

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., Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in Leoti.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; Athletic Director, Shad Mehl; and Guests: Jaiden Porter, Mckenzie Porter, Clara Koehn, Emery Bauck, Sheila Campas, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, Tori Koehn, Stephanie Thelen-West, Michelle Sheppard, and Andrea Bauck.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Jason Koehn moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approved the consent agenda consisting of:
 - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes of the January 8, 2018 and January 17, 2018 BOE meetings.
 - C. Payments of bills and payrolls.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Accept a resignation from Shelby Wilson, JH math teacher, at the end of the 2017-18 school year.
 2. Approve offering a contract to Rosa Marchant as a cook.
 - E. Accept a donation of \$4,000.00 from Kansas Truck Equipment.Motion carried 6-0. Brandon Whalen entered the meeting at 7:05p.m.

WCES Cup Stackers

4. Students from Mrs. Campas' physical education classes demonstrated cup stacking for school board members and audience. Mrs. Campas explained the benefits of teaching students this skill, such as, quickness, ambidexterity, and hand-eye

coordination. Mrs. Campas, students, and parents left the meeting at 7:10p.m.

Proposed Grading Scale Change

5. Sara Brown and members of the grading scale change committee, presented information on the proposed grading scale change for the Wichita County Jr/Sr High School. Sara explained that we have an eight point grading scale and most schools in Kansas have a ten point grading scale. The main concern is that students will miss out on scholarship opportunities due to GPAs not reflecting a student's ability in comparison to other schools. Discussion was held and the board will discuss the proposal further at the March board meeting.

Activity Scheduling

6. Athletic Director, Shad Mehl, presented the activity schedule for the junior and senior high next year. Discussion was held.

Transportation Discussion

7. Discussion was held on transportation. There are still issues with the coach activity bus. Some activities will require an activity bus and a second vehicle to accommodate teams. Discussion was held on checking into leasing or purchasing a second activity bus since the coach bus is having issues and one of the activity buses will be out of use by August 2018. Shad left the meeting at 7:50p.m.

Curriculum Committee Discussion

8. Discussion was held on the Curriculum Committee. On February 9th, during a half day teacher inservice, staff met to discuss Pre-K through 12th grade English/Language Arts curriculum. Both principals felt the staff valued the input throughout the grades to focus on this curriculum. They plan to continue this work in all areas of study and establish curriculum standards for the district. Stephanie Thelen-West left the meeting at 8:12p.m.

Federal Programs Parent Involvement Policy

9. Tammy Simons moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the updated Federal Programs Parent Involvement Policy. Motion carried 7-0.

Principals' Reports

10. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, updated the board on the activities at the Junior-Senior high school. Jasive Hernandez, 7th grade, won the district spelling bee. We hosted Regional Scholar's Bowl on February 1st. The Junior high basketball teams competed in the league tournament. Science Olympiad will be February 8th. Parent/teacher conferences have been moved to February 20th and 22nd. KELPA testing is under way at the Junior-Senior high school. Regional wrestling is February 16th and 17th. Career Day is February 14th with Tribune and Deerfield invited. There will be nine colleges there. Booster club started a renewable scholarship for \$500. KESA training took place on February 2nd.

11. WCES Principal, Mr. Higgins, reported on the spelling bee. Madeline Myers, 6th grade, was the district runner-up. KELPA testing is under way at the grade school.

Superintendent's Report

12. Superintendent, Mr. Higgins, presented the current budget information for the schools and district. More than half of the school year has passed and the school district has fifty percent of the budget remaining. Mr. Higgins had been approached about some of the safety precautions within the school when hiring staff. The district currently does random drug testing on all bus drivers. All classified staff must pass a background check. All certified staff are fingerprinted at the state level in order to obtain a teaching license. The utilities costs are less than they were at this time last year. The Pathways grant is in progress and will provide money for the district under certain guidelines. The water heaters are still in use at the Junior-Senior high school and will not be replaced at this time.

Resolution 2018-11

13. Josh Young moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve Resolution 2018-11, a waterline easement agreement with the City of Leoti.

2017 Audit Report

14. Brian Gerstberger moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the FY 2017 audit report form Kennedy McKee & Co LLC. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for Personnel

15. Brandon Whalen moved and Jason Koehn seconded to enter executive session, with Mr. Higgins and Mr. Schmidt present, to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 10:40 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. Michelle Sheppard, Sara Brown, and Julie Conard left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Approval of Coaches

16. The regular meeting resumed at 10:40 p.m. Brian Gerstberger moved and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the spring sports coaches as listed. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for Negotiations

17. Jason Koehn moved and Tammy Simons seconded to enter executive session, with Mr. Higgins and Mr. Schmidt present to discuss possible proposals for negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 10:46p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

18. The regular meeting resumed at 10:46 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

19. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

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