

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 12:28 p.m., Monday, December 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 Guest: Travis Geyer.

Approved Consent Agenda

1. Mr. Higgins presented each board member with a Fitbit Charge 3 purchased with the BCBS Pathways Staff Wellness grant. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Jim Myers said he thought the music program last Thursday was great, and congratulated Tori Koehn and Melanie Lofstrom on a job well done. Farrin Watt moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda with changing item number 8 to item number 5 on the consent agenda consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes of the November 12, 2018 BOE meeting.
  - C. Payments of the bills.
  - D. Personnel Actions:
    1. Approve hiring Tori Koehn and Melissa Reed as co-sponsors for JH Scholar's Bowl.
    2. Accept a resignation from Janet Robertson, WCJSHS Art teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year.
  - E. Approve declaring replaced FACS appliances as surplus equipment for disposal.
  - F. Accept a grant for \$225.00 from the Midwest Energy Community Fund to WCES for the Art program.
  - G. Accept a donation for \$249.09 from the Tribe Booster Club for fuel and driver for the pep bus to Victoria.

- H. Accept a donation for \$1,004.70 from the Tribe Booster Club for water and gatorade.
  - I. Approve revised list of WCJSHS fundraising requests.
  - J. Approve a donation of \$1,416.00 from Western State Bank to WCJSHS Athletics from concession sales.
- Motion passed 7-0.

Insurance Bids

- 2. Mr. Higgins presented two bids for school and vehicle insurance for the upcoming year effective December 20, 2018. Associated Services bid \$89,929. Conrade Insurance Group bid \$68,512. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to reject all bids. Motion passed 7-0. Travis Geyer left the meeting at 12:51p.m.

WCES Principal's Report

- 3. Mrs. Maxwell, WCES principal, presented updates on the grade school. She had "Prizes with the Principal" last month with 56 students attending. She passed out the results of the Student Perception Survey. The PDC met to look at a survey sample from Greenbush. The survey will be altered at the recommendations of the committee and sent to the teachers to give input about in-service needs. The Christmas Program for K-6 is scheduled for Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the JSHS auditorium. Amber Miller entered the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

School Redesign

- 4. Amber Miller presented information on school redesign. According to Mrs. Miller, all school districts in Kansas will have school redesign by 2026. She passed out information on professional learning opportunities. Mrs. Miller left the meeting at 1:19 p.m. Mr. Schmidt entered the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

- 5. WCJSHS Principal, Mr. Schmidt, presented information on the JSHS. STUCO raised \$1,747 for "chill day" at the JSHS. Semester tests are December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Fairchild was approached by ADM about donating money for a proposed greenhouse. He will also have a student

teacher from K-State starting in January. Nicole Biermann was selected for All-State High School Treble Choir. We will be hosting a Powerlifting meet on January 26<sup>th</sup>. JV-C team basketball will be playing on January 26<sup>th</sup> in Leoti. We will also be hosting Sub-State Basketball February 28 through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Schmidt passed out the results of the Student Perception Survey. Mr. Schmidt discussed adding more teacher inservice time for next year. Julie Conard, Nicole Biermann, Brionney Bocanegra, Galilea Castillo, Diana Espinoza, Kaiya Gerstberger, Jesse Hermosillo-Lopez, Oscar Jimenez, Hallie Lemus, and Ronald Michel-Lemus entered the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Mrs. Conard's Speech Class

6. Students from Mrs. Conard's Speech class presented speeches on policy change. Kaiya Gerstberger gave a speech on allowing painted senior parking spots. Ronald Michel-Lemus gave his speech on allowing a late start for students after an event that is later than 12:00 a.m. Galilea Castillo gave a speech on home game pep rallies. Mrs. Conard and students left the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Open Lunch

7. Josh Young moved and Jason Koehn seconded to allow juniors and seniors to have open lunch at WCJSHS beginning in January. Motion passed 6-1 with Brian Gerstberger as a "no" vote. Mr. Schmidt left the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Teacher Inservice

8. Discussion was held on adding more teacher inservice time and lengthening the school day for 2019-2020.

Superintendent's Report

9. Mr. Higgins, Superintendent, presented an update on the school district's budget. The preliminary 2018-19 Legal Maximum General Fund Budget was presented. The adopted general fund was \$3,391,976 and the legal max general fund is \$3,281,604 with a difference of \$110,372. The adopted local option budget was \$1,199,014 and the legal max local option budget is \$1,159,749 with a difference of \$39,265. There is 69% of the budget available. Information on the BCBS Pathways grant was presented. New equipment for the FACS room has been purchased with money that will be received

from the BCBS Nutrition grant. Mrs. Masterson has received 10 bids for the surplus FACS appliances. The new bus purchased from Kansas Truck is in Garden City being repaired.

GMCN Architectural Proposal

10. Mr. Higgins presented the GMCN district goals architectural proposal for \$9,600. Josh Young moved and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the proposal from GMCN. Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Simon and Mrs. Maxwell left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Executive Session

11. Brian Gerstberger moved and Farrin Watt 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 3:25 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. The open meeting resumed at 3:25 p.m., no action was taken.

Executive Session

12. Brandon Whalen moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins present to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 3:31 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. The open meeting resumed at 3:31 p.m., no action was taken.

Adjournment

13. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board