

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., Thursday, March 7, 2019 in Leoti.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; Director of Buildings and Grounds/Transportation, Ed Simon; and Guests: Nate Brown, Julie Conard, Leslie Niswonger, Kasper Lechtenberg, Wyatt Wentz, Lane Wells, Bri Bocanegra, and Andrea De La Cruz.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Brandon Whalen motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item D2 consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the February 13, 2019 meeting.
  - C. Payments of the bills and payroll.
  - D. Personnel Actions:
    1. Accept a resignation from Mary Jo Castillo effective at the end of the school year.
    2. Accept a resignation from Deb West from Rescue Seminar effective March 18, 2019.
  - E. Accept a donation from Frieda Graff in the amount of \$250.00 for the WCJSHS Musical Fund.
  - F. Accept a donation from Pioneer Communications in the amount of \$300.00 for the WCJSHS Athletic Department.Motion passed 5-0.

## Entrepreneurship Fair

4. Three students that participated in the Entrepreneurship Fair on February 14<sup>th</sup> set up their projects in the Board Office for Board members and audience members to view prior to the board meeting. Bri Bocanegra with Bri's Coffee Cart, Lane Wells with Storage Solutions, and Andrea De La Cruz with the Lash Bar presented their projects. Lane Wells, winner of the Entrepreneurship Fair, presented his project to the Board. His proposal was for a storage unit in Ness City. Board members asked questions. The Board thanked him for his presentation. Lane Wells left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

## WCES Principal's Report

5. Ms. Maxwell, WCES principal, presented updates on the grade school. Ann Biel, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, will represent Wichita County in the state spelling bee on March 9<sup>th</sup> since the winner is unable to attend. There have been roof issues, which Mr. Simon is working on. All teacher evaluations are completed for 18-19. Walk-throughs are being done each week. Julie Conard brought students over to do a Reader's Theatre presenting the Velveteen Rabbit, and high school students came to read books for Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration. Read week was this week and the theme was Reading Rodeo with various activities. First grade Take a Peek Tuesday was held February 26. Fourth grade is invited to Shriner's Circus on April 13. Ms. Maxwell attended KESA training in Burlington this week. Parent/teacher conferences were held on March 19 & 21. The State Assessment Schedule is complete and will begin on April 1.

## WCJSHS Principal's Report

6. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS principal, presented updates on the Jr./Sr. high school. KELPA testing has been completed. The Entrepreneurship and Career Fair was held on February 14<sup>th</sup> with Deerfield and Tribune schools attending. The third nine weeks of school ended today. Report cards will be sent out the week after spring break. The spring sports are underway with the following signed up: baseball-18, high school track-39, golf-9, and junior high track-44. Prom will take place on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Conard invited the Board members and their spouses to prom.

## Superintendent's Report

7. Mr. Higgins, Superintendent, presented an update on the school district's budget. The district's utilities had increased considerably from this time last year, possibly due to the extreme cold weather. Field trip requests were presented for 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Shriner's Circus on April 13<sup>th</sup>, JH to Hutchinson on April 16, and 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades to Liberal on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Higgins was contacted by Open Spaces about broadcasting events for Wichita County. Open Spaces will be here to meet and discuss the possibility on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Nick Nemechek of GMCN Architects will be here on March 25<sup>th</sup> to check out the district building's roofs. Mr. Simon gave an update on the condition of the roofs with the most recent winter weather. Tammy Simons entered the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

## Technology Committee Discussion

8. The Board discussed the technology committee's proposal from the February board meeting. A possible grant for Junior High one to one Chromebooks is still a possibility, but the district is waiting for the final notification. Discussion was held on all aspects of the proposed technology committee recommendations and the time line of completing the proposal. It was agreed that the initiative should not be rushed, but a possible start date of January 2020 was the goal. Jim motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the technology committee's request as presented for one to one initiative in grades 9-12 and the grade school's technology recommendations. Motion passed 6-0. Mrs. Niswonger left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Woodshop ETSY account

9. Mr. Wentz presented information on starting an ETSY account for his woodshop students to sell their projects on. An ETSY account is a website for selling homemade items. Mr. Wentz would like it to be a student driven project. Students would purchase the materials for their projects, make, and then sell the projects on ETSY. Approximately 60% of the profit would go to the student, 10% to ETSY, and the remaining 30% would go back into the woodshop class to purchase items that students would benefit from or like to use. Discussion was held. Tammy Simons motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the Woodshop ETSY account. Motion passed 6-0.

League Affiliation Discussion

10. Mr. Schmidt presented information given to him by the High Plains League. They will be voting later on this month and will let him know if Wichita County will be invited back into the league. The Board discussed possible affiliation with the NWKL. The Board discuss further when they know more from both leagues.

2019-2020 District Calendar

11. Mr. Higgins presented the 2019-2020 proposed calendar. Jason Koehn Motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the presented 2019-2020 calendar. Motion passed 5-1 with Farrin Watt dissenting.

Executive Session

12. Tammy Simons motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins, Mrs. Maxwell, and Mr. Schmidt present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting non-elected certified and classified staff pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The matters affecting the non-elected certified and classified staff members is their performance and employment. The Board will return to open session in the district board room at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. Nate Brown, Julie Conard, Wyatt Wentz, and Kasper Lechtenberg left the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 9:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

13. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board

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