

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, November 12, 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; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Julie Conard, Haydon Parks, Misty Gardner, Bridgette Carpenter, Dustin Fritzmeier, Joe Biermann, Derek Meyer, Zane Gerstberger, Chase Carpenter, Jaxton Fritzmeier, Marcy Baker, Kimberly Meyer, Camryn 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, Brandon Whalen moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes of the October 8, 2018 BOE meeting.
  - C. Payments of the bills and payroll.
  - D. Personnel Actions:
    1. Approve Mayra Torres as JH Stuco co-sponsor.
  - E. Accept a donation of \$1,404.50 from the Security State Bank homecoming tailgate for the WCJSHS athletic department.
  - F. Accept donations from Myers Ag of \$50.00 and Roxana Reyes of \$10.00 for the WCJSHS athletic department.
  - G. Accept donations from businesses and individuals in the amount of \$2,025.00 to support student book purchases at the WCES Book Fair. (Total sales was \$6,031.23)
  - H. Accept a donation of \$550.00 from Pioneer Communications for the WCJSHS athletic department.

Motion passed 7-0.

#### Veteran's Day Choir

2. Mrs. Gardner and students from the Veteran's Day choir sang a song for the school board. The school board members thanked the students and Mrs. Gardner for performing for the Veteran's and putting on an outstanding program every year. Mrs. Gardner, parents, and students left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

#### Winter Sports

3. WCHS Athletic Director, Haydon Parks, updated the board on the Jr./Sr. High activities. Participation is as follows: HS wrestling-17, HS girl's basketball-14, HS boy's basketball-26, JH girl's basketball-14, and JH boy's basketball-15. The first practice for the high school winter sports started today. Wichita County was asked to possibly host sub-state basketball.

#### KASB Regional Meetings

4. Tammy Simons and Jim Myers attended KASB regional meetings. They stated the big concern is school safety. Schools in attendance discussed safety and crisis plans taking place in school districts. The legislative update was mostly on election of school board members and the time of year elections are held.

#### WCES Principal's Report

5. Mrs. Maxwell, WCES principal, presented updates on the grade school. She has completed teacher evaluations. Parent-teacher conferences had 99.2% attendance. The book fair had higher sales than last year and went very well. The grade school celebrated Red Ribbon week and Halloween. The Veteran's Day program was a huge success. Second grade math night was well attended. She will have "Prizes with the Principal" once a month for students from each class that are recognized weekly for demonstrating the character trait of the month. The building is currently working on student perception surveys. She is also compiling data on English Language Arts curriculum from the teachers.

## WCJSHS Principal's Report

6. WCJSHS Principal, Mr. Schmidt, presented information on the Jr.-Sr. High school. The first nine weeks are completed. There were 45 high school students and 56 junior high students on the honor roll. Parent-teacher conferences had a huge increase in participation this year. Several students were recognized for SWKMEA Honor Choir and Band in the junior high and high school. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers was the musical and had good attendance both nights. The current fundraisers are the FFA fruit sale and upcoming calf fry on November 17<sup>th</sup>. STUCO is sponsoring "chill day" on November 20<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the Leoti Food Bank. The student perception survey has been taken and the data will be evaluated. Guidelines were presented for a possible open lunch. The random student drug testing is still taking place each month.

## Superintendent's Report

7. Mr. Higgins, Superintendent, presented an update on the school district's budget. The school year is 58% complete and there is over 75% of the budget available. The next board meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. The Board will eat at the school cafeteria this year. BCBS Wellness grants are in place. The staff's worksite wellness money has been received. Some of the money has been used to purchase Fitbits, ellipticals, and standing desks for staff members. Wellness programs for staff to participate in are occurring on a weekly basis. The BCBS Nutrition and Activity grants are almost complete. A budget for the use of the money was presented. Pep club took a bus to the last football game. An estimate from GMCN architects was presented on district projects such as the electrical, roof, new parking lot, plumbing, and dome issues. The Kansas Department of Labor safety inspection report was presented. There were a few minor issues that Ed Simon has already addressed. The meeting with the city and sheriff went well concerning the alley between Wyoming and Genesse. Jim Myers proposed a committee form with joint involvement from the school and community to raise funds for upgrades to the football facilities. Mr. Higgins commended the high school NHS and STUCO for

their excellent job on the Veteran's Day breakfast. He also expressed his gratitude to the elementary for the Veteran's Day program.

Approve Wellness Policy Updates

8. Mr. Higgins presented updates on the Wellness Policy. Josh Young moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the updated Wellness policies including; the district uses instructional gardens to provide students with experiences in planting, harvesting, preparation, serving, and tasting foods, including ceremonies and celebrations that observe food traditions, integrated with nutrition education and core curriculum, and articulated with state standards. Motion passed 7-0.

Food Service Purchasing

9. The Board discussed purchasing options for the food service program. The Board would like to purchase more locally when possible if it meets all of the state and federal requirements for the food service program. Mr. Gooch, owner of Leoti Foods, has been contacted and will meet with Cristina Escalante, head cook, soon to discuss possible purchasing.

KESA Update

10. Mr. Higgins gave an update on KESA. The leadership team has chosen two goals: 1) Relationships-students, planning for a safe learning environment. 2) Responsive Culture-leadership, developing a strategic plan. The leadership team will continue to meet throughout the year.

Executive Session

11. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen 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 9:05 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Conard, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Parks left the meeting at 8:40 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

12. The regular meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board

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