

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 13, 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; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; and Guests: Farrin Watt, Bruce Loy, Buck Bishop, Leslie Niswonger, Sara Brown, Nate Brown, Misty Gardner, Brandy Marcy, Faith Marcy, Renee Harbin, Darla Lewis, Tara Biermann, Shannon Kreutzer, Amber Porter, seventeen students of the Veterans 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 Ann Wiles seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the October 9, 2023 meetings.
 - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Accept the resignation of Gabriela Gonzalez as part-time custodian.
 - E. Gifts and Grants:
 1. Accept a donation of \$100 from Western State Bank for the music matinee lunch.
 2. Accept donations totaling \$2,975 for the WCES Book Fair for children's books from: Steve and Shelly Graff \$100; Anonymous \$100; Heritage Meats \$100; Berta Binns \$250; Harkness Repair \$25; Security State Bank \$100; James Myers \$100; Gregory and Kathleen Graff \$50; KT Tire and Service \$200; American Implement \$100; Western Hardware \$100; Leoti Ag Supply \$50; Wichita County Community Foundation \$100; Community Thrift Shoppe \$300; Auto Parts

Sales \$100; Great Plains Dentistry \$100; Wichita County Health Center \$100; Price and Sons Funeral Home \$200; Daniel & Linda Duphorne \$50; Laura Lewis County Attorney \$150; West Bethany WMI \$150; Knights of Columbus \$100; Cobalt Cattle \$250; Elizabeth Gould \$100.

3. Accept a donation of \$500 from Wettstein Farm to the ag department for the Plasma Cam.
 4. Accept a donation of \$500 from an anonymous donor for the 10/26/23 football gate.
 5. Accept a donation of \$1,613 from Security State Bank for the 10/6/23 tailgate.
 6. Accept a donation of \$695 from the community for the 10/20/23 tailgate.
 7. Accept a donation of \$919 from the community for the 10/26/23 tailgate.
 8. Accept a donation of \$1,123.25 from TRIBE for the high school girls' basketball team for a custom whiteboard.
 9. Accept a donation of \$184.20 from the Wichita County Outdoorsmen, LLC for the Veterans Day breakfast.
 10. Accept a donation of \$1,154.75 from Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc for a javelin board and football headsets.
 11. Accept a donation of \$2,305 from TRIBE for athletics.
- F. Approve waiving fees for Wichita County Parks and Rec for gym use for basketball practice from 11/6/23 to 1/15/24.
- G. Approve waiving fees for the Leoti Take-Down Club for gym use for the Kansas Kids' Wrestling Tournament from 1/5/24 to 1/7/24.
- Motion passed 7-0.

Veterans Day Choir

4. Misty Gardner's Veterans Day Choir performed for the Board. The Board thanked Mrs. Gardner and the seventeen students for their efforts and performing for Veterans Day. Students and parents left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Executive Session for Personnel

5. Julee Beedy motioned and Jese Harbrige 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 7:25 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

6. The meeting returned to regular session at 7:25 p.m. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the WCES Principal contract for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 with Misty Gardner with compensation as discussed in executive session. Motion passed 7-0. Jim Myers exited the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Resolution 2024-11 Regarding Enrollment of Nonresident Students

7. Superintendent Maxwell presented the JBCC policy, which sets a capacity limit on class sizes pertaining to allowing nonresident students to attend in the Wichita County school district. Through administrative and staff input, the recommendation is 18 students in preschool through 2nd grades, 20 students in third through eighth grades, and 25 students in ninth through twelfth grades. The capacity limit will be reviewed annually. A hearing was held at 6:50 p.m. tonight to hear public comments and feedback.

8. Ann Wiles motioned and Jason Koehn seconded to approve Resulotuion 2024-11 regarding enrollment of nonresident students. Motion passed 6-0.

Window & Door Bids

9. Superintendent Maxwell presented the bids for the Wichita County Elementary southeast entry doors and windows. There was one bid from Kinney Glass, \$41,350 for doors and windows, plus an additional \$8,335 for new Sargent hardware. Discussion was held. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the bid from Kinney Glass for \$41,350 for doors and windows plus \$8,335 for new Sargent hardware, for a total of \$49,685. Motion passed 6-0.

TRIBE Booster Club

10. Members of the TRIBE presented an improvement idea for the football stadium bleachers, restrooms, concession area, ticket booths, and crow's nest to

the Board for approval. The TRIBE is asking permission to proceed with raising the money for this project. The Board gave their approval to proceed and will be involved in approving the building plans. Match Day is on November 28th and the TRIBE will include this project for donations. Darla Lewis left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

WCES Playground

11. A parent is concerned that the grade school playground lacks a grassy area for soccer and football, and student safety is a concern. Discussion was held. The Board directed Ms. Maxwell to discuss with school staff for further evaluation.

Transportation

12. Superintendent Maxwell presented information to the Board for consideration listing a bus and vehicles with more than 250,000 miles or those older than 25 years on Purple Wave or another bidding site. The old bus #8 is a 1998 model with 165,874 miles, #23 is a 1999 GMC Suburban with 137,178 miles, and #25 is a 1999 GMC Suburban with 151,530 miles. Discussion was held. Jason Koehn motioned and Brian Gerstberger seconded to put the older bus and vehicles listed in the community auction in March. Motion passed 6-0.

Trane Software Update

13. The software that regulates the HVAC system is no longer working and new software is required to adjust the units. A quote of \$10,100 per school and an additional \$1,900 per school to upgrade one of the two controllers to TE-200A touch screen model per school for a total of \$24,000. Discussion was held. Julee Beedy motioned and Ann Wiles seconded to approve the one time purchase of \$24,000 to upgrade the HVAC system software. Motion passed 6-0.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

14. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:

- A. Parent/Teacher conferences were well attended for core classes.
- B. Fastbridge testing will be in December.
- C. Finals are December 18-20.
- D. Jentri Porter and Joleigh Mazanec competed at State Cross Country on October 28th.
- E. Substate Volleyball was October 22nd.

- F. Ten junior high students were part of the SWKMEA Honor Choir.
- G. Four junior high students were part of the SWKMEA Honor Band.
- H. The high school musical, Legally Blonde, was well attended.
- I. Junior High basketball started last week.
- J. High school basketball and wrestling practices started today.
- K. "Chill" Day is November 21st.
- L. December 7th is the Winter Music Concert.
- M. The football team will play Sub State, Friday night at home at 6:00 pm against Brookville-Ell-Saline.
- N. Scholar's Bowl will compete at home tomorrow night.

WCES Principal's Report

15. WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell, presented the following updates:
- A. Parent Teacher Conferences were held on October 17th and 19th with one hundred percent attendance.
 - B. The WCES Fall concert was held on October 31st.
 - C. The Veteran's program was held on November 10th.
 - D. Certified staff evaluations due in the fall have been completed.
 - E. Thanksgiving break is next week November 22nd-26th.
 - F. The Winter Concert is December 14th at 7pm.
 - G. Economic Development and the City of Leoti are partnering for a grant opportunity to add five crosswalks throughout Leoti.

Superintendent's Report

16. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
- A. Feedback from the October 13th In-Service included the following:
 - a. Safety
 - b. Curriculum Writing Process
 - c. CLI Coaching
 - B. Science curriculum samples have been ordered and will be reviewed by staff to make a recommendation to the Board. They are

hoping to make a recommendation by February or March.

- C. The Site Council has volunteered to oversee a "Giving Tree" for certified personnel to make a classroom wish list.
- D. The election results for new board members taking office in January are as follows:
 - a. Bruce Loy
 - b. Farrin Watt
 - c. Eryka Smith
 - d. Maegan Berry

Adjournment

- 17. Brian Gerstberger motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to officially adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Josh Young, Vice President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk