

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, August 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; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; Director of Grounds & Maintenance/Transportation, Buck Bishop; and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Mike Heiland, and Kris Casper.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Farrin Watt motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the July 8, 2024 and July 19, 2024 meetings.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Appointment of Homeless Liaison: Lori Maxwell
 2. Appointment of Freedom of Information Officer-Open Records: Tammy Mason
 3. Approval of Melissa Reed as the High School Student Council sponsor.
 4. Approve the hiring of Teressa Ricke and Margarita Villalobos as route bus drivers.
 5. Approve the hiring of Ron Lamaster as custodian and bus driver.
 6. Approve the hiring of Tori Smith as a preschool para.
 - E. Approve reimbursement rate for mileage at 67 cents per mile effective 7/1/2024.
 - F. Approve waiving the building fees for Wichita County Parks & Recreation for the 2024,

volleyball and football season from 8/15/24 to 11/15/24.

- G. Approve the disposition of 24 ELA Harcourt hard-cover books Collections "Something New" 2nd grade, 2001, two "Just in Time" books, three paperback companion books "Blue Skies", one teacher's edition "Spelling and Vocabulary (Houghton Mifflin 2006), 3-McGraw Hill SS teachers manual, 7-Envision Math Teacher Resource books.
 - H. Accept a donation from the Wichita County Outdoorsmen, LLC (through the Wichita County Community Foundation, Inc.) for \$2,362.50 for printing school calendars.
 - I. Accept a matching grant of \$5,478 from the KSDE Safe and Secure Schools grant program.
 - J. Accept a donation of \$5,100 from Security State Bank for gym floor refinishing and an additional donation of \$1,000 for teacher supplies to be divided between WCJSHS and WCES.
 - K. Accept a donation to FFA for the Chuck Jaeger Memorial as follows: James and Mary Kay Giles \$50; David and Tracy Smith \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spencer \$50; Edward and Carol Cramer \$100; Jim and Tressa Powers \$100; Edward and Maria Smith \$40; Brungardt Hower Ward Elliott & Pfeifer \$30; Robert and Elizabeth Jaeger \$100; Kitra Roth \$100; Robert and Deborah Frederick \$25.
 - L. Accept a donation of \$500 from American AgCredit FLCA for the FFA Livestock Show sponsorship.
- Motion passed 7-0.

Sheriff Casper Security Concerns

- 4. Wichita County Sheriff Kris Casper spoke to the Board about recent security concerns within the district. Discussion was held.

HVAC

- 5. Mike Heiland, Service Account Manager, discussed HVAC repairs at the grade school. Discussion was held. Mike Heiland and Sheriff Casper left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.
- 6. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the TRANE repair cost of \$13,600 for repairs to the grade school, a reduced

amount of \$10,000 from the original invoiced amount. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Classified and Substitute Handbooks

7. The classified handbook and substitute handbook for the 2024-2025 school year were presented.
8. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the 2024-2025 classified handbook and substitute handbook as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Building Needs Assessments and State Assessment Review

9. Superintendent Maxwell presented the 2024-25 Building Needs Assessments as a continuation of the assessment data review for FastBridge and State Assessments. The information provided will be taken into consideration as part of the budget adoption process. The information can be found on the district website at www.leoti.org, District, Required Documents, 2023-24 School Year Building Needs Assessment for 2024-25 Budget Considerations-WCES and 2023-24 JSHS School Year Building Needs Assessment for 2024-25 Budget Considerations.

10. The Building Needs Assessments address Student Needs, State Board of Education Outcomes, Curriculum Needs, Education Capacities, Staff Needs, Facility Needs, Family Needs/Community Relations, and School Data for the Wichita County Elementary School and the Wichita County Junior-Senior High School. Discussion was held. The Board would like to review this and/or related information throughout the year to better address learning needs and achievements throughout the year.

2024-25 Budget Review

11. Superintendent Maxwell presented the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget. The State Aid per pupil amount is \$5,378. The proposed budget for General Fund is \$4,044,794. The proposed budget for Supplemental General is \$1,351,523. Discussion was held.
12. The Revenue Neutral Tax Rate Hearing will be held September 9, 2024 at the Board of Education office at 6:45 p.m. The Budget Hearing will be held September 9, 2024 at the Board of Education office

at 6:50 p.m. The proposed budget and Revenue Neutral Tax rate will be published in the Wichita County Native Sun August 21st and August 28th.

Title I Parent Involvement

13. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Title I Parent Involvement policy for the 2024-25 school year. Bruce Loy motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the Title I Parent Involvement policy as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Health Insurance

14. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Renewal for the 2024-25 school year. The insurance rates have dropped slightly from last year. A single premium is \$637.21, with the district paying \$611.11 towards a single policy and the employee paying \$26.10. Discussion was held. Jesse Harbrige motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Renewal for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Bus Purchase

15. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following bus options for purchase:

- A. 2021 Blue Bird Vision 47 Passenger-4220 for \$83,100 and an additional \$1,190 for delivery.
- B. 2020 Blue Bird Vision 47 Passenger-4219 for \$83,600 and an additional \$1,190 for delivery.
- C. 2019 Chevy Collins 34 Passenger-4215 for \$81,900 and an additional \$1,190 for delivery.
- D. Farrin Watt motioned and Jesse Harbrige seconded to approve the purchase of the 2021 Blue Bird Vision 47 Passenger-4220 for \$83,100 and an additional \$1,190 for delivery. Motion passed 7-0. Teresa Ricke entered the meeting at 8:00 p.m. for the bus purchase discussion and exited the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

WCES Principal's Report

16. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:

- A. The grade school will have a football theme this year with a welcome back photo opportunity and additional fun activities throughout the year.
- B. A new drop off system is being implemented on the east side of the grade school. Information will be provided to the families and a video on social media.

- C. There are currently 216 students enrolled in PreK through 6th grade.
- D. Mrs. Gardner is taking part in a mentorship as an administrator. She will be attending meetings with her mentor throughout the year.
- E. This Wednesday is Sneak Peek at the grade school for grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Preschool will have a Sneak Peek on Thursday.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

17. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:
- A. There are currently 188 students enrolled in grades 7 through 12.
 - B. Inservice today went well. The SPED training was informative and well received.
 - C. Staff has completed their floating work days.
 - D. There is a staff meeting tomorrow morning.
 - E. Sheriff Kasper and State Highway Patrol will have a safe driving assembly for grades 7 through 12 on August 22nd.

Superintendent's Report

18. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following updates:
- A. Inservice today went well. Sara Brown presented information on anti bullying and suicide prevention. Trisha Moritz from Greenbush, presented information on Special Education.
 - B. Thank you to the Board members for the lunch provided today and to Mrs. Means and her students for providing breakfast.

Executive Session for Personnel

19. Bruce Loy motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mrs. Gardner, and Mr. Douglas present to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting non-elected certified and classified staff pursuant to 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 into executive session at 8:21 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:26 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Buck Bishop exited the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

20. The meeting returned to open session at 9:26 p.m. Farrin Watt motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve hiring Fernando Magadan as an ESL para. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

21. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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