

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, March 9, 2026 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

2. Members present were: Maegan Berry, Bruce Loy, Adam Marcotte, James Myers, Matt Price, Eryka Smith, and Farrin Watt.

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; and guests: Andrea Bauck, Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Haylie Douglas, Haydon Parks, Stacy Porter, Shaelee Smith, and Courtney Young.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Eryka Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Adam Marcotte motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the February 9, 2026 board meeting.
  - C. Payments of bills.
  - D. Approve waiving the fees for practice field use from March 15, 2026 to May 15, 2026 for Wichita County Parks & Recreation for spring soccer practices and events.
  - E. Approve spring coaches as follows: HS Track: Janee Porter, Head; Allen Baker, Assistant; Layton Tankersley, Assistant; HS Golf: Nate Brown, Head; Wesley Cooper, Assistant; JH Track: Judith Lemus, Head; Stephanie Thelen-West, Assistant.
  - F. Approve the field trip request for second grade to visit School Daze at the Old Town Museum in Burlington, CO on May 12, 2026.
  - G. Gifts and Grants:
    - 1) Accept donation of \$300 from Andrea Bauck to WCES for America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary or other student activities determined by Mrs. Gardner.
    - 2) Accept a donation of \$500 from Western State Bank for Reality U.

- 3) Accept a donation of \$500 from Security State Bank for delinquent student meal accounts as part of the Random Acts of Kindness project.
- 4) Accept a donation of \$531.32 from the Wichita County Community Foundation, Inc. for hotel rooms for regional wrestling.
- 5) Accept a donation of \$500 from Security State Bank for Reality U.
- 6) Accept a donation of \$1,000 from the First Baptist Church to the WCJSHS Unpaid Fee Donations Account for student meals and fees.
- 7) Accept a donation of \$50 from an anonymous donor for FFA.

Motion passed 7-0.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Presentation

4. Teachers, Haylie Douglas and Shaelee Smith, shared activities from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. They shared that state testing begins in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and they are preparing the students. The students also created a "Family Traditions" book this year as a project. Discussion was held. The Board thanked the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers for their presentations. Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Smith exited the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

### Cardiac Emergency Response Planning

5. Ms. Maxwell presented the updated Cardiac Emergency Response Plan required per Kansas Senate Bill 19. The board of education of each school district shall adopt a comprehensive cardiac emergency response plan, including policies and procedures for cardiac emergency responses for each attendance center operated by the school district, based on the statewide standards developed by the secretary under subsection (a). The board may utilize any materials, documentation, video recordings, training modules and certifications published by organizations focused on emergency cardiovascular care. The plan has been updated and response simulations were held in each school on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. Matt Price motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan. Motion passed 7-0.

Gym Floor Refinishing Bids

7. MARC bid \$3,594.65 for the grade school gym and \$5,960 for the junior senior high school gym floor refinishing.
8. VonLintel bid \$2,529 for the grade school gym and \$3,342 for the junior senior high school gym floor water based refinishing. Discussion was held.
9. Matt Price motioned and Eryka Smith seconded to approve the VonLintel bid of \$2,529 for the grade school gym and \$3,342 for the junior senior high school gym floor refinishing. Motion passed 7-0.

Board Policy IFCB-R Field Trips

10. Superintendent Maxwell presented Board Policy IFCB-R Field Trips for consideration to also include athletics and other student activities. Board Policy IFCB-R states that any trips which will involve travel out of state or more than 100 miles from the district in state or which involve an overnight stay must be approved by the Board. Discussion was held. The Board agreed to table the discussion.

Neighborhood Revitalization Interlocal Agreement

11. The county commissioners voted to reduce the qualifying amount to \$25,000 from \$50,000 for the Neighborhood Revitalization Interlocal Agreement. Discussion was held.
12. Farrin Watt motioned and Matt Price seconded to approve the revised Neighborhood Revitalization Interlocal Agreement as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contract & Membership

13. Superintendent Maxwell presented the KASB Legal Assistance Fund contract for \$3,100 and the Membership renewal for 2026-2027 for \$7,308.41 with a Season Pass for an additional \$1,750. Discussion was held.
14. Farrin Watt motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to approve the KASB Legal Assistance Fund contract for \$3,100 and the Membership renewal for 2026-2027 for \$7,308.41, without the Season Pass. Motion passed 7-0.

WCES Principal's Report

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

- A. Read Week is March 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. The Theme is "Read, White, & Blue". The daily themes are as follows:
  - 1) Monday-Wear red, door decorating contest, book give away
  - 2) Tuesday- Wear white, read 250 books in one day, guest reader
  - 3) Wednesday- Wear blue, hang stars, read an American history book
  - 4) Thursday- Wear patriotic outfits, partner reading, color bookmarks
- B. Attendance letters are being sent out to families about student absenteeism if the students have missed more than 10 days this school year.
- C. Mrs. Gardner attended a City Council meeting last Monday to request setting off fireworks to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Permission was granted.
- D. Parent/teacher conferences are March 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

- 16. WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas, presented the following updates:
  - A. Angela Barreras, Gavvan Castillo, Tyson Peters, Beau Porter, Jentri Porter, and Jaelene Vestal qualified for State Wrestling. Jentri placed 1st, Beau placed 3rd, Tyson placed 4<sup>th</sup>, and Angela placed 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. The Junior High and High School Scholars Bowl teams completed their season.
  - C. The Junior High Music Festival is tomorrow.
  - D. Parent/teacher conferences are March 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. Mrs. Brown has a scheduling night planned.
  - F. State Testing will begin after spring break.
  - G. Golf and track will begin soon.
  - H. Zero hour will begin after spring break for students to do additional athletic training.
  - I. Prom is April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - J. Mr. Douglas presented the new cell phone policy proposal and would like to implement it 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The Board supports the new cell phone policy being implemented 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Superintendent's Report

- 17. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
  - A. Elkhart's request to leave High Plains Special Education Cooperative was denied. Elkhart is appealing.
  - B. The three Certificates of Deposit are maturing in April and May. The Board advised to reinvest if financially feasible.

Budget Discussion for 2026-2027

- 18. The leadership team presented actionable concepts to improve fiscal efficiency incorporating staff feedback and brainstorming insights. Discussion was held.

Review Teacher Contracts for 2026-2027

- 19. Superintendent Maxwell shared that the teacher contracts for consideration and reassigning of duties need to be reviewed to expedite the negotiation process. Discussion was held. Mrs. Bauck, Mrs. Porter, and Mrs. Young exited the meeting.

Executive Session for Personnel

- 20. Eryka Smith motioned and Matt Price 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 8:16 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:16 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

- 21. The meeting returned to open session at 9:16 p.m. Eryka Smith motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to hire Rees McKinney as the Wichita County Junior Senior High School principal starting with the 2026-2027 school year. A two-year contract is offered starting at \$85,000, with the subsequent year to be determined, pending his acceptance of the position. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for Personnel

- 22. Matt Price motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to enter into executive session with Mrs. Gardner 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 9:17 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:32 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

23. The meeting returned to open session at 9:32 p.m. Eryka Smith motioned and Matt Price seconded to approve a three-year contract with Misty Gardner as Wichita County Elementary School principal beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, with a salary of \$85,000, with subsequent years to be determined. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session Calendar  
and Negotiations

24. Farrin Watt motioned and Adam Marcotte 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 9:32 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 9:38 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

25. The meeting returned to open session at 9:38 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

26. Eryka Smith officially adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

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Eryka Smith, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk