

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, August 20, 2018 in Leoti.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell; and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, Leslie Niswonger, Janet Robertson, Deb Fairchild, Haydon Parks, and Robyn Tokoi.

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 express the Board's prayers for Stephanie Thelen-West's recovery. Brian Gerstberger moved and Josh Young seconded to approve the consent agenda with the addition of item number 12. A. Executive Session, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes of the August 6, 2018 BOE meeting.
 - C. Payments of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Approve hiring Audra Berning as Pre-K para.
 2. Approve hiring Cristina Escalante as head cook.
 3. Approve hiring Rosa Lopez as cook.
 4. Approve hiring Yerania Maldonado as crossing guard.
 5. Approve hiring Vallie Kenfield as WCHS Asst. Volleyball coach.
 6. Approve hiring Judith Lemus as WCJSHS Asst. Cross Country coach.
 - E. Accept a donation of \$3,600 from the Wichita County Arts Alliance for the WCES Art Program.
 - F. Approve WCJSHS fundraisers for 2018-19.Motion passed 6-0.

Budget Hearing

2. President Jim Myers opened the hearing for the 2018-2019 budget. Mr. Higgins reviewed the budget and explained that the mills will go down by 2 even with higher expenses this year. There have been no inquiries or protests from the public.

Approve 2018-2019 Budget

3. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the 2018-2019 budget as published. Motion carried 6-0.

Wichita County Economic Development

4. Robyn Tokoi of Wichita County Economic Development, presented information on a possible grant for housing development in Wichita County. The grant available is for \$400,000. Mrs. Tokoi is working with the city, county, and local businesses on proceeding with the grant. She is requesting the lots from the old RBSES school that are currently setting empty be donated as part of the housing development. Jim Myers moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to donate the lots at the old RBSES school to the project if the grant is approved. Motion passed 6-0. Mrs. Tokoi left the meeting at 7:30p.m.

GCCC & Chromebooks

5. Julie Conard approached the school board about receiving the full amount paid from Garden City Community College. Mrs. Conard has taught dual credit college classes for GCCC and WCJSHS for approximately 18 years. Previously, the school district has received \$1,125 from GCCC with \$750 being paid to the teacher and \$375 being used for classroom supplies for the class being taught per semester. Mrs. Conard stated that she no longer needs the classroom budget and would like the \$1,125 to be paid to her.
6. Mrs. Conard also presented information on Chromebooks. In 2013, the high school English department started using Chromebooks for their students. Through donations, Carl Perkins funds, and GCCC classroom money, they were able to purchase Chromebooks that now the whole Jr./Sr. high school can utilize. She is requesting that the school district purchase Chromebooks as she no

longer wants to fund some of the project with GCCC classroom money.

Athletic Update

7. WCHS Athletic Director, Haydon Parks, updated the board on the Jr./Sr. High activities. Participation is as follows: HS football-28, HS volleyball-18, HS cross country-6, JH football-17, JH volleyball-21, JH cross country-10, HS cheerleading-8, and JH cheerleading-8. The schedule changes on the school calendar are as follows: No high school volleyball in Lakin on August 28th, the high school volleyball C team will play Ness City on September 17th, The Junior High volleyball will not play Sacred Heart on August 30th, they will play in Satanta instead.

Technology Committee

8. Leslie Niswonger, Deb Fairchild, Janet Robertson, and Nate Brown presented information on the technology committee. The committee would like to know the Board's goal for the committee and their time frame. The Board agreed to a budget of \$30,000-\$40,000 with a list of items the staff feels would improve their classroom/teaching and to be presented at the January 2019 BOE meeting. Leslie Niswonger, Deb Fairchild, and Janet Robertson left the meeting at 7:45p.m.

Resolution 2019-09

9. Jason Koehn moved and Josh Young seconded to approve Resolution 2019-09, a resolution to authorize signers Keith Higgins, Delbert Schmidt, and Lori Maxwell on WCES bank account. Motion passed 6-0.

Principals' Reports

10. Ms. Maxwell presented information on WCES. The school year has started well. She enjoyed the 1st-6th graders starting school, with kindergarteners starting two days later, and then preschoolers starting on August 20th. She felt like this was a good adjustment for the students and staff. Pick up/drop off of students has gone smoothly, without incidence. Kindergarteners and first graders will be having recess in the cafeteria dome this year, as opposed to the gym so they will not have to change shoes. All Dibels testing will be done on-line this year. WCES staff meetings will be the Tuesday after board

meetings. She will be attending a Social/Emotional workshop on Thursday as part of KESA.

11. WCJSHS Principal, Mr. Schmidt, presented information on the Jr./Sr. High school. They have gained six new students this year, but enrollment is down from last year. The JH/HS meeting had 20 sets of parents this year, which is up from last year. Wednesday, the BIO II students will participate in a crisis drill at the hospital. He has had a positive response from parents about the new drug policy/student testing. The schools are now required to have 16 drills per year; 9 crisis drills, 4 fire drills, and 3 tornado drills.

Superintendent's Report

12. Mr. Higgins, Superintendent, gave an update on the Workplace Wellness. Fitbits will be ordered for district and HPEC employees as part of the workplace wellness grant from BCBS. The grant money has not been received yet. One facility inspection has been completed by a company and two more companies are scheduled to complete inspections as well. The inspections will be used to get a better view of what needs to be done to the district facilities to improve the buildings. Mr. Higgins and building principals will receive EHE training this Friday. KESA trainings for the school year have been scheduled as well. The class of 1968 requested use of a school bus to participate in the homecoming parade as part of their fifty year class reunion. He received a security camera today that will be installed to sample from a security company for possible future purchase. Mr. Higgins gave an enrollment update for the 2018-2019 school year. At this point, the schools are down a total of three students from last year at this time.

School Communication

13. Jim Myers expressed the Board's thanks to Jeannine Hassell for keeping the school district's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and website up to date and accurate with all of the latest happenings in the school district. He also thanked JoAnne Seaton for keeping the Nickelson marquee sign up to date as well.

Capital Outlay discussion

14. Mr. Higgins presented pricing information on security cameras from Palace Computers and Verkada. Brandon Whalen suggested checking into Razberi Tech as well. The Board gave permission for Ed Simon to order four new micro-fiber cleaning carts for the buildings and a new floor scrubber, not to exceed \$25,000 total for all of the items. Further discussion will be held after all pricing is received for security cameras and inspections of the buildings are completed. Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, and Haydon Parks left the meeting at 8:12p.m.

Executive Session

15. Tammy Simons moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins, Mr. Schmidt, and Ms. Maxwell present to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:17p.m. Motion passed 6-0. No action was taken. Mr. Schmidt and Ms. Maxwell left the meeting at 8:17p.m.

16. Brian Gerstberger moved and Jason Koehn seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins 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 8:48p.m. Motion passed 6-0. No action was taken.

Adjournment

17. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board

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