

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., Monday, May 14, 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; Maintenance/Transportation Director, Ed Simon; and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, Bridgette Carpenter, Mary Jo Castillo, Tammy Geyer, Anna Simons, Sidney Biermann, Devyn Geyer, Azalia Fuentes, Madeleine Myers, Nayely Moran, Haydon Parks, Bri Bocanegra, Aylin Heredia, and Sonnie Altman.

Approved Consent Agenda

1. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Jim Myers wanted to acknowledge Jim Hayes for all of his years of service to the district. Jason Koehn moved and Josh Young seconded to approve the consent agenda with the addition of item number 4. D. 5. Accept a resignation from Allen Brockmeier, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes of the April 9, 2018 BOE meeting.
 - C. Payments of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Approve ½ time summer weightlifting contracts with Haydon Parks and Brant Douglas.
 2. Accept a resignation from Aimee Burch, WCHS math teacher.
 3. Accept a resignation from Katelyn Brown, WCHS head volleyball coach.
 4. Accept a resignation from Diana Kirk, WCHS assistant volleyball coach.
 5. Accept a resignation from Allen Brockmeier, Band and Vocal teacher.

- E. Accept a \$1,500 donation from Perkins Reserve Grant Award for Agriculture Education- Professional Development at WCJSHS.
 - F. Accept a donation of \$132.01 from the Kansas Beef Council for the WCJSHS FACS program.
 - G. Accept a donation of \$1,437.51 from the Tribe Booster Club for baseball and weight room equipment.
 - H. Accept a donation of \$544.40 for the WCES Art Program.
 - I. Accept a donation of \$95,286.30 from Westar Energy for windfarm in lieu.
 - J. Accept a donation of \$86.40 from Boxtops for Education for WCES.
 - K. Accept a donation of \$410.00 from the Western Kansas Community Foundation for dental help for a student in need.
 - L. Accept a \$1,500 donation from Perkins Reserve Grant Award for Agriculture Education Chromebooks at WCJSHS.
- Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Castillo's 6th Grade Science

2. Mrs. Castillo brought three students, Azalia Fuentes, Maddie Myers, and Nayely Moran, to present a short interactive science demonstration. The students explained the phenomena known as negative afterimage. It is an optical illusion that occurs when the rods and cones of the eyes fatigue after staring at a colored image for an extended period of time (30 seconds). When the person then looks at a white paper they will continue to see the image, but it will be blurry and in the opposite colors of what they were staring at. The girls then passed out pictures of the American flag that were colored cyan, black, and yellow respectively. They then timed the board members for 30 seconds as they stared at the image. Then when they looked at the white paper, the blurry image should have been the flag in red, white, and blue. At least two members indicated that it did indeed work.

Mrs. Carpenter's 6th Grade English

3. Mrs. Carpenter's students Anna Simons, Sidney Biermann, and Devyn Geyer presented a variety of writing samples to the Board of Education. Anna and Sidney read their "Different Perspective/Point of

View” papers. They each had a picture of a pair of shoes and they had to write from the person’s, that would be wearing the shoes, point of view. Devyn presented her “I Am” poem and “Who am I?” (ancient figure) foldable. Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Castillo, Tammy Geyer, and the sixth grade students left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Weightlifting

4. Coach Haydon Parks presented information on this year’s weight lifting team. Representing the team were Sonnie Altman, Bri Bocanegra, and Aylin Heredia. The 2018 Powerlifting season consisted of three meets at Cimmaron, Deerfield, and the Kansas 8-man Football Association State meet. Coach Parks said it was the best season they have had in the five years that he has been running the program, not only in placing but the participation level. He had 26 student athletes compete this year. Students placed at each meet with Aylin Heredia winning State in her class. Coach Parks, Sonnie, Aylin, and Bri left the meeting at 7:14p.m.

Parenting Classes Proposal

5. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sheppard are interested in offering parenting classes to preschool parents for the upcoming school year. They are proposing eight classes and for the parents that attend at least six out of eight classes, they will be given a voucher for one month of free preschool fees. Farrin Watt moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the parenting classes and free one month voucher of preschool fees to parents completing six out of eight classes. Motion carried 7-0.

Principals’ Reports

6. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, updated the board on the activities at the Junior-Senior high school. Music and Forensics competed at State. The JH/HS Spring Concerts were held and well attended. Semester tests will be Thursday and Friday of this week. Regional Track will be this Friday. Regional Baseball is today at Elkhart. Graduation was May 12th.
7. WCES Principal, Mr. Higgins, reported on the grade school. Kindergarten graduation is this Friday at 10:00a.m. Third through sixth grades will have a

play day this Friday. The rest of the classes will be taking field trips on Friday.

Superintendent's Report

8. Superintendent, Mr. Higgins, presented the current budget information for the schools and district. The utilities have cost the district less this year as compared to last year. The technology advisory board will be meeting on May 21st at 3:00p.m. The Wichita County Recreation had inquired about advertising on the marquee sign. The district will not be able to accommodate this request. The school board members will do a walk through of the buildings on June 5th. The end of year staff lunch is Monday, May 21st at noon.

Advisory Board Reports

- A. Economic Development- Brandon Whalen- They are currently in search of a new director. Diana Kirk and her family are moving.
- B. HPEC- Farrin Watt- He was unable to attend the last meeting.
- C. Northwest Kansas Technical College- Jim Myers- He was unable to attend the last meeting.
- D. PDC- Jason Koehn- He was unable to attend the last meeting.
- E. Wichita County Recreation- Brian Gerstberger- The big concern was getting information out to families about activities. There was some discussion about the soccer field having issues.

District-Wide Random Drug Testing

9. Mr. Schmidt presented information on implementing a district-wide random drug testing program for the Junior-Senior high school students. He has visited with other schools that have this policy in place and presented a proposed policy. The school attorney has reviewed the proposed policy. Tammy Simons moved and Josh Young seconded to approve the district wide random drug policy beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Safe Routes to School

10. Mr. Higgins presented the Safe Routes to Schools policy and the different options Ped Net has suggested to improve the flow of traffic during drop off and pick up for students. The school board asked Mr. Higgins to get bids on a half parking lot on the south side of the high school. Brian Gerstberger

moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the Safe Routes to Schools Policy. Motion passed 7-0.

District Goals

11. The board discussed the districts goals: Academic Success, Civic Engagement, and Effective Communication. An academic success is that all seniors had completed their community service hours prior to graduation. A form of effective communication is the adult ESL class Jana Simon has started in the evenings with the help of Isabel Cardenas and SanJuanita Salazar. There are 24 participants and they have met twice per week for approximately two months.

KESA

12. Mr. Higgins updated the board on KESA. The adult ESL classes and preschool parenting classes are a part of the KESA components. Discussion was held.

Transportation

13. The board was presented with the bids for an Expedition. The state bids for suburbans has expired and will renew as of July. The board agreed that a lease option for an Expedition was not a good option. Josh Young moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approve purchasing an Expedition for \$36,274.00. Motion passed 7-0. The board took a ten minute break at 9:00 p.m. Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, and Ed Simon left the meeting at this time.

Executive Session for Personnel

14. Farrin Watt moved and Brian Gerstberger 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 9:50 p.m. Motion passed 6-0, with Jason Koehn leaving the meeting due to conflict of interest for ten minutes. Jason Koehn entered the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Approval of Rehiring Certified Staff

15. The regular meeting resumed at 9:50 p.m. Brandon Whalen moved and Farrin Watt seconded to rehire all certified staff who have not already resigned for

the 2018-2019 school year. Motion passed 7-0.
Delbert Schmidt left the meeting.

Executive Session for
Negotiations

16. Jason Koehn moved and Farrin Watt seconded to enter executive session, with Mr. Higgins 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 10:30 p.m.

17. The regular meeting resumed at 10:30 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

18. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

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