

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, November 10, 2025 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Maegan Berry, 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: Amanda Baker, Adam Marcotte, Matt Price, Nate Brown, Sara Brown, (Veteran's Day Choir) Reid Marcy, Chloe Cooper, Delmar Hernandez, Baylee Long, Joaquin Wedel, Quentin Myers, Radley Cooper, Elly Baker, Nash Baker, Ethan Chavez, Hadley Berry, Kaladin Horton, Lyvia Imler, Jairah Hernandez, Quaid Imler, Maverick Louderbaugh, Wyatt Lofstrom, Maverick Porter, Kinsley Leggett, Eli Said Narvaez-Salvador, Loyal Casper, Ariana Murillo, and families of the choir.

Meeting Called to Order and
Choir Performance

3. Josh Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Wichita County Elementary Veteran's Day Choir performed for the Board and guests. The Board thanked the choir and Mrs. Gardner for their performance. The meeting convened at 7:08 p.m. and will reconvene at the Board of Education office at 7:15 p.m. The Veteran's Day Choir and families exited the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Approved Consent Agenda

4. Josh Young reconvened the Board of Education meeting at 7:15 p.m. Farrin Watt motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the October 13, 2025 regular meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.

- D. Approve the waiver of fees for the Wichita County Junior Senior High School building use for LVFD Fire School on January 31, and February 1, 2026.
- E. Accept a donation of \$1,091 to athletics from the tailgate donations on 10/17/25.
- F. Accept a donation of \$179.84 to athletics from Berta Binns, Farm Bureau Financial Services, from popcorn donations.
- G. Accept donations for the WCES Book Fair totaling \$2,600 as follows: Ag Pro Inc. \$150; James Myers \$100; Heritage Meats \$100; Security State Bank \$200; Berning Auction \$50; Great Plains Family Dentistry \$100; Community Thrift Shoppe \$300; Wichita County Treasurer \$100; City of Leoti \$100; Steve and Shelly Graff \$100; Anonymous \$100; Western Hardware \$100; KT Tire \$100; Charlie's Mexican Restaurant \$100; Berta Binns \$300; Gwen Wells \$50; Birdies Co. \$100; Cobalt Cattle \$250.
- H. Accept a donation of \$300 to the high school football team from Tonya Lamb for moving furniture.
- I. Accept a donation of \$1,617.05 to the Wichita County Junior Senior High School from Security State Bank from the hamburger feed.
- J. Accept a donation of \$100 to FFA from Western State Bank of Scott City for pumpkins.
- K. Accept a donation of \$140 to WCES from 5S Transport, LLC for third grade admission costs to the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays.
- L. Accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Community Thrift Shoppe, Inc. for JSHS volleyball.
- Motion passed 4-0. Julee Beedy entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Advisory Boards

5. Advisory Board Updates:

- **HPEC**-Bruce Loy-not present
- **WC Rec**-Eryka Smith-Little Dribblers has started, the pool is in need of a new heater pump.
- **PDC**-Farrin Watt-No update.
- **NW Tech**-Carol Laws-not present

- **EcoDevo**-Josh Young-They are looking for a new director. A new restaurant is opening downtown called Brothers Cafe & Cantina.
- **Negotiations**-Bruce Loy-not present
- **Calendar**-Josh Young & Farrin Watt-Superintendent Maxwell said she is working on next year's calendar.
- **CCC**-Eryka Smith-No update.
- **GLCC**-Maegan Berry- a new teacher has been hired for the 3 year old room.

Cooperative Agreement with Health Department

6. Superintendent Maxwell presented the Cooperative Agreement between USD 467 and Wichita County Health Department. The only change is the hourly rate. Discussion was held.

7. Julie Beedy motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the Wichita County Health Department. Motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Gardner entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

KESA

8. Superintendent Maxwell presented the KESA update. KESA is the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation. It is the state's accreditation model for school districts, which focuses on systemic change and continuous improvement rather than accrediting individual buildings. The model is a five-year cycle designed to help districts improve their education processes. The school district's focus on school improvement is based on the fundamental of standards alignment and the structure of professional collaboration. Discussion was held.

Greenhouse update

9. Mrs. Sheppard, Ag Instructor, is offering a greenhouse plant wintering project for the community. The cost is \$25 per plant through April. The students will care for the plant and the money will be used to fund greenhouse learning projects. Discussion was held.

WCES Principal's Report

10. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:
A. Parent/teacher conferences were a success with almost one hundred percent participation.

- B. The Halloween parade on October 31st was enjoyed by the schools and families. Mrs. Gardner received a lot of positive feedback.
- C. Veterans Day program is tomorrow with breakfast, a program, and flag retiring ceremony.
- D. Mrs. Bauck received a Civic Star Challenge award.
- E. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break, Mrs. Gardner will read a book to each class.
- F. The K-2 music program will be November 24th at 7:00 p.m. and the 3-6 music program will be December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

11. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:
 - A. Parent/teacher conferences had about 50% to 60% attendance in core classes.
 - B. Students will be participating in the ASVAB test.
 - C. Congratulations to Joleigh Mazanec for placing 7th and Ruger Mazanec for making it to State Cross Country.
 - D. Taylor Beedy, Jadee Crouch, Lilah Gerstberger, Jentri Porter, Addison Simons, Olivia Wedel, Sophia Wedel, and Kaylee Wilbur qualified for the SWKMEA District Choir. Laney Biel and Chadryn Smades qualified for the SWKMEA District Band.
 - E. Home Scholars Bowl is Tuesday, November 18th.
 - F. The High School Musical, Cinderella, is Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.
 - G. High School Scholars Bowl and Junior High Basketball has started, High School Basketball and Wrestling will begin practice next week.
 - H. Final exam incentives and state testing incentives were discussed.

Superintendent's Report

12. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following updates:
 - A. The financial audit is this week.
 - B. A special meal will be provided to Board members for the December 8th noon meeting.
 - C. The district has received a Bronze award for High School Graduation, a Bronze award for Academically Prepared for Postsecondary, and a Copper award for Postsecondary Effectiveness for the Kansans Can Star Recognition Program.

The program celebrates Kansas School districts and systems for their outstanding achievements in key areas that reflect success across the state's education system.

Executive Session for
Personnel

13. Farrin Watt motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to enter into executive session 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 8:23 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:53 p.m. Motion passed 5-0. Amanda Baker exited the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

14. The meeting returned to open session at 8:53 p.m. No action was taken.

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15. Farrin Watt motioned and Maegan Berry 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 8:54 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:04 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

16. The meeting returned to open session at 9:04 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

17. Josh Young officially adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Josh Young, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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