

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, September 10, 2018 in Leoti.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell; Maintenance/Transportation Director, Ed Simon; and Guests: Leslie Niswonger, Wyatt Wentz, Simone Elder, Elizabeth Weilert, Lorely Orozco, Deb Fairchild, Amanda Gerstberger, Audra Berning, Tara Biermann, Kade Gerstberger, Dax Berning, and Emerson Biermann.

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, Jason Koehn moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes of the August 20, 2018 BOE meeting.
 - C. Payments of the bills.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. None
 - E. Approve FFA trips to the Denver Stock Show on January 12 and 13 and an officer retreat to Colorado the first week in June.
 - F. Approve the BIO II annual trip to Denver.
 - G. Accept a donation from the Tribe Booster Club for \$215.73 for football play wrist bands.Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Fairchild's Class
Presentation

2. Mrs. Fairchild and students Kade Gerstberger, Dax Berning, and Emerson Biermann visited with the school board about what they have been learning in class. They sang two math songs about odd and even numbers and recited a sentence chant about five simple rules that make a good sentence. Mrs.

Fairchild, Mrs. Gerstberger, Mrs. Berning, and students left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Pep Club Request

3. Senior, Lorely Orozco, requested from the school board to start a pep club at WCJSHS. She and other students would like to start a pep club to encourage athletics and academics. She also said the elementary school would be included in some of their activities to increase school spirit. She also requested to have a pep club bus attend events. She and the fellow students, along with support from the Tribe Booster Club, would pay for the cost of the bus to travel to some events. Mrs. Niswonger and Mr. Wentz have agreed to sponsor the club. The board thanked Ms. Orozco for her presentation and said it will be further discussed. Mrs. Niswonger, Mrs. Weilert, Mrs. Biermann, and Ms. Orozco left the board meeting at 7:25 p.m.

BCBS Pathways Update

4. Simone Elder, AIM committee member, presented an update on the BCBS Pathways. She passed out a Wichita County Community Perception Survey 2018 to board members and asked they return the survey to the BOE office. The previous survey was completed by 271 people. The information from that survey has been used to develop the use of the funds from the BCBS grant. An example being the Bike Share program. An allotment of \$269,000 has been available from the BCBS Pathways Grant in the Wichita County community. The portion of the grant that is available to the school is being handled by the school Wellness Committee.

WCES Principal's Report

5. Mrs. Maxwell, WCES principal, presented updates on the grade school. The kindergarten classes have weekly ABC Career speakers from the community. This month's character education focus is respect. Crisis drills are scheduled and the plan is in rough draft form. Health screenings are this week. Mrs. Maxwell is attending the Principal's Council at Sublette to establish networking in SW Kansas. Progress reports go out Friday. E4E training is Friday morning. Evaluatoin observations begin next week. September 18th, Michael Stewart, Boy Scout representative will hold an information meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. The first newsletter went out

September 1st. The WCES Star newsletter is sent home with students in English and Spanish. There have been issues with the fire alarm panel. Ed Simon said the fire alarm company is working on the issue. Simone Elder left the meeting at 7:55p.m.

Superintendent Update

6. Mr. Higgins, Superintendent, asked Ed Simon to update the Board on the issues with the fence around the track. There have been some electrical issues with the placement of the fence touching underground wiring. The issue has been resolved. Mr. Simon also had issues on Saturday with the sewer at the high school. He has had a plumbing company working on the issue. It has not been resolved as of yet. Mr. Higgins gave information on the budget. He noted that band equipment is being repaired and there will be costs involved. The Technology Committee will be meeting to discuss technology goals for the district this month. Fitbits have been ordered for staff and have not come in yet. The fitbits are part of the grant from BCBS for staff wellness. The grant money should be here this week. The Wellness Committee will be meeting on September 24th. The KESA trainings for the school year have been scheduled. Mr. Higgins inquired if any board members would be attending the KASB regional meetings coming up. Tammy Simons and Jim Myers will be attending. There have been issues with the sound equipment in the auditorium at WCJSHS. The company that installed the equipment has fixed the issues, but will need to update some of the equipment this year.

Disposal of Chemistry Lab Outdated Supplies.

7. After an insurance evaluation last year, the insurance company recognized that WCJSHS had outdated chemicals that needed to be disposed. To comply with Kansas procurement procedures and in an effort to be more fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Wichita County, Kansas, Josh Young moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to reject the bid of \$12,004.73 from Tradebe Treatment and Recycling, LLC., Kansas City, Kansas, to dispose of such non-conforming waste materials that were located and identified in the chemistry lab at Wichita County Junior-Senior High School. Motion passed

5-2 with Jason Koehn and Brandon Whalen dissenting. Mr. Schmidt entered the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

8. WCJSHS Principal, Mr. Schmidt, presented information on the Jr./Sr. High school. Fall activities have started, Mr. Schmidt wondered if the district should charge admission for Junior High games to help with the costs of referees, etc. After discussion, the Board would like to keep admission free for Junior High games. Thirteen students with parents attended the financial aid night at the high school. There are currently four students participating in the professional work experience out in the community. There were six new students to NHS. The District Site Council met and had 8 members and 4 non-members in attendance. The school principals are discussing have separate site councils. The Site Council is focusing on technology and learning. October 1-6 is Homecoming week. JH cheerleaders would like to do a fundraiser on October 19th. This was approved. Discussion was held on allowing a pep club/ pep bus. The Board agreed to allowing a pep club and having a pep bus as long as the expenses were not incurred by the district. It will be allowed as long as there are no issues.

Capital Outlay discussion

9. Mr. Higgins presented pricing information on security cameras from Palace Computers and Verkada. Mr. Higgins will continue to investigate other options. After the KASB regional meetings, Tammy Simons and Jim Myers may have information from other districts as to what company they are currently using. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Executive Session

10. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Maxwell 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 9:25 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Wentz and Mr.

Simon left the meeting at 9:10 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

11. The regular meeting resumed at 9:25 p.m. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board

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