

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., Thursday, March 7, 2024 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; WCES 2024-2025 Principal, Misty Gardner; and Guests: Sara Brown, Nate Brown, and Stacy Brutin (via zoom).

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Josh Young conveyed the Board's gratitude to Michelle Sheppard for her years of service to USD #467. Bruce Loy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
  - A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for February 12, 2024.
  - C. Payment of bills.
  - D. Accept the resignation and retirement of Michelle Sheppard as a preschool teacher at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
  - E. Approve waiving the fees for practice field use from March 15, 2024 to May 25, 2024 for Wichita County Parks and Recreation for spring soccer practices and events.
  - F. Approve the disposition of outdated science books as presented by Stephanie West and the disposition of old carts and furniture as presented by Buck Bishop.
  - G. Gifts and Grants
    1. Accept a donation of \$2,405 via the Wichita County Community Foundation, Inc. for volleyball uniforms.Motion passed 6-0.

Curriculum Leadership Institute Model Presentation

4. Stacy Brutin, CLI Consultant, (via zoom) presented information on the CLI curriculum model and supporting services. Discussion was held. Stacy Brutin left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Five Year Capital Outlay Plan

1. Superintendent Maxwell presented the updated five year capital outlay plan. The Board discussed the current and upcoming needs for the buildings and district. As the Board continues to address and update the buildings and district needs, the five year capital outlay plan will change accordingly.

Approval of the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center Membership

2. The Southwest Plains Regional Service Center Membership was presented to the Board. Eryka Smith motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve Leoti USD #467 being a member at Southwest Plains Regional Service Center for a five year term commencing on July 1, 2024 and continuing through June 30, 2029. This membership will provide our district with the opportunity to benefit from the services, resources, and collaborative opportunities offered by Southwest Plains Regional Service Center. Motion carried 6-0.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

3. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates;
  - A. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ends today.
  - B. The Girls' Basketball team won substate basketball and competed at state basketball with a 23-1 record.
  - C. JH Music Festival was Tuesday. The students did very well. Mrs. Kohen and Mrs. Lofstrom are to be commended.
  - D. Parent/teacher conferences are March 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - E. Juniors will take the ACT on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - F. Sophomores and Juniors will be scheduling classes for next year.
  - G. State testing will start.
  - H. Spring sports have started with track and golf.
  - I. Staff is discussing the possibilities of a "zero" hour.
  - J. Mr. Douglas asked permission to change the lunch policy for the upcoming year to either the high school having an open or closed

campus for lunch for all high school students. Discussion was held. The Board gave their approval to change it to an open lunch for next year. This will be presented in May or June with the handbook updates.

K. The agriculture teacher is asking permission to pursue having a school owned calf for students to raise with the meat to be donated to the lunch program. The Board asked Mr. Douglas to find out more information.

WCES Principal's Report

4. WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell, presented the following updates:
  - A. "Reading Detectives" was the theme for Read Week, March 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. Staff and students participated in a state wide storm drill.

Superintendent's Report

5. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
  - A. Superintendent Maxwell congratulated the Girls' Basketball team on an excellent season and representing the school district well.
  - B. A Broadband Internet Grant opportunity is available to offer internet service in areas of the community where internet is not currently available. Letters of support are being requested.

Solar Panels

6. Josh Young suggested the district research a solar panel grant opportunity.

Executive Session for Personnel

7. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Farrin Watt 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 enter executive session at 8:39 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:04 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.
8. The meeting returned to open session at 9:04 p.m. Farrin Watt motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded

to hire Shannon Kreutzer as an elementary teacher, for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Julee Beedy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to hire Bridgette Carpenter to oversee library operations for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

10. Farrin Watt motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to hire Sara Brown as the CTE Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session for Calendar and Negotiations

11. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell present to discuss calendar and negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The Board will enter executive session at 9:07 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:32 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. Brant Douglas, Misty Gardner, Nate Brown, and Sara Brown left the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

12. The meeting returned to open session at 9:32 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

13. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

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Josh Young, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk