

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 11, 2025 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; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; Director of Grounds & Maintenance/Transportation, Buck Bishop; and Guests: Nate Brown and Sara 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 Bruce Loy seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the July 14, 2025 and August 5, 2025 meetings.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Approve the disposition of items from Chasity Fritzmeier's JSHS classroom as presented in the packet.
 - E. Personnel Actions:
 1. Accept the resignation of Jesse Harbrige as USD 467 board member and vice president effective immediately.
 2. Approve the hiring of Tonya Lamb as the WCES art instructor.
 - F. Approve waiving the building fees for Wichita County Parks & Recreation for the 2025 volleyball and football season from 08/15/25 to 11/15/25.
 - G. Accept a donation of \$2,512.50 from the Wichita County Community Foundation, Inc for the 2025-26 calendars.
 - H. 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.
Motion passed 5-0.

PACS Donation

4. Ashley Norton, Carson Norton, and Miles Norton entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m. to make a donation from PACS of school supplies, snacks for staff for each building and \$501.45 each for the grade school physical education program and music program. The Nortons left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

2025-26 Budget Update

5. The district will not exceed the revenue neutral rate this year. The preliminary numbers show that student headcount is down 23 students this year with 5 from the grade school and 18 from the junior-senior high school. This is due in part to a large graduating class last year.
6. A budget hearing will be September 8 at 6:50 p.m. for the 2025-2026 budget. The proposed budget will be published in the Wichita County Native Sun August 20th and August 27th.

Approval of Classified and Substitute Handbooks

7. The classified handbook and substitute handbook for the 2025-2026 school year were presented.
8. Julee Beedy motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the 2025-2026 classified handbook and substitute handbook as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Title I Parent Involvement

9. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Title I Parent Involvement policy for the 2025-26 school year. Eryka Smith motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the Title I Parent Involvement policy as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Health Insurance

10. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Renewal for the 2025-26 school year. The insurance rates have increased from last year. A single premium is \$672.79, with the district paying \$628.90 towards a single policy and the employee paying \$43.89. Discussion was held. Bruce Loy motioned and Julee Beedy seconded to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield

Insurance Renewal for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Advisory Board Reports

1. **HPEC**-Bruce Loy- Alexa Beltz is the new director. There is ongoing discussion with Elkhart's school district about discrepancies in paying HPEC.
2. **Rec**-Eryka Smith-Flag football is in need of more kids to have a team.
3. **PDC**-Farrin Watt-Not in attendance.
4. **FHTNW**-Carol Laws-Not in attendance.
5. **ECO DEVO**-Josh Young- Eco Devo is currently trying to find someone to start up the restaraunt formerly known as Laws Feed Store.
6. **Negotiations**-Bruce Loy- Negotiations are completed.
7. **Calendar**-Josh Young & Farrin Watt-NA.
8. **CCC**-Eryka Smith-No update.
9. **Grow & Learn**-Maegan Berry-Jenni Ortiz is in the infant room and taking classes online. Amber Miller is a new board member.

CD Bids

10. Discussion was held on bidding out certificates of deposit for \$250,000 and \$350,000 to Western State Bank and Security State Bank for three, six, and nine months. The bids will start on October 1, 2025. The Board directed the Board Clerk to bid out the certificates of deposit.

Purchase of a Van

11. State contract 5600E offers a 2026 Ford Transit Van for \$59,640 to Kansas districts. An additional van would improve the district's fleet of vehicles and is on the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan. A HD trailer tow is also available for an additional \$442. Discussion was held.
12. Julee Beedy motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve purchasing a 2026 Ford Transit 10 Passenger Van through a state contract for \$59,640 with a HD trailer tow for an additional \$442. Motion passed 5-0.

WCES Principal's Report

13. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:
 - A. Principal Gardner said the custodial staff had been hard at work cleaning the building. The

teachers are in their rooms preparing for the new year.

- B. The grade school will have an ocean theme this year throughout the school building.
- C. This year we will have donuts with dad once a month. Information will be sent out.
- D. There will be a two car drop off this year, a video will be sent out on social media explaining the procedure.
- E. High Plains Educational Service is still in need of more paraeducators for the school year.
- F. This Wednesday is Sneak Peek at the grade school for grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Preschool will have a Sneak Peek on Thursday.
- G. The staff will have a welcome back video on social media for students.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

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

- A. Staff are working in their rooms in preparation of the new school year.
- B. A welcome back letter to all families is being sent out with some new updates to the policies.
- C. Practice in all sports will begin on Monday, August 18th.
- D. FastBridge and i-Ready testing will begin.
- E. Josh Young asked about college classes and if that information will be conveyed to all students.

Superintendent's Report

15. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following updates:

- A. The U. S. Department of Education is no longer delaying Federal Funds. The funds have not been made available to the district yet.
- B. The Nickelson sign has been getting too hot due to the extreme heat which affects the motherboard. The district can replace about 10 boards at \$250 per board or get a new motherboard which may be much more costly. The Board discussed options. Superintendent Maxwell will investigate further.
- C. Inservice was today for all staff and will also be tomorrow. Wednesday is a work day.
- D. Enrollment indicates that we are down about 23 students.

Board Member Vacancy

16. The Board must publicize a Notice of Vacancy for a minimum of 15 days before appointing a new member. The board may choose to continue as a six-person board until new members are elected in November and sworn-in in January, 2026. A new vice president will need to be selected. Discussion was held.

17. The Board collectively decided to continue as a six-person board until new members are elected in November and sworn-in in January, 2026.

18. Eryka Smith motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to elect Julee Beedy as the Vice-President. Motion passed 4-1 with Julee Beedy abstaining.

Executive Session for
Personnel

19. Eryka Smith motioned and Bruce Loy 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 8:02 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:12 p.m. Motion passed 5-0. Buck Bishop exited the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

20. The meeting returned to open session at 8:12 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

21. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk