

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 12:30p.m., Monday, December 11, 2017 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, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; Athletic Director, Shad Mehl; and Guests: Josh Young, Pat Bishop, Jody Crouch, and Sara Brown.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Jim Myers thanked and presented a gift to Pat Bishop for her more than 27 years of service to USD #467. Pat will retire January 31, 2018. He also presented a gift to Tom Ridder and thanked him for his eight and a half years of service to the Board of Education, as this will be his last board meeting. Tom Ridder moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approved the consent agenda with the addition of item number D5, consisting of:
 - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes of the November 13, 2017 BOE meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Approve hiring Jordan Geyer as HS Head Baseball coach.
 2. Approve hiring Tori Koehn as JH Scholar's Bowl head coach.
 3. Accept a resignation from Cale Warden as HS Head Football coach.
 4. Accept a resignation from Molly Horton, 5th Grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
 5. Accept a resignation from Patsy Riley, Kitchen Manager & Head Cook, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

- E. Accept a donation from Western Kansas Community Foundation of \$300 for the WCES book fair.
 - F. Accept a donation from the Food Bank of \$500 to the WCJSHS water fountain fund.
 - G. Accept a donation from the Leoti Takedown Club for warm-up jackets for the HS wrestling team.
- Motion carried 6-1, with Jason Koehn abstaining.

Athletic Schedule

- 4. Shad Mehl presented the current schedules for next year's athletic events for the Jr./Sr. High school. He thinks the high school events are scheduled well and should not have any issues. He is concerned about the Jr. High basketball scheduling. He has two proposals to present to the High Plains League that will allow for the Junior High teams to play more games than what was originally scheduled. Pat Bishop exited the meeting at 12:55p.m.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

- 5. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, presented an update on the activities at the Jr./Sr. High. The staff and students participated in Chill Day on November 21, 2017. He had several students that had completed CNA courses. There are 25 students taking classes through Garden City Community College next semester as dual credits. He discussed the KESA program that the staff has been involved with. The Junior High and High School basketball is under way. The high school wrestling season has started also.

Arrival & Dismissal at WCES

- 6. Clay Oldham, Ashley Woods, Ryan Edgington, and Leo Townsend entered the meeting at 12:55p.m. Clay Oldham was concerned about the pick up/drop off situation at WCES. His concern is about citizens driving down the alley between Wyoming and Genesee which is by his home and business. Ashley Woods presented pictures taken last year by city employees. She felt the pictures depicted issues with the pick up/drop off area at WCES. Ryan Edgington and Leo Townsend also voiced their concern. Jody Crouch presented maps to the board of possible changes to the pick up/drop off area at WCES. Discussion was held. Clay Oldham, Ashley

Woods, Ryan Edgington, and Leo Townsend left the meeting at 1:15p.m.

WCES Principal's Report

7. WCES Principal, Mr. Higgins, reported on the Christmas program at the elementary school. He received a lot of compliments and positive feedback on the program. This coming Friday is the last day of school before the winter break. There will be interviews for the Elementary Principal position on January 2, 2018 by an assigned committee.

Superintendent's Report

8. Superintendent, Mr. Higgins, presented the current budget information for the schools and district. Fifty percent of the school year has passed and the school district has sixty six percent of the budget remaining. The elementary has 82% of it's budget and the Jr./Sr. High school has 68% of it's budget remaining. The Blake Nickelson Memorial sign has been completed. Brandon Whalen suggested signage for WCES to make it easier for the public to find.

Maintenance Report

9. Mr. Higgins presented the maintenance report by Ed Simon, as he could not attend the meeting. The water heater needs replaced at the Jr./Sr. High school. He has received bids from three different companies. The board would like more information on the possible water heater replacements.

Mrs. Conard's Speech Class

10. Mrs. Conard, Destiny Arrellano-Marquez, Hailey Case, Edgar Chavez, Undeeyn Harp, Gerardo Ortiz-Chavez, Guadalupe Penaran, Aaron Ridder, Joseph Ridder, Rene Santillana-Padilla, Karlee Seaton, Summer Smades, and Luis Valencia entered the meeting at 1:30p.m. Guadalupe Penaran gave her speech on the benefits of having a computer science class at the high school. Edgar Chavez gave a speech on the advantages of having a ten point grading scale at the high school. Karlee Seaton gave a speech on having a random drug screening for students at the high school. The Board thanked the students for their presentation. The group left the meeting at 1:43p.m. Jody Crouch and Josh Young left the meeting at this time also.

Executive Session for
Personnel

11. At 1:48p.m. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen 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 2:38p.m. Motion carried 7-0. Delbert Schmidt left executive session at 2:18p.m.

Arrival & Dismissal at WCES

12. The Board discussed possible solutions to the pick up/drop off issues at WCES. Mr. Higgins will send out a letter to parents asking them to be aware of children's safety and to refrain from using the public alley between Wyoming and Genesse.

KESA report

13. The Board tabled discussion on the KESA update until the January school board meeting.

Adjournment

14. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 3:00p.m.

Board of Education
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