

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 10, 2023 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; Director of Maintenance/Transportation, Buck Bishop; and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Tara Biermann, and Jody Crouch.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jim Myers thanked Deb Fairchild for her years of service to USD #467. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Jason Koehn motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda with personnel addition of approving movement from Column I to Column IV for Haylie Douglas, consisting of:
 - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the March 8, March 22, and March 29, 2023 meetings.
 - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel
 1. Accept the resignation of Deb Fairchild, second grade teacher.
 2. Recommend hiring of Mario Hernandez as a JH assistant track coach for 2022-23.
 3. Recommend hiring Hope Gerstberger as a part-time para for up to 20 hours per week.
 4. Approve movement on the salary schedule for Haylie Douglas from Column I to Column IV based on completed college credits.
 - E. Approve the disposition of an old Savin 2522 copy machine formerly housed in the ESOL classroom and a Samsung ML printer 2955DW #Z6MXBJDCB0001VD.

- F. Consider waiving building use fees for West Bethany Free Methodist Church for piano and violin duo on Monday, April 3, 2023.
- G. Consider waiving building use fees for Wichita County Parks & Recreation for gymnastics in May and June.
- H. Gifts and Grants
 - 1. Accept a donation of \$250 from NetWork Kansas for prize money for the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.
 - 2. Accept a donation of \$200 from Midwest Energy, Inc. for books for Mrs. Bauck's classroom.

Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session to Meet with Legal Counsel

- 4. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, and Jennifer Cunningham (via zoom) present to discuss potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA. The Board will return to open session in the board room at 7:22 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Jason Koehn left the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Jason Koehn returned to the meeting at 7:22 p.m. in open session.

- 5. The meeting returned to open session at 7:22 p.m. Jim Myers motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the separation and release agreement between USD #467 and Delbert Schmidt. Motion carried 6-1 with Jason Koehn abstaining.

Booster Club Update

- 6. Tara Biermann shared funding ideas from the TRIBE organization. After meeting with the Tribe and sharing the ideas from the Board at the February meeting, the Tribe thought it would be best to wait on the drop down volleyball nets if the gym floors were going to be completely redone within the next year or two. The Board will do a building walk through in August and give recommendations on updating the lobby/concession stand area in the high school prior to finalizing the new trophy case(s) and vinyl wrap placement.

- CDL Certification Program
7. Sara Brown and Jody Crouch presented information about a CDL certification program that can be offered at the high school. Discussion was held. The Board will review the information and discuss the possible opportunity. Jody Crouch left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.
- KESA Update
8. The district leadership team met with the outside visiting team on April 4, 2023, in order to review the goals and needs assessment from the KESA Year One Report. The report was presented to the Board.
- Site Council Update
9. The site council met on March 6, 2023. A report of the Site Council minutes was presented to the Board. Some of the ideas shared by members included improved communication, teacher support, handbook policies, and internet service, especially in the gym when activities are being broadcast. The group tentatively agreed to meet in August of 2023.
- KASB Membership
10. The KASB membership renewal for 2023-2024 of \$6,023.52 and legal assistance contract for \$2,750 for a total of \$8,773.52. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the basic membership of \$6,023.52 for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 4-3 with Josh Young, Jesse Harbrige, and Jim Myers voting no.
- Preschool Make Up Days
11. With the delayed start in August, not adding 10 minutes to the day in 2021-22, two snow days and a day missed for state basketball, the preschool is short seven 200 minute sessions in order to meet KSDE grant criteria. One session has already been made up on March 31, 2023. Proposed attendance dates for all preschool students will be from 8:05 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. on April 14th, 28th, May 5th, and 12th, as well as, 8:05 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on April 21st to make up the preschool days. Josh Young motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the preschool make up days as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
- Bids for Verkada Cloud-Based Storage
12. The 40 school cameras run off of cloud-based storage and the contract is up in December, 2023. However, there is a sizeable savings offer through early bird pricing. The pricing at renewal is \$29,614

for a five year license. If the district renews early, the price is \$25,383.60 for a five year license. A total savings of \$4,230.40. Discussion was held. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve renewing Verkada Cloud-Based Storage now at \$25,383.60 to save the district \$4,230.40. Motion passed 7-0.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

13. Brant Douglas, presented the following updates for WCJSHS:

- A. The JSHS is halfway through state testing.
- B. Prom is April 15th.
- C. State Music Solo/Ensemble Festival is in Salina on April 29th.
- D. We will be hosting JH Track on April 13th, HS track on April 24th, and JH League Track on May 6th.
- E. We are also hosting JV Golf on April 14th.
- F. State Powerlifting is in Claflin on April 22nd.
- G. The JH music concert is April 25th and the HS music concert is May 4th.
- H. The HS League Art show was April 5th and the JH League Art show is April 26th.
- I. The staff and administration have been working on updating the student handbook. The proposed changes will be presented in May for the Board's review with approval in June.

WCES Principal's Report

14. Lori Maxwell, presented the following updates for WCES:

- A. Ms. Maxwell has been attending IEP and SIT meetings at the grade school.
- B. The grades have planned field trips in April and May.
- C. The grade school music spring concert is May 11th.
- D. A "Field Day" and snow cones have been planned for the last day of school for students.
- E. The Gideons are requesting to come into the classroom and hand out Bibles to fifth grade students. The Board advised Ms. Maxwell to follow prior practice which does not allow this.

Superintendent's Report

15. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:

- A. The greenhouse has been started and should be completed within two to three weeks.
- B. Work on the JSHS roof begins on May 15th.
- C. Concrete has been poured in preparation of the HVAC upgrade at the grade school.
- D. Ms. Maxwell will find out when the track resurfacing project will begin.
- E. Gym refinishing will take place the first week of August.
- F. A plan has been established and will be communicated when necessary to handle the suggested routes to school due to the K96 road project.
- G. Sheriff Casper held a crossing guard training.
- H. The staff and administration are working on the Curriculum Leadership Institute model, which is an in-depth process to achieve curriculum development and align goals. A moderator can be hired to facilitate the process.
- I. The videographer and Cris Seidel from Education Kansas came last Thursday to create a free promotional video for the district. The video should be available within the next three weeks and will help when promoting the school district to prospective employees.

Executive Session for Personnel

16. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell and Mr. Douglas 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 10:08 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Buck Bishop left the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

17. The Board returned to open session at 10:08 p.m. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Josh Young seconded to hire Erin Flax for an elementary teaching position. Motion passed 7-0.

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18. Julee Beedy motioned and Brian Gerstberger 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 10:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. Brant Douglas left the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

19. The meeting returned to open session at 10:30 p.m. No action was taken.

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20. Ann Wiles motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter into executive session 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 10:45 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

21. The meeting returned to open session at 10:45 p.m. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve hiring Lori Maxwell for the WCES principal position for the 2023-2024 school year in addition to the superintendent position with salary as discussed in executive session. Motion passed 6-1 with Josh Young voting no.

Adjournment

22. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 10:46 p.m.

Jim Myers, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk