

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, July 14, 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; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; and Guests: Nate Brown and Matt Price.

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, with the correction of hiring Ellisa Weilert as a substitute route driver, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the June 9, 2025 meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Approve reimbursement rate for mileage at 70 cents per mile effective 07/01/2025.
 - E. Personnel Actions:
 1. Appointment of Clerk: Tammy Mason is recommended.
 2. Appointment of Treasurer: Teressa Ricke is recommended.
 3. Appointment of Deputy Clerk: Nayeli Garcia is recommended.
 4. Approve the hiring of Mariah Sheppard as the WCJSHS Ag teacher and FFA sponsor.
 5. Approve fall coaches as follows: **Cross Country**-Layton Tankersley; **JH Football**-Wes Cooper-Head Coach, Cordell Brown-Asst. Coach; **JH Volleyball**-Jennifer Dean-Head Coach, Sheri Casper-Asst. Coach; **JH Cheer**-Sondra Hembree, Audra Berning; **HS Football**-Brant Douglas-Head Coach, Haydon Parks-Asst. Coach, Bryce Nickelson- Asst. Coach; **HS Volleyball**-Ashley Geyer-Head

Coach, Chasity Fritzmeier-Asst. Coach; **HS Cheer**-ShayReah Loy-Head Coach, Sheri Loy-Asst. Coach; **HS Girls Golf**-Nate Brown.

6. Approve the summer driver's education contract for Christina Baber in the amount of \$5,024.
7. Appointment of Homeless Liaison: Lori Maxwell
8. Appointment of Freedom of Information Officer-Open Records: Tammy Mason.
9. Approve the hiring of Ellisa Weilert as a substitute route driver.

F. Gifts and Grants:

1. Accept a grant of \$898.50 for volleyball bags from the Wichita County Education Foundation Committee, Inc.
2. Accept a donation of \$1,800 for pole vault equipment from the Wichita County Foundation, Inc.
3. Accept a donation of \$200 for Powerlifting from the Lift-A-Thon.
4. Accept a donation of \$100 for high school boys' basketball from Phillip and Susan Escareno.
5. Accept a donation of \$150 for high school boys' basketball from Crockett & Co. Real Estate, LLC.

Motion passed 6-0. Sara Brown entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Resolutions

4. Eryka Smith motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve Resolutions 2026-01 through 2026-09:
 - A. Resolution No. 2026-01 concerning the Treasurer.
 - B. Resolution No. 2026-02 concerning meeting dates of the Board.
 - C. Resolution No. 2026-03 concerning depository of funds.
 - D. Resolution No. 2026-04 concerning waiver of requirements of fixed assets accounting practices.
 - E. Resolution No. 2026-05 concerning activity funds.
 - F. Resolution No. 2026-06 concerning early payment of bills to avoid penalties and/or take advantage of early discounts and the

reimbursement of expenses incurred for extracurricular activities.

- G. Resolution No. 2026-07 concerning establishing home rule by the Board of Education.
 - H. Resolution No. 2026-08 requiring teaching of Constitution on September 17 as required by federal law as a condition of receipt of federal funding.
 - I. Resolution No. 2026-09 concerning Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region C Hazard Mitigation Plan which will allow USD 467 to be eligible for funding opportunities in the event a mitigation grant is awarded.
- Motion passed 6-0.

Petty Cash Limits

- 5. Julee Beedy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve setting the Petty Cash limits for each of the District's activity funds: WCES=\$300; WCJSHS=\$1,500; Board Office=\$1,000. Motion passed 6-0.

Designated Newspaper

- 6. Bruce Loy motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the Wichita County Native Sun as the newspaper for legal publications: To be so designated, the newspaper must be published at least once weekly within the boundaries of the school district. Motion passed 6-0.

Designation of Non-Elected Personnel

- 7. Eryka Smith motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to accept the recommended persons for designation of non-elected personnel to satisfy state and federal requirements:
 - A. Each building principal to serve as the school official to report trancies for students who should be attending their respective attendance center for the 2025-26 school year.
 - B. Lori Maxwell as the purchasing agent for the school.
 - C. Tammy Mason as the food service representative.
 - 1. Approval of the School Food Service Program Agreement, Certificate of Authority/Application for Participation, and Procurement Plan.
 - D. Brant Douglas as the hearing officer for free and reduced price meal applications.

- E. Lori Maxwell as the USD 467 Title IX and Civil Rights Compliance Officer.
 - F. Tammy Mason as Designated Agent for Kansas Public Employees Retirement System with Teresa Ricke as alternate signer.
 - G. Each building principal as custodian of activity account receipts.
- Motion passed 6-0.

Lunch and Breakfast Prices & Milk Bids

- 8. The recommended lunch and breakfast prices for the 2025-2026 school year:
Student K-6; lunch \$3.10, breakfast \$1.80
Student 7-12; lunch \$3.50, breakfast \$2.10
Adult Meal; lunch \$4.65, breakfast \$2.70 (pending the allowable reimbursement rate from state and federal guidelines)
Milk .50 per carton
- 9. Superintendent Maxwell presented the milk bid received for the 2025-2026 school year. The bids were due to the district office by Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. the bid is as follows:
 - A. Leoti Foods- .45 cents per half pint for Plains 1% Milk, 1% Chocolate Milk, and 1% Strawberry Milk with cooler, delivery, and restocking provided for all milk.
- 10. Maegan Berry motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the breakfast and lunch prices as presented and the Leoti Foods milk bid as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

Book Rental Fees

- 11. Eryka Smith motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the book rental and other fees as presented for the 2025-26 school year. The fees are as follows: Preschool qualifying for At-Risk \$285.00 if paid in full at enrollment or \$315.00 (\$35.00/month August thru April includes daily milk); Preschool not qualifying for At-Risk \$575.00 if paid in full at enrollment or \$630.00 (\$70/month August thru April includes daily milk); Preschool Supply Fee \$25.00; Grades K-6 \$50 includes workbooks; Grades 7-8 \$60.00 includes workbooks; Grades 9-12 \$60.00 does not include workbooks; Grades 7-12 \$35.00 technology fee; Summer Drivers Ed for in district

students \$100.00, and for out of district students \$200.00. Motion passed 6-0.

Substitute Teacher Pay

12. Bruce Loy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the substitute teacher pay at \$120 per day for fully licensed teachers, \$100 per day for emergency licensed substitutes, and \$90 for non-licensed substitutes. Motioned passed 6-0.

2025-26 Annual Cooperative Agreement for Concurrent Enrollment at GCCC

13. Julee Beedy motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the 2025-2026 Annual Cooperative Agreement for Concurrent Enrollment with Garden City Community College. Motion passed 6-0.

Budget Update

14. The district is required to notify the County Clerk by July 20th if the district will exceed the RNR. It has not been determined yet if the district will exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.
15. The fund balances on June 30, 2025 were \$121,951.68 in general fund. General fund had an additional \$20,775.95 from refunds and reimbursements that may be spent above the \$3,926,478 approved budgeted amount.
16. The transfers made to close out fund balances were \$75,000 to capital outlay from general (in anticipation of the grade school music room/gym roof project), \$16,951.68 to food service from general, and \$30,000 to special education from general.

Accountability Report & Needs Assessment

17. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Accountability Report for 2023-24 at the February 10, 2025 meeting. Some of the information provided in the yearly report is the school district's student achievements, resources, and demographics.
18. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Building Needs Assessments.

TRANE Contract

19. Superintendent Maxwell presented the cost of the contracted TRANE agreement for \$24,260.
20. Bruce Loy motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the Trane contract for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$24,260. Motion passed 6-0.

Roof Bids

21. The WCES roof over the music room and nearby area needs replaced. Bids were accepted through July 10, 2025 at noon. One bid was submitted by Weathercraft Companies for \$45,854.

22. Maegan Berry motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the bid from Weathercraft Companies to replaced the roof over the music room and nearby area for \$45,854. Motion passed 6-0.

TRIBE Wraps

23. TRIBE has purchased mascot-themed wraps for the pillars and wall between the auditorium doors at the JSHS and will be preparing those areas for installation of the wraps.

WCES Principal's Report

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

- A. Forest McKinney-won the state FCCLA essay contest and placed third at Nationals. We are very proud of his accomplishment!
- B. The district is in need of paraprofessionals for at risk and High Plains Education Cooperative.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

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

- A. The new teachers are excited to start the school year.

Superintendent's Report

26. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:

- A. She is waiting to hear back on the AED grant proposal. She did contact Cintas to get quotes for new AED machines and maintenance. The cost would be more than what the school district had anticipated. The district will most likely need seven AED machines. Local medical personnel are willing to inspect the machines for functionability monthly which will reduce the cost.
- B. The state has notified the district that LETRS training will be provided by the state this year at no cost.

- C. Federal cuts that have impacted the district this year are at approximately \$25,586 in anticipated Title funds.
- D. E-rate will be continued this year. The E-rate program provides discounted telecommunications and internet access.

Executive Session for Negotiations

27. Eryka Smith motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mrs. Gardner, and Mr. Douglas present to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The Board will enter into executive session at 8:01 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

28. The meeting returned to open session at 8:06 p.m. Bruce Loy motioned and Julie Beedy seconded to approve the updated language for the 2025-2026 Negotiated Agreement. Motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session for Personnel

29. Farrin Watt 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 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 8:07 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:02 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. Matt Price left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

30. The meeting returned to open session at 9:02 p.m. Farrin Watt motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve rehiring all classified staff for the 2025-2026 school year with an increase in the starting wage to fifteen dollars per hour, all employees below fifteen dollars per hour will be increased to fifteen dollars per hour and all other hourly employees will receive a six percent increase. Motion passed 6-0.

31. Eryka Smith motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to give a \$2,500 raise to Buck Bishop, a \$2,500 raise to

Kasper Lechtenberg, and a \$1,000 raise to Lonie Reed with the stipulation that he is the emergency day time driver when a driver is needed.
Motion passed 6-0.

32. Maegan Berry motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve all of the recommended Rule 10 and supplemental teacher contracts as presented.
Motion passed 6-0.

33. Eryka Smith Motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve a \$1.50 an hour increase for CDL certified drivers who are driving activities in a vehicle requiring a CDL operator. Coaches and staff with a CDL, who are driving non-CDL vehicles will not be compensated for driving non-CDL vehicles.
Motion passed 6-0.

34. Julee Beedy motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to increase the daily bus route driver wages to \$67 for CDL qualified route drivers and to \$65 for non-CDL qualified route drivers.
Motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment

35. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk