

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, February 12, 2024 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Julee Beedy, Maegan Berry, Jesse Harbrige, Bruce Loy, Eryka Smith, Farrin Watt, and Josh Young.

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; Building Maintenance/Transportation Director, Buck Bishop; and Guests: Misty Gardner, Connie McRae, Courtney Young, Amber Porter, Sara Brown, and Bridgette Carpenter.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Julee Beedy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
  - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for January 11, 2024.
  - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
  - D. Approve contract for Spring coaches as presented:
    1. High School Track: Janee Porter, Head Coach; Allen Baker, Assistant Coach, Layton Tankersley, Assistant Coach.
    2. High School Golf: Nate Brown, Head Coach; Wesley Cooper, Assistant Coach.
    3. Junior High Track: Judith Lemus, Head Coach; Mario Hernandez, Assistant Coach; Stephanie Thelen-West, Assistant Coach.
  - E. Approval of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Indian Kiva and Bent's Old Fort in LaJunta, Colorado on May 2, 2024.
  - F. Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to the Old Town Museum and Carousel in Burlington, Colorado on May 3, 2024.
  - G. Approval of the A & P field trip for eight students and their sponsor to Denver or Canon City,

Colorado later this spring. (Exact date and location pending.)

H. Accept the resignation of Leslie Niswonger as the CTE Coordinator effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

I. Gifts and Grants

1. Accept a donation of \$450 from Homeland Farms for FFA.
2. Accept a donation of \$50 from Nick Smith for FFA.
3. Accept a donation of \$500 from Flying V Farms (Alicia Allen and Nick Smith) for FFA.
4. Accept a donation of \$800 from Wichita County Outdoorsmen for Reality U.
5. Accept a donation of \$100 from Pioneer Communications for athletics.

Motion passed 7-0.

Science Curriculum Presentation

4. Mrs. Courtney Young and Mrs. Amber Porter presented information about the science curriculum resources for kindergarten through eighth grades. The district reviewed several resources and collectively has chosen to present Elevate Science SAVVAS for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum to the Board for approval. The Elevate Science SAVVAS quote is \$34,476.27 without material kits for experiments or \$59,416.17 with material kits for experiments, and also includes purchasing twelve student Anatomy, Physiology & Disease books and accompanying materials. The staff sees the value in having the material kits for experiments the first year as it is a new curriculum and the district can replenish consumables as needed after the first year. The science curriculum recommended for purchase at the high school level is Inspire Science McGraw Hill which includes Chemistry and Physical Science with Earth Science for \$9,371.13.

Approve Science Curriculum Resource Purchase

5. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the Elevate Science SAVVAS for kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum purchase with material kits for experiments and twelve student Anatomy, Physiology & Disease books and accompanying materials in the amount of

\$59,416.17 and the Inspire Science McGraw Hill for high school curriculum purchase for \$9,371.13. Motion passed 7-0. Courtney Young left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Proposed Curriculum  
Coordinating Council Policy

6. Sara Brown and Connie McRae presented information on the Curriculum Coordinating Council. The CCC is working on a long range plan to align curriculum within the district based on coordinating efforts with staff in in all subject areas. The CCC recommends and finds the value in having a policy in place and potentially hiring an outside curriculum coaching consultant to begin the process.

7. The proposed Curriculum Coordinating Council Policy IC is as follows: The Board of Education establishes a Curriculum Coordinating Council (CCC) and grants it the authority to make curricular decisions, which it recommends to the Board, pertaining to curriculum, instruction, assessment and student learning. The CCC will adhere to the following administrative procedures.

8. Maegan Berry motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the Curriculum Coordinating Council Policy IC as presented. Motion passed 7-0. Connie McRae, Amber Porter, and Bridgette Carpenter left the meeting.

Approval of the High Plains  
Educational Cooperative  
Interlocal Agreement  
Amendment

9. The High Plains Educational Cooperative Interlocal Agreement Amendment is not available from High Plains Educational Cooperative at this time and will be discussed at a later date when available.

District Crisis Plan

10. Superintendent Maxwell presented the District Crisis Plan for board approval. The intent of the Crisis Plan is to provide an overview of the School District's approach to emergency operations. It describes the School District, its emergency response policies, procedures and assigned tasks. The primary audience for this plan is the Superintendent's staff, key administrators and policy makers (Board Members). This plan will help serve as the foundation for the more operationally oriented building level plans. Discussion was held. Farrin

Watt motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve the District Crisis Plan as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Accounting Software

11. The current accounting software, MAPPS, will be sunseting as of June 2025. Therefore, the district will need a new accounting software program. Two accounting software companies have been recommended through Greenbush, the current MAPPS support entity. Upon review, the district would like to use Software Unlimited beginning December 1, 2024. The cost of Software Unlimited is \$8,835.00. Discussion was held.

Recreational Board Representative

12. The Wichita County Recreational Board would like a representative from the School Board. Discussion was held. Farrin Watt motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to nominate Josh Young as the Wichita County Recreational Board Representative. Motion passed 7-0.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

13. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates;

- A. The preliminary iReady tests results indicate an increase in scores.
- B. KELPA testing is being completed by Mrs. Cortez and staff.
- C. Mrs. Brown will begin work with students on next year's class offerings.
- D. Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Douglas will attend a job fair at Fort Hays tomorrow for possible teacher recruitment.
- E. National testing for eighth graders will be February 28<sup>th</sup> if they opt in.
- F. High School Music Festival and KMEA are this month.
- G. High School Regional and State Wrestling are this month.
- H. High School Sub-State Basketball will begin February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Auditor's Report

14. Pat Friess entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Pat Friess, Kennedy McKee & Company LLP, presented the 2022-2023 independent auditor's report. There were no discrepancies or significant findings. All state and federal accounting guidelines were

followed. The district ended the school year in good financial standing. The audit report was sent to Kansas State Department of Education on December 28, 2023. Discussion was held. Mr. Friess left the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

WCES Principal's Report

15. WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell, presented the following updates:
- A. Zim Clark is the Spelling Bee winner and Jenna Koehn is runner up. State Spelling Bee is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - B. The Shriner's Circus is February 17<sup>th</sup> with thirteen fourth graders and ten adults attending.

Superintendent's Report

16. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
- A. County taxes received in January 2024 are as follows: Logan \$55,349.23, Kearney \$31.46, Wichita \$1,282,656.50.
  - B. Windfarm Money received is \$101,894.56.
  - C. March 4<sup>th</sup> is Board training with Gary Sechrist from 6:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m. A meal will be provided.
  - D. March 7<sup>th</sup> is the regularly scheduled Board meeting. Due to State Basketball, it may need to be rescheduled.

Executive Session for Superintendent Evaluations

17. Bruce Loy motioned and Jesse Harbrige 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 staff member is the Superintendent evaluation. The Board will return to open session in the board room at 9:22 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. The Board invited Superintendent Maxwell into the executive session at 9:00 p.m.

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

Executive Session for Personnel

19. Farrin Watt motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, and Mrs. Gardner present to discuss matter 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 9:43 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Buck Bishop left the meeting.

20. The meeting returned to open session at 9:43 p.m. Josh Young motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to hire Caimen Van Allen and Morgan Fluent as elementary teachers, and Logan Douglas as a Jr. Sr. high school teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for Calendar and Negotiations

21. Julee Beedy motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, and Mrs. Gardner present to discuss calendar and negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The Board will return to open session in the board room at 10:04 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Nate and Sara Brown left the meeting.

22. The meeting returned to open session at 10:04 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

23. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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Josh Young, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk