

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., Thursday, March 8, 2018 in Leoti.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, Simone Elder, and Kasper Lechtenberg.

Approved Consent Agenda

1. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Brandon Whalen moved and Farrin Watt seconded to approve the consent agenda with the addition of item number 4F. Declare surplus items as listed; and item number 13A. Approve the 2018-2019 school calendar, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes of the February 12, 2018 and February 20, 2018 BOE meetings.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Accept a resignation from Kendall Knobbe for JH cheerleader sponsor.
 - E. Accept donations from the Wichita County Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll program from 2016 and 2017 in the amounts of \$2,528.40 and \$1,993.20.Motion passed 7-0.

Technology Presentation

2. Kasper Lechtenberg, Technology Coordinator, presented information on the District's technology. He has replaced approximately 75 computers. The Junior-Senior high schools wireless needs are of concern. He is working on updating all computers and technology equipment on a five year cycle so the district has the most up to date technology.

Discussion was held. Kasper Lechtenberg left the meeting at 7:14p.m.

Principals' Reports

3. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, updated the board on the activities at the Junior-Senior high school. Kelpa testing is almost complete. State Assessments will begin March 21st. The Career Fair was held February 14th. Isabel Resendez won first place at the Entrepreneurship Fair and Aylin Heredia placed second. The KESA committee met again. The third nine weeks ends on March 8th with report cards to be released March 21st. April 7th is the Science Olympiad. After Spring Break, they will start scheduling students' classes for next year. There are 17 out for baseball, 41 out for track, and 8 out for golf. If the board agrees, Alice training will take place at the high school on April 2nd. The board was in agreement. The Junior class will go to Hays on April 3rd to tour technical colleges and Fort Hays. Prom is April 14th. Mr. Schmidt answered questions about seminar class from the board.

4. WCES Principal, Mr. Higgins, reported on the grade school. This week was Read Week. The students participated in Camping day, Make Believe day, St. Patrick's day, and Beach day. The staff and students enjoyed the week. Parent/teacher conferences will be March 20th and 22nd from 4:00p.m. until 8:00p.m.

Superintendent's Report

5. 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 forty four percent of the budget remaining. The utilities costs are less than they were at this time last year by approximately \$12,000. Prom is coming up and the board members and their spouses are invited. Ed Simon is getting information on another activity bus. Discussion was held on replacing vehicles and buses within the district.

5th Grade to Bent's Fort

6. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the fifth grade trip to Bent's

Fort in LaJunta, Colorado on April 12th. Motion passed 7-0.

4th Grade to Shriner's Circus

7. Farrin Watt moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the fourth grade trip to the Shriner's Circus on April 21st. Motion passed 7-0.

Grading Scale

8. Discussion was held on the proposed change to the grading scale moving from an 8 point grading scale to a 10 point grading scale. Jim Myers moved and Josh Young seconded to approve the 10 point grading scale to begin the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed 5-2, with no votes from Farrin Watt and Brian Gerstberger.

District-Wide Random Drug Testing

9. Sara Brown and Mr. Schmidt presented information on implementing a district-wide random drug testing program for the Junior-Senior high school students. They have visited with other schools that have this policy in place and presented a proposed policy. Discussion was held. The board would like the policy to be reviewed by an attorney. It will be discussed further at the next board meeting. The board took a brief break from 8:32p.m. until 8:42p.m. Julie Conard and Simone Elder left the meeting at this time.

District Goals

10. The board discussed the districts goals: Academic Success, Civic Engagement, and Effective Communication. Academic success would be improved with updated technology. A technology committee will be formed to address this. Civic engagement is improving with the student of the month program. The students must meet certain criteria and be nominated by their teacher. Effective communication is improving with the new sign donated by the Nickelson family. We also have facebook, the district website, and information provided to the local newspaper. Adding Twitter and Instagram will be beneficial also. This will be looked into.

District Wide Tobacco Policy

11. The board reviewed the current tobacco policy for the school district. It can be improved upon by

making it district wide on all school grounds and additional signage added around school property to enforce the policy. This will be discussed further at the April board meeting.

Calendar Committee

12. Farrin Watt moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the School Calendar for 2018-2019 as presented with the possibility that the Junior-Senior High parent/teacher conferences may be changed to accommodate families and students. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for Personnel

13. Brian Gerstberger 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 10:17 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Elementary Teacher

14. The regular meeting resumed at 10:17 p.m. Jim Myers moved and Jason Koehn seconded to approve hiring Rachel Wiggs as an elementary teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

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15. Brian Gerstberger moved and Tammy Simons 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 10:36p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Extend Mr. Schmidt's Contract

16. The regular meeting resumed at 10:36 p.m. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve extending Mr. Schmidt's contract an additional year through 2020. 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 10:42p.m.

Nate Brown and Sara Brown left the meeting at 10:36pm.

18. The regular meeting resumed at 10:42p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

19. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

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