

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, November 14, 2022 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Julee Beedy, Brian Gerstberger, Jesse Harbrige, Jason Koehn, Jim Myers, Ann Wiles, and Josh Young.

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Brant Douglas; WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt; and Guests: Amber Porter, Andrea Bauck, Courtney Young, Misty Gardner, Leslie Niswonger, Melissa Reed, Haydon Parks, Tori Koehn, Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Chanelle Martin, Tara Biermann, Zoey Reed, Edwin Mancillas, Deven Butler, Braxton Hawkins, Craig Koehn, Brielle Koehn, Kyron Koehn, Meredith Farr, Gloria Koehn, Dominic Aramburu, Leticia Amaro, Israel Espinoza, Joci Schmidt, Cinthia Rodriguez, 22 students of the Veteran's Day Choir and parents.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Brian Gerstberger motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the consent agenda with changing approval of hiring JSJS teacher to after executive session and the JSJS semester test policy will be discussed after that item, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the October 7, and October 10, 2022 meetings.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Approve the hiring of Gabe Martinez as high school assistant boys' basketball coach.
 2. Approve the hiring of Judith Lemus as junior high girls' assistant basketball coach.
 3. Approve the hiring of Raye Herbias as an at-risk para.

- E. Accept a donation from the Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc. for \$4,593.50 for ½ of the HUDL subscription cost, and camcorder and access for Wichita County athletics.
 - F. Accept a donation from the Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc. for \$5,750 for an end zone camera and Jackie Stiles presentation.
 - G. Accept the free will donations for pumpkins at the football game for \$372.94 for the Ag class.
 - H. Accept a donation from Security State Bank for \$1,500 for athletics.
 - I. Accept a donation from the tailgate for \$347.25 to athletics.
- Motion passed 7-0.

Veterans Day Choir

1. Misty Gardner's Veterans Day Choir performed for the Board. The Board thanked Mrs. Gardner and the twenty two students for their efforts and performing for Veterans Day. Students and parents left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Opinion & Debate Students

2. Mrs. Niswonger's Opinion & Debate Students gave presentations to the Board. Dominic Aramburu, Cinthia Rodriguez, Edvin Mancillas, Deven Butler, and Zoey Reed presented their policy change opinion and debate on semester testing. The Board thanked the students. Some parents and students left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Athletic Update

3. Wichita County Junior High School Athletic Director, Haydon Parks, gave an athletic update to the Board. He has recently met with the Booster Club and discussed items the school and community would be interested in bringing to the Wichita County Junior Senior High, such as, new banners in the gym and an interactive Hall of Fame. He has the new wrestling trophies that were missing replaced and in the trophy case. Tara Biermann left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Data Review of Fall FastBridge Screening

4. Superintendent Maxwell presented the data review of the fall FastBridge screening. The data is from the fall, winter, and spring of last school year and the

fall of the current school year. The district shows an over all growth in the areas reviewed. Mr. Douglas and Mr. Schmidt discussed the data in the buildings. Discussion was held.

School Mascot Discussion

5. At their October meeting, the Kansas State Board of Education heard a proposal from the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education to recommend Kansas schools with Native American mascots change their mascots. The Kansas Board of Education voted on this recommendation at their November 10th meeting, and the motion passed with seven yes votes.
6. Discussion was held. The Wichita County School Board consensus is that since this is a recommendation, not a mandate, Wichita County will continue to have the Indians and Braves as the official mascots. If this should become a mandate from the state in the future, the Board will revisit the topic at that time.

Grow & Learn Childcare Center Update

7. Superintendent Maxwell gave an update on the Grow & Learn Childcare Center. The center opened on November 1, 2022. The MOU with the district was reviewed with the school administrators and the childcare center.
8. The childcare requested that the district paint the parkings spots, remove snow, plant grass seed, allow keys to the Jr. Sr. High to enable the childcare center a storm shelter when necessary and to allow use when the weather is too bad for children to be outside, and an arrangement with food service.
9. The Board will allow for the parking to be painted, keys to the Jr. Sr. High, grass to be planted, and a meeting will be held for food service discussion.

WCES Principal's Report

10. WCES Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates.
 - A. Parent/teacher conferences were held in October with good attendance.
 - B. The fall concert was on October 31st and classrooms held their Halloween parties.

- C. Second Grade Math Night was November 8, 2022.
- D. Students attended the musical matinee on November 10th at WCJSHS.
- E. The Veterans Day program was November 11th, with a student choir. He thanked Mrs. Gardner for her time and dedication to the program.
- F. The winter concert will be December 6th at 7:00 p.m in the WCJSHS auditorium.
- G. FastBridge testing will take place for winter testing.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

11. WCJSHS Principal, Delbert Schmidt, presented the following updates:
- A. Jackie Stiles presented to staff and students on October 18th.
 - B. Junior High basketball currently has 15 girls and 17 boys.
 - C. High School basketball and wrestling practices begin today.
 - D. There were approximately 110 out of 180 students on the first quarter honor roll.
 - E. The October parent/teacher conferences had approximately 63% attendance.
 - F. STUCO and NHS held a breakfast for Veterans and their families on November 11th.
 - G. The musical this year was *Annie*, with performances last Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.
 - H. Scholars Bowl will have a home meet tomorrow, November 15th.
 - I. The FFA fruit and nut sale is underway.
 - J. November 22, 2022 is "Chill Day" at the high school in an effort for STUCO to raise money for the Wichita County Food Bank.

Superintendent's Report

12. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
- A. The track needs resurfaced and is on the capital outlay plan. The Board advised the superintendent to start the bidding process.
 - B. The last three professional development Wednesdays have been focused on KESA, this will continue for two more weeks with the

- committee meeting in January to compile the data and information from the staff meetings.
- C. Deerfield has requested to join the High Plains League. The athletic directors support their request.
 - D. This week is American Education Week. The district has shared this on social media, the superintendent newspaper article, and an email from the superintendent expressing her gratitude to all staff.

Jesse Harbrige left the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Executive Session for
Personnel

- 13. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Julee Beedy 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 return to open session in the board room at 8:47 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. Jesse Harbrige entered the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

- 14. The meeting returned to open session at 8:47 p.m. No action was taken.

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- 15. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Ann Wiles 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 return to open session in the board room at 9:23 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

- 16. The meeting returned to open session at 9:23 p.m. Julee Beedy motion and Ann Wiles seconded to approve hiring Ashley Norton for the Junior High Science teaching position for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 6-1, with Brian Gerstberger voting no.

JSHS Semester Test Policy

17. Discussion was held on the current JSHS semester test policy that was approved at the June 13, 2022 Board meeting. Discussion was held.

18. Jason Koehn motioned to return to the previous policy and revisit the policy in May 2023. Motion failed.

19. The Board consensus is to stay with the current policy approved June 13, 2022.

Adjournment

20. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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