

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 7:00p.m., Monday, November 13, 2017 in Leoti.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Tammy Mason; and Guests: Julie Conard, Tamera Geyer, Janee Porter, Wyatt Wentz, Lesly Torres, Josh Young, Sara Brown, Misty Gardner, Zane Gerstberger, Madeleine Myers, Audrina Marcy, Sophia Wedel, Brielle Koehn, Clara Koehn, Jentri Porter, Wyatt Gardner, Taylor Beedy, Evy Thurman, Marcy Baker, Katelyn Thurman, Breanne Ricke, Brandon Price, and Sidney Biermann.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Brian Gerstberger moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approved the consent agenda consisting of:
 - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes of the October 9, 2017 BOE meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payrolls.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Approve offering a contract to Ashley Schmidt as Asst. Junior High Boys Basketball coach.
 - E. Accept a donation of \$982.00 from the Security State Bank tailgate for the WCJSHS athletic department.
 - F. Accept additional donations from businesses and individuals to support student book purchases at the WCES Book Fair.
 - G. Accept donations from the Tribe Booster Club to purchase scripts for Forensics and for the Blake Nickelson Memorial sign and stonework.Motion carried 5-0.

Veteran's Day Choir

4. Students from the Veteran's Day Choir lead by Misty Gardner performed for the school board members

and audience. Students from Wichita County Elementary School performed for Veterans last Friday in honor of their service to the United States. Mrs. Gardner and students left the meeting at 7:10p.m.

Industrial Arts Teacher Wyatt Wentz

5. Industrial Arts teacher, Wyatt Wentz, presented information on the classes he teaches and current projects. Both of his carpentry classes are working on a dog house each and they may auction them off at one of the home basketball games. He also has classes working on individual wood projects and bread boxes. He is looking forward to next semester, which will involve teaching drafting and some bigger carpentry projects.

Petition to Gain Credits by Alternative Method

6. Senior, Lesly Torres, presented a slide show and information on her petition to the board to obtain one and one fourth credits to graduate on time at the end of this school year. Due to moving and attending several different schools, she was lacking credits and asked that she may obtain the extra credit through a work study program in Leoti. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to allow Ms. Torres to use an alternative method to gain credits. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Brown and Ms. Torres left the meeting at 7:30p.m.

Principals' Reports

7. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, was unable to attend the school board meeting, but did prepare a report. The fall sports have ended and winter sports have started. Four high school students participated in KEMA Honor Choir. Connor Krenznel earned a 4th chair in Honor Band. Two junior high students participated in Honor Band. The fall musical was "Shrek". The first nine weeks have ended. STUCO and NHS members hosted the Vet Day Breakfast on November 10th. Shad Mehl and Mr. Schmidt will attend a KSHSAA hearing in Topeka on November 15th for league assignment.
8. WCES Principal, Mr. Higgins, reported on the Student of the Month at the elementary school. It requires different criteria for each student chosen, he

has had good response from staff and students. Sixth grade students participated in the GregTangMath.com Halloween Math Challenge. Five students completed the challenge and ErikaTerriquez won out of the sixth graders nationwide.

Superintendent's Report

9. Superintendent, Mr. Higgins, presented the current budget information for the schools and district. Forty percent of the school year has passed and the school district has seventy percent of the budget remaining. There have been some electrical issues at the junior/senior high school due to age of equipment. Some electrical panels and breaker boxes have and will be replaced. The board discussed concern for the age and condition of the building. Salary comparison to area schools was questioned. It was decided that the board members will eat lunch at the school cafeteria before the noon board meeting in December.

KESA discussion/update

10. Mr. Higgins updated the board on KESA, Kansas Education Systems Accreditation. We are in year one of the five year plan. Under the KESA guidance, there have been a building leadership team at both the elementary and junior/senior schools that will conduct and review needs assessments. As well as, a building site council for both schools that acknowledges and provides feedback. They are currently working on the next step of a district leadership team and district site council.

Curriculum Discussion

11. The curriculum state wide is typically redone every seven years, focusing on English/Language Arts and Math at this time. Forming a collaboration team during the summer for the school district was discussed.

Executive Session for Personnel

12. Brian Gerstberger moved and Jason Koehn seconded to enter executive session to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at

8:41p.m. Motion carried 5-0. Wyatt Wentz and Julie Conard left the meeting at 8:11p.m.

Adjournment

13. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 8:42p.m.

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

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board

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