

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, September 12, 2022 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Brian Gerstberger, Jesse Harbrige (via phone), Jason Koehn, Jim Myers, and Ann Wiles.

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Brant Douglas; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; and Guests: Connie McCrae, Judy Tankersley, and Bridgette Carpenter.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Jason Koehn motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the August 8, August 22, and August 30, 2022 meetings.
  - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
  - D. Personnel Actions:
    1. Accept the resignation of Chris Kreutzer as JH Head Basketball Coach.
    2. Accept the resignation of Alec Horton as JH Assistant Basketball Coach.
    3. Approve the hiring of Cristina Lopez as a cook.
  - E. Accept a donation from Security State Bank for \$5,100 for gym floor sponsorship.
  - F. Approval of JSHS fundraisers for the 2022-23 school year.
  - G. Approval of the 2022-23 Classified Handbook and Substitute Handbook.
  - H. Disposition of old desks and chairs as presented by Buck Bishop.Motion passed 5-0. Sara Brown entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Title I Program at WCES

4. Connie McRae, WCES Title I Teacher presented information about the Title I Program. Mrs. McRae explained that Title I is a federally funded program to help students to achieve their highest potential. The Title I program is available to students in grades K through 6. Services may include: "Inclusion", the student will receive Title services in their classroom; "Pull-Out", the student will receive concentrated help in their needed areas in the Title room with Mrs. McRae and/or her para.

5. Qualifiers may include: Fastbridge Reading Screener, this test is given to all students in grades K-6. It is given three times a year. If a student scores below level, they would be eligible for Title I services; Classroom teacher referral, the classroom teacher may have other tests or examples that would make a student eligible for Title I services. Individual learning plans are written for each student.

6. Parental Involvement: A Title I parent meeting is held in the fall and spring, teachers are available for parent teacher conferences, and Title I Compacts are signed by the principal, teacher, parent, and student.

Title I Parent Involvement Policy

7. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the Title I Parent Involvement Policy for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

KESA

8. Superintendent Maxwell shared that the district was approved for KESA Accreditation by the Kansas State Board of Education on August 9, 2022. Discussion was held.

ESSER III Application Approval

9. Superintendent Maxwell shared that the ESSER III Application is in approval status. ESSER III or Covid relief money in the amount of \$586,184 is available to the school district. Twenty percent or \$117,237 is dedicated specifically to address learning loss. The remaining \$468,947 is available to address indoor air quality. Discussion was held.

Approval of HVAC Bid for Dome Projects

10. Superintendent Maxwell presented the HVAC bids for the dome projects to improve indoor air quality that will primarily be paid for with ESSER III allocations.

- A. Central Consolidated of Wichita, KS  
Base Bid(K-2)-\$699,720  
Alternate Bid #1(Weight Room)-\$203,250  
Total Bid \$902,970
- B. Tatro of Garden City, KS  
Base Bid(K-2)-\$481,497  
Alternate Bid #1(Weight Room)-\$127,546  
Total Bid-\$609,043

Discussion was held. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the Base Bid from Tatro for \$481,497. Motion passed 5-0.

Five Year Capital Outlay Plan

11. Superintendent presented an amended five year capital outlay plan after the Board's walk through of the district on August 30, 2022. Some of the items prioritized to year one of the plan are track resurfacing, two new school transport vehicles, removing the dead tree at the grade school, and saving \$200,000 per year for the needed electrical replacement at the junior senior high school that will cost approximately \$1,000,000 at sometime in the future. It was also discussed to save funding every year for technology as chromebooks, desktops, and teacher laptops need to be replaced.

12. Josh Young entered the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Jesse Harbrige (via phone) exited the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Century Business Technologies Copy/Printer Machine Leases

13. The district's lease plan with Century Business Technologies for copier/printer machines has expired. The district currently has five machines, two in each school building and one in the district office. Century has the state contract award. The proposed lease is to replace the five machines with newer models at a cost of \$22,318 per year for sixty three months.

14. Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the lease agreement with Century Business Technologies for copier/printer

machines at a cost of \$22,318 per year for sixty three months. Motion passed 5-0.

Cell Phones and Social Media

15. Superintendent Maxwell discussed that there was some concern over allowing cell phones and social media to be the primary communication method for some junior high and high school activities to convey messages from coaches and sponsors. Discussion was held.

HUDL Streaming

16. Currently we have the HUDL AD Package at a cost of \$8,000 per year. The district pays half and the Booster Club pays half. HUDL is opening their own streaming network. The district has the option to charge for subscribers and recover a portion of the annual cost. The money would be used to help fund the cost to the district. The Athletic Directors are proposing a subscription cost of \$8 per game, \$15 per month, or \$75 for annual access. Discussion was held.

17. Josh Young motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve allowing a charge for subscribers. Motion passed 4-1 with Ann Wiles voting against.

WCES Principal's Report

18. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates.

- A. Current enrollment is at 209 students in preschool through sixth grades.
- B. Fastbridge preliminary testing shows that students have improved compared to this time last year.
- C. The fourth grade traveled to the Wallace Museum on April 9, 2022.
- D. Hearing and vision screenings are taking place this week.
- E. School pictures are on Monday, September 19, 2022.
- F. The new math program, Eureka, is underway. There have been a few technical problems, but those are being resolved.
- G. Mr. Douglas has accepted to be a mentor for a fellow principal in Weskan.

## WCJSHS Principal's Report

19. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, presented the following updates:
- A. Sports and activities are keeping staff and students busy.
  - B. Current enrollment is at 122 high school students and 60 junior high school students.
  - C. Sara Brown held a financial aid night for students and their families that are considering furthering their education after high school, it was well attended.
  - D. Ten new members were inducted into NHS on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. Homecoming is September 24<sup>th</sup> with the parade and pep rally on Friday and the football game and dance on Saturday.
  - F. Fastbridge and iReady screeners are underway.
  - G. The three math teachers are working with the new math program, Eureka.
  - H. Mr. Schmidt has accepted to be a mentor for a fellow principal in Stanton County.

## Superintendent's Report

20. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
- A. The district is continuing to work with FEMA to recover funds that will help rebuild projects in the district that were destroyed by the December 15, 2021 windstorm.
  - B. Five teachers took advantage of the college credit reimbursement offered by the district for a total of \$3,850.
  - C. The bond payment of \$283,925 was made in August. Principal was \$245,000 and interest was \$38,925. The bond was for the construction project from 2009 to improve the schools and build the domes. The bond is scheduled to be paid in full by October 1, 2029.
  - D. Grow & Learn is continuing to proceed with opening soon. They are passing inspections and completing work both inside and outside.

## Executive Session for Personnel

21. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Schmidt present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting 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 discuss the spring coach evaluations. The Board will return to open session in the board room at 9:08 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

22. The meeting returned to open session at 9:08 p.m. No action was taken.

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23. Ann Wiles motioned and Josh Young seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting 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 discuss the compensation for KABA Master Key System management. The Board will return to open session in the board room at 9:19 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

24. The meeting returned to open session at 9:19 p.m. Ann Wiles motioned and Josh Young seconded to approve compensation for the KABA Master Key System Manager as discussed in executive session. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

25. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk