

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 12:00 p.m., Monday, December 14, 2020 at the Wichita County Elementary School Computer Lab.

People Present

2. Members present were: Brian Gerstberger, Jason Koehn, Jim Myers, Tammy Simons, Ann Wiles, and Josh Young.

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Brant Douglas; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; Director of Buildings & Grounds/ Transportation, Ed Simon; and Guests: Cole Carpenter, Leslie Niswonger, and Haydon Parks. Entering the meeting at 12:21 p.m.-Julie Conard, Myles Conard, Laney Crouch, Cambree Koehn, Genesis Ponce, and Kayde Rietzke.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board thanked the administration, teachers, and all staff for keeping students in school, in person. They also congratulated the football team and coaches on achieving Kansas State 8 Man Runner-Up and an over all great season under difficult circumstances. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the consent agenda, with additions 7A. Approval of audit report and 7B. Ed Simons update, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the November 9, 2020 BOE meeting.
 - C. Payment of the bills and payroll.
 - D. Approve building use from January 2021-March 2021 for Wichita County Parks & Recreation for winter sports practices and events.
 - E. Gifts and Grants:
 1. Accept a donation from Wichita County Foundation Committee, Inc. For \$1,250.42 to purchase wrestling bags and a portable scale.

2. Accept a donation from Wichita County Economic Development and Network Kansas through the E-Communities Grant Fund for 3D printer for Maker Space for \$345.00 for the art program.
3. Accept a donation from Grow More Experience Site for \$400 to FFA.
4. Accept a donation from Ashley Schmidt for \$1,750 to FFA for a plasma cutter.

Motion passed 6-0.

Pep Club Fundraiser

4. Leslie Niswonger, Pep Club Sponsor, asked the Board's permission to have a fan cut out fundraiser. The fan cut outs would be purchased for \$25 each and will cost the Pep Club approximately \$20 each. This will raise some money for the Pep Club and allow fans to participate. The cut outs were thought of before the KSHSAA allowed two parents or guardians to come to their child's games. Discussion was held. The Board will revisit the request if fans are no longer allowed at games. Leslie Niswonger left the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Sick Bank

5. Committee members of the teacher sick bank are requesting an amendment to the September 15, 2020 deadline of adding committee members and allowing new teachers to join. Discussion was held. Jason Koehn motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to allow a one time amendment to the September 15th deadline to add new committee members and new teachers to join the sick leave bank. Motion passed 6-0.

Audit

6. The proposed 2019-2020 financial school audit from Kennedy McKee & Company LLP was presented to the Board. Discussion was held. Tammy Simons motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve the 2019-2020 financial audit as presented from Kennedy McKee & Company LLP. Motion passed 6-0.

Ed Simons

7. Director of Buildings & Grounds/ Transportation, Ed Simon updated the Board on his current cancer treatments. He is feeling pretty good and thanked

the Board for working with him. The Board thanked Ed for the update.

Reopening Plan Changes

8. Superintendent Maxwell proposed changes to the current reopening plan. The proposal would remove modified quarantine from the reopening plan. If a student lives in a home with a positive case, that student will still quarantine at home as recommended by the health department, but rather than isolating a group(s) and changing their schedule in a modified quarantine, the school with the positive exposure will wear masks for the 7-10 days of the quarantine. Discussion was held. Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the changes to the reopening plan as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Inter-Local Agreement

9. Cole Carpenter, Wichita County Commissioner, discussed proposed changes to the Interlocal Agreement, Neighborhood Revitalization plan. The current plan will end June 30, 2020. The County Commissioners are asking for input from the city and school district to revise or end the program. Discussion was held. Tammy Simons and Ann Wiles agreed to represent the school district at the next meeting to discuss the program. Cole Carpenter left the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Senior Speeches

10. Julie Conard had five seniors give their persuasive speeches to the Board. Cambree Koehn's speech was on teaching cursive writing through high school. Myles Conard and Genesis Ponce's speeches were on allowing more work study and college classes for Juniors and Seniors. Laney Crouch and Kayde Rietzke's speeches were on teaching financial literacy to all upper classroom and having a more modern curriculum. The Board thanked Mrs. Conard and the students. They left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

WCES Principal's Report

11. WCES Principal, Mr. Douglas, updated the Board on the elementary school.
 - A. K-2 held their music program on December 3rd. Mrs. Bishop and students put on an excellent performance.

- B. 3rd-6th grades will have their music performance on December 17th in the WCES gym.
- C. 5th-6th grade band had their performance video recorded and a link will be sent out to parents to view the performance.
- D. A few quarantined students were struggling to get their work turned in, but the staff has worked to get the students caught up.
- E. The administration and staff will start reviewing a new math curriculum for K-12th grades. The new curriculum will be purchased before next year or the year after at the latest.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

12. WCJSHS Principal, Mr. Schmidt, updated the Board on the Jr./Sr. High school.
- A. "Chill" day was on November 30th and the students raised \$1,570 for the Wichita County Food Bank.
 - B. Youth Entrepreneurship Fair was held on December 7th. Thirty six students participated. Laney Crouch, Maggie Brown, and Sophie Gerstberger received 1st. Kayde Rietzke received 2nd, and Cambree Koehn and Andrea Marchant received 3rd.
 - C. The Jr./Sr. High school winter concert was December 10th.
 - D. Approximately forty students enrolled in Garden City Community College classes for the spring semester.
 - E. Semester exams are being conducted December 17th & 18th.
 - F. The high school girls' basketball team placed 2nd in the Brewster Tournament and the boys' team placed 3rd.
 - G. The high school wrestling team placed 3rd at Ulysses.
 - H. The following students received Music Honors:
JH District Honor Band-Anna Biel, Addison Simons, Clara Koehn, Ashlyn Ricke, Delaney Biel, Evy Thurman, Kaylee Wilbur, and Emma Berning.
JH District Honor Choir- Delaney Biel, Brielle Koehn, Clara Koehn, Jentri Porter, Addison Simon, and Kaylee Wilbur.
All State JH Choir-Clara Koehn and Delainee Hahn.

High School Honor Band-Kyra Case, Amelia Koehn, and Anna Simons

High School Honor Choir-Maggie Brown, Holly Snell, Sophie Gerstberger, Xavier Hernandez, and Tristan Porter.

Superintendent's Report

13. Superintendent Maxwell updated the Board on the district.
 - A. The general fund was decreased by \$45,835 due to prior year's transportation adjustment.
 - B. D.V. Douglas roofing has completed the small roofing project at the high school.
 - C. GMNC and Hutton have looked at the gymnateria floors and propose removing the top flooring and grinding off the glue, leaving the cement exposed until summer to give it a chance to dry out. The core looks better than anticipated, but the top is a concern. This will be done during spring break.
 - D. Sara Brown has volunteered to drive students in the CNA program to Scott City for their eight hour clinical labs during January and February.
 - E. Three students-Israel Espinoza, Edwin Mancillas, and Regan Strain have been designing table tents to display around Leoti to feature the mission, vision, and value statements of the district.
 - F. Kasper Lechtenberg has been working with Curtis from Trane to connect the HVAC units to the computer system giving them an IP address so the units may be monitored locally and by Trane in Wichita. This is part of the IAQ Assessment that will create greater efficiency in the units.

Executive Session

14. Tammy Simons motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to enter executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Parks 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 at 1:27 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

15. Mr. Parks left the meeting at 1:09 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:27 p.m., no action was taken.

Adjournment

16. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk