

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, October 14, 2024 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; and Guests: Logan Douglas, Hallie Means, Courtney Young, Faith Marcy, Kiersten Dirks, Brandy Marcy, Bridgette Carpenter, Nate Brown, Jake Strecker, Nevaeh Ridder, and Lisa Ridder.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Bruce Loy motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the consent agenda, removing item D2, hiring of Natalie Thurman, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the September 9, 2024 special RNR, and budget hearings, and regular meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Approve the hiring of winter coaches as follows: Haydon Parks, HS Head Boys' Basketball; Gabe Martinez, HS Assistant Boys' Basketball; Bryce Nickelson, HS Head Girls' Basketball; Brent Porter, HS Head Girls' and HS Head Boys' Wrestling; Emily Buxton, HS Assistant Girls' Wrestling; Phillip Weilert, JH Head Boys' Basketball; Gerardo Ortiz-Chavez, JH Assistant Boys' Basketball; Heather Price, JH Head Girls' Basketball; Judith Lemus, JH Assistant Girls' Basketball; Matt Price, JH Head Wrestling; Bryer Porter, JH Assistant Wrestling.
 - E. Approve the disposition of the following books for Leslie Niswonger; 39 Elements of Language 4th course books-copyright 2009; 31 Elements of

Language 6th course books-copyright 2009; 25 Elements of Language 3rd course books-copyright 2009; 15 Maniac Magee novels-copyright 1990; 22 The Light in the Forest books-copyright 1986; 4 copies of Looking for Alaska; and 30 copies of Bless Me Ultima (novels).

F. Approve a request from Wichita County Parks & Recreation for building use for basketball from 10/26/24 to 1/18/25.

G. Donations:

1. Accept a grant of \$15,000 from the Patterson Family Foundation for tuition reimbursement for the Rural Workforce Development Program Grant.
2. Accept a donation of \$50 from Out West Farm and Crop for high school girls' golf.
3. Accept a donation of \$1,000 from Wichita County Outdoorsman, Inc. through Wichita County Education Foundation, Inc. For Reality-U.
4. Accept a donation of \$500 from Western State Bank for Reality-U.
5. Accept a donation of \$500 from the Wichita County Community Foundation, Inc. (Temporary Operating Fund) for Reality-U.
6. Accept a donation of \$500 from Security State Bank for Reality-U.
7. Accept a donation of \$1,070 for athletics from the football tailgate on September 27, 2024.

Motion passed 5-0.

Farm Aid Youth in Agriculture
Ambassadors

4. Faith Marcy, Nevaeh Ridder, and Mrs. Means presented to the Board. Out of applicants across the country, Faith Marcy and Nevaeh Ridder were selected to be this year's American Agriculture Movement and Farm Aid Youth in Agriculture Ambassadors. Faith, Nevaeh, and Mrs. Means, agriculture teacher, traveled to Saratoga Springs, New York to experience the 39th annual Farm Aid Concert and Festival. The Board asked questions and thanked the students and Mrs. Means for their presentation. Sara Brown entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Faith Marcy, Hallie Means, and Brandy Marcy exited the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Outdoor Classroom

5. Courtney Young and Bridgette Carpenter, sixth grade teachers, presented information on the outdoor classroom. The purpose of the outdoor classroom is to provide an inspiring learning environment for all students. With the help of Title IV money, they were able to move ahead and create the outside learning space for this school year. Tables, seating, garden boxes, plants and nature have been and/or will be provided by the outdoor classroom to encourage student learning and to offer opportunities for multiple STEM activities. For example, classes will be asked to research, design, and build their own bird houses, butterfly feeders and hummingbird feeders that will best support the wildlife in our area. Other students have enjoyed the outdoor space for Prizes with the Principal and Jr. Sr. high school students use it to enjoy lunch or do homework. The Board asked questions and thanked Mrs. Young and Mrs. Carpenter for their presentation. Mrs. Young, Mrs. Carpenter, Lisa Ridder, and Nevaeh Ridder left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

INA Alert System

6. Jake Strecker, INA Alert, presented different security options available. The first layer of security is an AiPhone video intercom system in both of the schools at a total cost of \$15,956.74. This will be a “buzz in” system at each building. The second layer of security is a 21 door access system between the two buildings for a total of \$71,798.38. The third layer of security is 44 door access system between the two buildings for a total of \$104,854.14. Jake Strecker left the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Discussion was held.

Annual Review Grow & Learn MOU

7. Kiersten Dirks with Grow & Learn Childcare Center, Inc. discussed the MOU between the Board and Grow & Learn. Mrs. Dirks had no changes to the MOU. Discussion was held. Mrs. Dirks left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Certificate of Deposit Bids

8. The district bid out certificates of deposit for \$350,000 to Western State Bank and Security State Bank. The bids are as follows:

9. Security State Bank -\$350,000 3 month 4.61% (4.71% APY), 6 month 4.56% (4.65% APY), 9 month 4.41% (4.50%), and 12 month 4.21% (4.29% APY).

10. Western State Bank-\$350,000 3 month 5.00% (5.12% APY), 6 month 4.75% (4.84% APY), 9 month 4.65% (4.70% APY), and 12 month 4.40% (4.40% APY).

11. Julee Beedy motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the bid from Western State Bank for a three month term at 5.00% APR (5.12% APY) as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Greeley County Wrestling Partnership

12. Greeley County has proposed a partnership with the Wichita County Wrestling program to allow their students to participate due to low numbers. The Greeley County wrestlers would be a part of the Wichita County wrestling team until Regional wrestling where they are required to only wrestle for their home school. Greeley County will provide an assistant boys' wrestling coach and pay all of their wrestlers' and coach's expenses. Discussion was held. Josh Young motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve allowing Greeley County to join the Wichita County Wrestling team for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

Move BOE November Meeting

13. Ms. Maxwell asked consideration to move the scheduled November 11, 2024 meeting to November 4, 2024. Ms. Maxwell and Tammy Mason will be traveling to Lawrence on November 11th to attend a week long required training for the new software system. Discussion was held. Bruce Loy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to move the November Board meeting to November 4th at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Wellness Policies

14. The 2024-2025 Wellness Policies for Prek-6, 7-8, and 9-12 were presented to the Board for approval. Discussion was held. Eryka Smith motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the Wellness Policies as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

WCES Principal's Report

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

- A. Mrs. Gardner thanked Blaine Medina and the City of Leoti for painting crosswalks and curbs on the east side of the grade school at the designated drop off and crossing area on Wyoming street near the cafeteria dome.
- B. The first prizes with the Principal for “Confidence” were held and the next character trait is “Optimism”.
- C. The kindergarten enjoyed the fire station.
- D. Reading Warriors celebration was held.
- E. Parent/Teacher conferences are October 22nd and 24th.
- F. Lydia Jayhawks 4-H group will provide a meal for teachers on one night of parent/teacher conferences.
- G. On October 31st the grade school will have their fall concert and parties.
- H. The students have been practicing for the Veteran’s Day program.

WCJSHS Principal’s Report

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

- A. The Principal’s Building Report is complete.
- B. The Graduation & Drop Out report is due soon.
- C. Homecoming week went well.
- D. Fall sports are ending for the Junior High with the last football game this week and League Junior High Volleyball on Saturday.
- E. Parent/Teacher Conferences are October 22nd and 24th.
- F. Regional High School Volleyball is October 21st in Hays.
- G. Girls’ Golf Regionals was today. Audrina Marcy placed 5th at High Plains League Girls’ Golf on October 8th.
- H. Regional Cross Country is October 26th.
- I. Football playoffs start on October 31st.

17. Discussion was held on scheduling activities.

18. The Board asked Sara Brown about the Junior Career/College intervention.

Superintendent's Report

- 19. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
 - A. On Friday, October 11th, the staff had inservice in the morning and a work day in the afternoon.
 - B. The KESA team will meet in Oakley tomorrow.
 - C. According to the Superintendent's Organizational Report submitted to the state, the school has increased by 15 students this year.
 - D. Ms. Maxwell presented information on Emergent 3, a security app.
 - E. Discussion was held on the INA Alert systems. The consensus of the Board was to start with the buzz in system for \$15,956.74 and add additional layers of security in the future.

Executive Session for Personnel

- 20. 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 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 8:38 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:53 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

- 21. The meeting returned to open session at 8:53 p.m., Bruce Loy motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve a paid day off for staff appreciation on November 1, 2024. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

- 22. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeintg at 8:54 p.m.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk