

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, April 8, 2019 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; WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; and Guests: Julie Conard, Dawn McKinney, Haydon Parks, Denise Gerstberger, Camri Bjurstrom, Adlee Geyer, Kimber Wilbur, Evan Cach-Amaro, Javier Holguin, Lucas Padilla, John Rempel, Amy Geyer, Jace Bjurstrom, Nikki Bjurstrom, Brianna Bjurstrom, Yarianna Padilla, Cristina Holguin, Jennifer White, Aganetha Rempel, and Irack Cach-Gomez.

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, Brian Gerstberger motioned and Tammy Simons seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the March 7, 2019 meeting.
  - C. Payments of the bills.
  - D. Personnel Actions:
    1. Accept a resignation from Shad Mehl, JH AD, effective at the end of the school year.
    2. Approve a contract for Margaret Bocanegra as half-time custodian.
    3. Approve a contract for Sam Bocanegra as half-time custodian.
    4. Approve a contract for Tammy Geyer as assistant JH Track Coach.
  - E. Approve an end-of-year trip for KAYS to Wichita or Denver with the district providing a vehicle.

F. Accept a donation of \$149.99 from the Tribe Booster Club for online football classes.  
Motion passed 6-0.

#### WCES Kindergarten Readers

4. Mrs. Gerstberger, and students: Camri Bjurstrom, Adlee Geyer, Kimber Wilbur, Evan Cach-Amaro, Javier Holguin, Lucas Padilla, and John Rempel read to the Board members. They read some Emergent Reader books to show what they have been working on in the classroom. These books have picture clues, sight words, and CVC (consonant vowel consonant) letter patterns for them to practice "sounding out" words. The Board thanked Mrs. Gerstberger and her students for their hard work. Mrs. Gerstberger, students, and parents left the meeting at 7:13p.m.

#### Sports Update

5. Haydon Parks, HS AD, presented an update on the number of students out for spring sports; HS track-33, JH track-44, Baseball-18, Golf-9. Hosting substate basketball went well. Mr. Parks proposed sending coaches to a KSHSAA coaching clinic in Topeka August 5-7. The cost will be \$80.00 per coach plus hotel and travel accommodations. He stated the Tribe Booster Club indicated they would help defray the cost. The Board will discuss this opportunity. Mr. Parks asked for a fourth coach for high school football for the next two seasons. He thinks there will be 30 to 34 students out for football and thinks a fourth coach would be helpful. He recommended rejoining the High Plains League. He and Mr. Schmidt thinks this will greatly benefit the non-athletic events such as music and forensics. Mr. Higgins asked if he would like to renew the athletic trainer for the year. Mr. Parks said he thinks they benefit from the weekly visits from the athletic trainer to evaluate student injuries and would like to renew.

## WCES Principal's Report

6. Ms. Maxwell, WCES principal, presented updates on the grade school. The parent/teacher conferences had a 98.87% attendance. State Assessments started last week. Teachers have submitted supply orders for next school year. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade goes to Salina on April 13<sup>th</sup> for the Shriner's Circus. April 5<sup>th</sup> was teacher collaboration. They discussed the proposed schedule change for next year's Wednesday early release and topics of collaboration. May 7<sup>th</sup> is the WCES spring concert and 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion. May 16<sup>th</sup> is the kindergarten graduation. Class field trips have been scheduled.

## WCJSHS Principal's Report

7. Mr. Schmidt, WCJSHS principal, presented updates on the Jr./Sr. high school. The high school band/choir is taking 41 students to State Music Solos and Small Ensembles on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Prom is Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Junior High is traveling to Hutchinson on April 16<sup>th</sup>. May 11<sup>th</sup> is high school graduation. High Plains League voted to allow 8-man football. The JH/SR tech committee would like to start the one to one initiative in August. He is working on several policy options for the one to one initiative and will present them to the Board.

## Superintendent's Report

8. Mr. Higgins, Superintendent, presented an update on the school district's budget. Some of the costs incurred this year have been the following: Kitchen stove repairs-\$4,737.47; HVAC repairs-\$17,952 yearly service agreement and an additional \$27,751.91 not covered by the yearly service agreement; new bus repairs-\$3,324.54 (\$1,785.70 has been reimbursed by Kansas Truck); chemical disposal- \$8,274.46; 2 new bus leases-\$21,829 & \$25,000 each; new Expedition- \$36,274. There will be four school board positions on the November election. Teacher ESOL and para training will be May 30 & 31. Most of this expense will be paid for with Title III money. Jenny Long will no longer be handling the school website as of August 2019. Mr. Higgins presented two website proposals. Mr. Higgins proposed selling Bus #1 and one suburban as they are no longer usable by the district. The

Board agreed. Monsanto Farmers Grow Communities grant will be gifted to the school district again this year thanks to Ken and Mary Gerstberger in the amount of \$2,500.

KESA update

9. Dawn McKinney, Julie Conard, and Ms. Maxwell presented a KESA update. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, the district had a KESA evaluation. Overall they received good comments and feedback about what the district and KESA committee are accomplishing. Student engagement and collaboration on Wednesdays were just some of the accomplishments highlighted. Mrs. McKinney left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Advisory Board Update

10. Wichita County Rec-Brian Gerstberger-Soccer is currently taking place. Shannon Kreutzer and committee are working on the possibility of a new fitness center.  
USD 467 PDC-Jason Koehn-The PDC committee is finalizing the inservice schedule for 2019-2020 school year.  
NWKTC-Josh Young-The college is currently working on expanding their campus.  
Wichita County Eco Devo-Tammy Simons-The Care Center has had some maintenance and updating recently, such as a new door. June Jaunt activities are being planned. A committee is still working towards establishing a community daycare center.

2019-2020 Board Meeting Dates

11. Mr. Higgins presented the proposed school board meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year. Jason Koehn motioned and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve the school board meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

2019-2020 WCJSHS Curriculum Handbook

12. Mr. Higgins presented the 2019-2020 WCJSHS Curriculum Handbook with changes highlighted. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve the 2019-2020 WCJSHS Curriculum Handbook. Motion passed 6-0.

Federal Programs Parent Involvement Policy

13. Mr. Higgins presented the Federal Programs Parent Involvement Policy for the 2019-2020 school year. Brandon Whalen motioned and Brian Gerstberger

seconded to approve the Federal Programs Parent Involvement Policy for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

Open Spaces Sports Broadcast

14. Mr. Higgins, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Parks met with the Open Spaces Sports Broadcast personnel to discuss the possibility of using them to broadcast sports. The cost would be \$25,000 per year. Discussion was held. The Board did not think this was a cost the school district could incur. They would like to continue with their current method of broadcasting sports.

FY 2018 Audit Report

15. Mr. Higgins presented the FY 2018 financial audit report from Kennedy McKee LLC. He pointed out their findings and asked if there were any questions. Discussion was held. Tammy Simons motioned and Brian Gerstberger moved to accept the FY 2018 financial audit report from Kennedy McKee LLC. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2019-10

16. Mr. Higgins presented Resolution 2019-10 to establish a checking account in order to start an ETSY account to sell WCJSHS Industrial Arts projects. Brandon Whalen motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve Resolution 2019-10. Motion passed 6-0.

KASB Membership and Legal Assistance Fund for 2019-2020

17. Mr. Higgins presented the KASB membership and legal assistance fund for 2019-20. KASB membership is \$5,770.31 and the KASB Legal Assistance Fund is \$2,100. The membership rate increased by \$45.77 from the previous year and the legal assistance fund amount stayed the same. Jason Koehn motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the KASB membership and legal assistance fund for 2019-2020. Motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session for Personnel

18. 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 10:30 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. Julie Conard and Haydon Parks left the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Schmidt and Ms. Maxwell left the meeting at 10:20 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 10:30 p.m. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve a contract for Delbert Schmidt through the 2021-2022 school year. Motion passed 6-0. Brandon Whalen moved and Jason Koehn seconded to approve a contract for Lori Maxwell through the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session for Negotiations

19. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The matters affecting negotiations are compensation and benefits for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board will return to open session in the district board room at 11:00 p.m. The regular board meeting resumed at 11:00 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

20. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board