from 6:30 to 7:30.
 15. Mr. Higgins noted no changes with the exception of a 5 minute change to the lunch schedule on the WCES handbooks for next year.
- Approve WCES Staff and Student Handbooks for 2017-18
16. Brandon Whalen moved and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the WCES Staff and WCES Student Handbooks for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
- Approve KASB & Legal Assistance Fund membership
17. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve 2017-18 membership in Kansas Association of School Boards and KASB Legal Assistance Fund. Motion carried 6-0.
- Approve 2017-18 meeting dates
18. Brandon Whalen moved and Farrin Watt seconded to approve 2017-18 board meeting dates for the school calendar. Motion carried 6-0.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Board goals discussion | 19. Tammy Simons presented information on the district goals and discussion ensued. It was decided to concentrate on the Civic Engagement portion of the goals at this time. Administrators will work with staff in each building to choose from 5 subjects to concentrate on for their building. Discussion was held regarding having Mr. Sechrist facilitate another planning session with the teachers at the August inservice or another day next year. No decision was made on this. |
| Executive session for personnel | 20. At 8:57 p.m. Brian Gerstberger moved and Tammy Simons seconded to enter executive session for forty-five (45) minutes with the Board, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Schmidt present to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session it might the invade privacy of those discussed. Motion carried 6-0. |
| Executive session for negotiations | 21. At 9:48 p.m. regular session resumed.
22. At 9:49 p.m. Jason Koehn moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter executive session for twenty (20) minutes with the Board, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Schmidt present to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.
23. At 10:09 p.m. regular session resumed. |
| Adjournment | 24. At 10:10 p.m. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting. |

Board of Education
 Unified School District #467
 Wichita County, Kansas

 Jim Myers, President

 Pat Bishop, Clerk