

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, May 8, 2017 in the board office in Leoti.

People present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Pat Bishop; WCJ-SHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; Transportation/Maintenance Director, Ed Simon; Treasurer, Tammy Mason; CO-AD, Shad Mehl; and guests: Sara Brown, Bridgette Carpenter, Jasive Hernandez, Avah Martin, Vania Santillana-Padilla, and Elise Whalen.

Approve consent agenda

3. Jason Koehn moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of :
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for April 10, 2017.
 - C. Payment of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions.
 1. Approve a ½ time summer weightlifting contract with Haydon Parks.
 2. Approve a ½ time summer weightlifting contract with Cale Warden.
 3. Accept a resignation from Allison Wilkins, WCES 4th grade, at the end of the 2016-17 school year.
 4. Accept a resignation from Lucina Vargas, WCJ-SHS custodian, effective May 24.
 - E. Accept a \$439.78 donation from Western State Bank for Financial Freedom text books for WCHS.
 - F. Accept a donation of \$450.00 from the City of Leoti for the Box Tops fund at WCES.
 - G. Accept a donation of \$191.10 from Box Tops for Education for WCES.
 - H. Accept a donation of \$610.42 from Western

Hardware's anniversary lunch free will offering for the track team helping.

- I. Accept a Monsanto Donation of \$2,500 from Dennis and Deb Bauck for WCES.

Motion carried 6-0.

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| Author's Tea presentation | 4. | Bridgette Carpenter brought 4 of her students to read selections that they wrote and presented to their parents at the Authors' Tea. Students presenting were Elise Whalen, Avah Martin, Jasive Hernandez, and Vania Santillana-Padilla. All of the girls did an excellent job with their readings. This group left the meeting at 7:13 p.m. |
| Athletic discussion | 5. | Shad Mehl met with the board to give an update on league affiliation and football. We have one more year with Hi-Plains league and 8 man football. They have had discussions with the league and believe we may be allowed to remain after the initial 2 year waiver. There will be a change in cheerleading policy next year. All cheerleaders will cheer at home games and they will have a rotating squad of 7 attending away games. |
| Principal reports | 6. | WCJ-SHS Principal Schmidt reported on State Music contest results and the May 4 th concert. They have finished assessments. Senior finals will be Wednesday with all other finals next Wednesday and Thursday. League Track will be the 12 th . Regional track and baseball will be the next week. Wyatt Wentz shadowed Mr. Lechtenberg this morning and looked for housing this afternoon. |
| | 7. | WCES Principal Higgins reminded the Board of the elementary music program tomorrow night with 6 th grade promotion. All elementary students except 1 st graders who will be on a field trip will be participating in a Funday on the last day of school at the HS football field and track with sack lunches there. Some of the HS track team will be helping with events. We are still looking at the possibility of having summer school It will depend upon the responses to information sent to parents this week. The elementary enrollment at the end of the year is up 10 from the start of the year. |

Superintendent report

8. Superintendent Higgins reported on Budgets and reviewed the beginning of the year inservice agenda. Questions were asked about the Poverty Simulation planned for the second day of inservice. Board members were reminded of the staff lunch on May 19 and the upcoming Board of Education elections. Discussion was held on what to do with the goal posts if we stay with 8 man football. This will need to be researched. Questions were asked about 8th grade award ceremony.

9. Shad Mehl left the meeting at 7:35 during the Superintendent's report.

Transportation/maintenance discussions

10. Ed Simon reported on bus routes. He drove some this morning and spent time discussing these with the County Commissioners and Herby. The buses will resume regular routes tomorrow with some re-routing having to be done because of road conditions and poles and wires still in some of the roads on the routes. Mr. Simon presented information on different types of buses he has been looking at to replace Bus #1 which will no longer be legal for us to use after January 1, 2018 because of age. After much discussion it was decided to get bids on buses with the possibility of trade ins of some other buses. Following the bus discussion Ed reported on roof leaks at both schools.

Approve WCJ-SHS student handbook for 2017-18

11. Following discussion, Tom Ridder moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the 2017-18 WCJ-SHS Student Handbook with changes. Motion carried 6-0

12. No changes were noted in the Staff handbook.

Approve WCJ-SHS staff handbook for 2017-18

13. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the 2017-18 WCJ-SHS Staff Handbook. Motion carried 6-0.

District goal discussion

14. During discussion of the district goals Mr. Higgins noted that objects 1 & 5 of the Civic Engagement goal do not apply to the elementary school. They are working on improving tardies and absences. Mrs. Gardner is working on recognizing student

achievements with her solo cup spot light and Mrs. Campas is doing something similar in the gym. The 6th Grade STUCO gave all teachers a water bottle and flavor packet and has been writing thank you notes. Fifth and sixth graders are volunteering to work at the crosswalks.

15. Mr. Schmidt noted that their #1 priority is how to engage the parents in their student's education. They are trying different ways to contact parents including thru PowerSchool, emails, and telephone calls.
16. Discussion on the Effective Communication goal included different ways to communicate what is going on with the schools to the public.
17. At 8:57 p.m. Brian Gerstberger moved and Tom Ridder seconded to enter executive session with the Board, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Schmidt present for thirty-five (35) minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Motion carried 6-0.
18. At 8:32 regular session resumed.
19. Brian Gerstberger moved and Tom Ridder seconded to approve rehiring all certified personnel who have not already resigned. Motion carried 6-0.
20. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Executive session for
personnel

Rehire licensed staff

Board of Education
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