

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 at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 12, 2025 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; and guests: Carol Laws and Nate Brown.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Eryka Smith motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the consent agenda, with Kayde Rietzke's hiring being moved to a separate action item and the addition of resignations from ShayReah Loy, Gabe Martinez, and Cambree Koehn, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the April 14, 2025 board meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel:
 - 1) Approve the summer weights supplemental as follows: Full-time: Haydon Parks, Brant Douglas, Bryce Nickelson and Half-time: Phillip Weilert, Wesley Cooper, Ashley Geyer.
 - 2) Approve the hiring of Cordell Brown as the JH assistant football coach.
 - 3) Approve the hiring of Travis Geyer as the JH head girls' basketball coach.
 - 4) Approve the hiring of Tadyn West for summer mowing and maintenance.
 - 5) Accept the resignation of ShayReah Loy as the JH assistant volleyball coach.
 - 6) Accept the resignation of Gabe Martinez as the HS assistant boys' basketball coach.
 - 7) Accept the resignation of Cambree Koehn as the HS assistant cheer coach.
 - E. Gifts and Grants:

- 1) Accept a grant of \$4,500 from the Finnup Foundation Trust for the art program for 2025.
- 2) Accept donations of \$3,300 from fundraising for Powerlifting.
- 3) Accept an anonymous donation of \$210 for the 3rd grade field trip.

Motion passed 6-0.

Hiring of Head High School Boys Basketball Coach.

4. It has been recommended to hire Kayde Rietzke for the head high school boys' basketball coach for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Josh Young exited the board meeting at 7:04 p.m.
6. Discussion was held.
7. Maegan Berry motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to approve hiring Kayde Rietzke for the head high school boys' basketball coaching position for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Josh Young and Sara Brown entered the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Advisory Board Updates

9. **HPEC**-Bruce Loy-Waiting on state budgets to come out in July. Alexa Beltz will replace Shelly Harris when she retires. Two teachers have been hired for next year: Tina Barton, K-2 and Shelly Carter, 3-6. The district is still in need of special ed paras.
10. **Rec**-Eryka Smith-Great turn out for soccer. The pipes at the pool need some maintenance.
11. **PDC**-Farrin Watt-PDC meeting tomorrow. Southwest Plains Regional Service Center met with teachers to discuss individual PDC plans.
12. **FHTNW**-Carol Laws-Fort Hays Tech Northwest is seeking a new president. All credits will transfer to Fort Hays State University from the tech college. The college is resourcing mini grants and dual credits to expand more into high schools.
13. **ECO DEVO**-Josh Young- Currently trying to find someone to start up the restaraunt formerly known as Laws Feed Store.
14. **Negotiations**-Bruce Loy & Jesse Harbrige-Negotiations are completed.

15. **Calendar**-Josh Young & Farrin Watt-A calendar has been agreed upon.
16. **CCC**-Eryka Smith-No update.
17. **Grow & Learn**-Maegan Berry-New Board members. The budget is being balanced to be less dependent on outside grants. Jenna Cox is the new director.

Carol Laws left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Approve Handbooks

18. Handbook changes for WCJSHS and WCES for the 2025-26 school year were presented to the Board.
19. Eryka Smith motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve the 2025-2026 WCES Student Handbook. Motion passed 6-0.
20. Maegan Berry motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the 2025-2026 WCES Staff Handbook. Motion passed 6-0.
21. Eryka Smith motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the 2025-2026 WCJSHS Curriculum Handbook. Motion passed 6-0.
22. Julee Beedy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the 2025-2026 WCJSHS Technology Policy. Motion passed 6-0.
23. The WCJSHS Student Handbook and WCJSHS Staff Handbook will be approved at a later board meeting.

Out-of-State and Long-Distance Field Trips

24. The board policy for allowing field trips out of state and long distances was reviewed. Discussion was held. There will be no change to the board policy.

State of Kansas Immunization Requirements

25. The Board reviewed the current policy on state of Kansas immunization requirements. Discussion was held. Families will be notified by May 15th of the policy and addressed at enrollment if not in compliance.

WCES Principal's Report

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

- A. The William Allen White Award was awarded to Baylee Long for reaching all three levels and Forrest McKinney for reaching level one.
- B. The Reading Warrior Assembly will be tomorrow.
- C. The Fifth Grade Wax Museum was a success.
- D. The Sixth Grade held the "Author's Tea".
- E. The spring concert for 3rd-6th grades will be tomorrow evening.
- F. Mrs. Gardner has completed her KELI mentor program and has the Seal of Literacy on her license as well.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

27. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:
- A. State testing has been completed with results next fall.
 - B. Finals are this week for all students.
 - C. The high school awards and graduation were last week.
 - D. Several teachers thanked the district for all of the treats and support during teacher appreciation week.
 - E. Junior High awards will be Wednesday at 2:15 p.m.
 - F. We will be hosting League Golf, League Track, and Regional Golf over the next week.
 - G. WCJSHS received "All Star High School" for 2025 FAFSA completion.
 - H. Thursday is the last day of school.

Superintendent's Report

28. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
- A. At this time, there are no candidates signed up at the Wichita County courthouse to run for the three open Board positions.
 - B. We have submitted one registered Teacher Apprentice application with the state.

Executive Session for Calendar and Negotiations

29. Eryka Smith motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mrs. Gardner, and Mr. Douglas present to discuss calendar and negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The Board will enter into executive session at 8:36

p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:41 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

30. The meeting returned to open session at 8:41 p.m. Farrin Watt motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve the proposed 2025-2026 school calendar and the palliative care language for the negotiated agreement. Motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session for Personnel

31. Julee Beedy motioned and Eryka Smith 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 8:42 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:47 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

32. The meeting returned to open session at 9:47 p.m. Farrin Watt motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to deny Hallie Means request to move more than one column on the salary schedule. Motion passed 5-1 with Bruce Loy voting no.

Executive Session for Personnel

33. Farrin Watt motioned and Eryka Smith 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 and classified staff members is their performance and employment. The Board will enter into executive session at 9:48 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 10:03 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

34. The Board returned to open session at 10:03 p.m. Farrin Watt motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve each teacher's contract renewal on an individual motion.
- 1) Elaine Anthony, motion passed 6-0
 - 2) Tracey Baker, motion passed 6-0
 - 3) Andrea Bauck, motion passed 6-0
 - 4) Abigail Biermann, motion passed 6-0
 - 5) Jayme Bishop, motion passed 5-1 with Eryka Smith voting no

- 6) Nate Brown, motion passed 6-0
- 7) Sara Brown, motion passed 6-0
- 8) Wendy Budde, motion passed 6-0
- 9) Bridgette Carpenter, motion passed 6-0
- 10) Wesley Cooper, motion passed 6-0
- 11) Mary Cortez, motion passed 6-0
- 12) Haylie Douglas, motion passed 6-0
- 13) Denise Gerstberger, motion passed 5-1 with Eryka Smith voting no
- 14) Sandy Hanson, motion passed 6-0
- 15) Tori Koehn, motion passed 6-0
- 16) Shannon Kreutzer, motion passed 6-0
- 17) Melanie Lofstrom, motion passed 6-0
- 18) Connie McRae, motion passed 6-0
- 19) Hallie Means, motion failed 3-3 with Josh Young, Farrin Watt, and Eryka Smith voting no (a motion requires four votes to pass)
- 20) Leslie Niswonger, motion passed 6-0
- 21) Ashley Norton, motion failed 2-4 with Farrin Watt, Bruce Loy, Josh Young, and Eryka Smith voting no
- 22) Carson Norton, motion passed 6-0
- 23) Haydon Parks, motion passed 6-0
- 24) Amber Porter, motion passed 6-0
- 25) Janee Porter, motion passed 6-0
- 26) Stacy Porter, motion passed 6-0
- 27) Erin Prochnow, motion passed 6-0
- 28) Melissa Reed, motion passed 6-0
- 29) Judy Tankersley, motion passed 6-0
- 30) Stephanie Thelen-West, motion passed 6-0
- 31) Caimen VanAllen, motion passed 6-0
- 32) Phillip Weilert, motion passed 6-0
- 33) Wyatt Wentz, motion passed 6-0
- 34) Deb West, motion passed 6-0
- 35) Courtney Young, motion passed 5-0, Josh Young left the meeting at 10:06 p.m. during the voting for Courtney Young, and returned to the meeting at 10:08 p.m. after the voting for Courtney Young.

Executive Session for Personnel

35. Bruce Loy motioned and Farrin Watt 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 and classified staff members is their performance and employment.

The Board will enter into executive session at 10:08 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 10:28 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

36. The Board returned to open session at 10:28 p.m.
No action was taken.

Adjournment

37. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk