

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, April 13, 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: Sara Brown and Andrea Bauck.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Eryka Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Bruce Loy motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Marqueta Keeton's resignation and discussion on Grow & Learn Childcare Center, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the March 7, 9, and 30, 2026 special meetings and the March 9, 2026 regular meeting.
 - C. Payment of bills and payroll.
 - D. Approve the field trip request from Mrs. Stephanie Thelen-West for two A & P students to participate in a Colorado field trip to hike and whitewater raft in May, 2026.
 - E. Approve the request from Jenny Long and Tiffany Wilbur to use the Wichita County Elementary gym for Leoti Lightning Swim Team's dryland workouts during inclement weather from May 18, 2026 to July 10, 2026. The building use fees would be waived.
 - F. Approve the hiring of Zach McNall as JH assistant track coach.
 - G. Approve Shannon Kreutzer's request to move more than one column on the salary schedule from Column I Bachelors to Column VI Masters.
 - H. Approve Shaelee Smith's request to move more than one column on the salary schedule from Column I Bachelors to Column IV.

- I. Approve Cambree Romero's request to move more than one column on the salary schedule from Column I Bachelors to Column III.
- J. Accept the resignation of Wyatt Wentz as the Industrial Arts teacher effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.
- K. Accept the resignation of Chasity Fritzmeier as the high school assistant volleyball coach effective at the end of the current school year.
- L. Accept the resignation of Phillip Weilert as the junior high head boys' basketball coach effective immediately.
- M. Accept the resignation of John Biermann as the high school assistant boys' basketball coach effective immediately.
- N. Accept the resignation of Isabel Rito as an ESL para effective at the end of the 25-26 school year.
- O. Gifts and Grants:
 - 1) Accept a donation of \$1,000 from Central Plains Equipment, Sharon Springs, for high school athletics.
 - 2) Accept a donation of \$4,909.60 from Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Council 2930 for special education needs.
 - 3) Accept an anonymous donation of \$50 for the Junior College Visit Day.
- P. Accept the resignation of Marqueta Keeton, FACS teacher effective at the end of the 25-26 school year.

Motion passed 7-0.

Handbooks

- 4. Handbook changes for the WCJSHS Student Handbook and WCJSHS Staff Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year were presented to the Board. There were no changes to the staff handbook. Discussion was held on the student handbook changes. Farrin Watt motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the changes as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Certificates of Deposit

- 5. Superintendent Maxwell presented information on the \$250,000 and \$350,000 CD with Western State Bank that matured April 1, 2026 and the \$500,000

CD with Security State Bank that is maturing as of May 4, 2026.

6. Bids for Certificates of Deposit (due by noon on April 8, 2026) were sent to Security State Bank and Western State Bank beginning May 1, 2026 for one \$250,000 and one \$350,000 Certificate of Deposit and beginning May 15, 2026 for two \$250,000 Certificates of Deposit.
7. Western State Bank's Certificates of Deposit bids for all amounts for 3 months is 3.65% APR/ 3.70% APY; 6 months is 3.65% APR/3.68% APY; 9 months is 3.65% APR/ 3.67% APY.
8. Security State Bank's Certificates of Deposit bids for all amounts for 3, 6, and 9 months is 3.80% APR/ 3.87% APY.
9. Farrin Watt motioned and Matt Price seconded to approve Security State Bank for all Certificates of Deposit bids with a 3.80% APR/ 3.87% APY, with a \$250,000 3 month and \$350,000 9 month Certificate of Deposit beginning May 1, 2026 and two \$250,000 9 month Certificates of Deposit beginning May 15, 2026. Motion passed 7-0.

Calendars

10. Options were discussed for the USD 467 printed calendars for future years. The current publisher, Paper Graphics out of Garden City will be closing soon. Therefore, the calendars will be printed in Wichita by City Print. Last year 750 calendars were printed and there are approximately 125 remaining. Discussion was held. It was decided to scale down to 500 printed calendars.

Grow & Learn Childcare Center

11. Maegan Berry, School Board representative for Grown & Learn Childcare Center, discussed the center's financial situation. Without grants to sustain and fund the center, the center is approximately in a \$192,000 deficit annually. The projected closing date for the center is May 1, 2026. Discussion was held.

WCES Principal's Report

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

- A. The parent/teacher conferences had 100% attendance (with one teacher that is finishing up due to being gone during that time).
- B. The Library Lego contest winners: 1st Joaquin Wedel, 2nd Baylee Long (upper grades), 1st Izabella Davalos, 2nd Baker Douglas (lower grades).
- C. Harlem Wizards had an assembly today at 1:00 p.m. for grades preschool through 12th grades.
- D. State testing ends April 24th.
- E. The grade school's celebration is May 11th for America's 250th. Wheatland Electric and Home Range Clean Power are donating the t-shirts.
- F. Third Grade Farm Tour in Scott City is April 17th.
- G. April 27th is Around the World Yo-Yo Entertainment assembly for Preschool-6th grades.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

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

- A. Parent/Teacher conferences had about 60% attendance for JH core classes and 40% for HS core classes.
- B. State testing is almost completed.
- C. Spring sports have started.
- D. Vocal and Band students have had great success and will be competing at State April 25th.
- E. State Powerlifting is April 18th.
- F. Prom went well, with a special thanks to the Jr. Class and Sponsors.
- G. The junior high home track meet is Thursday, April 16th.
- H. The home junior varsity golf meet is Friday, April 17th.
- I. The high school home track meet is Monday, April 27th.
- J. May 6th is the high school awards ceremony at 2:00 p.m.
- K. High School Graduation is on May 9th at 2:30 p.m.
- L. Mr. Douglas is taking the Praxis test tomorrow for his District Leadership.

Superintendent's Report

14. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:
- A. Interest earned from CD's January through December of 2025 is \$66,732.63.
 - B. The six month KESA check in with Dr. Amber Miller was April 1st:
 - 1) Six month target was met
 - 2) Looking at student outcome measures such as mini tests to show growth
 - 3) Learned about several KSDE online resources
 - 4) Compliant in all areas
 - C. High school track was canceled at Tribune April 10th due to weather. The track team will now compete in Larned on April 17th. Mrs. Porter will take students to State Powerlifting competition on Saturday.
 - D. Mrs. Sheppard and students have gifted Board members plants from the greenhouse. Almost 700 plants have been raised by students and will be offered for purchase next week.

Proposed 2026-2027 School Calendar

15. Farrin Watt motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to approve the proposed 2026-2027 school calendar for next year. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session for Personnel

16. Bruce Loy 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 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 8:17 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:57 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

17. The meeting returned to open session at 8:57 p.m. Eryka Smith motioned and Jim Myers seconded to approve teacher contracts for the 2026-2027 school year with all teachers that have not resigned. Each teacher's name that has not resigned was read. Motion passed 7-0.

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19. The Board returned to open session at 9:14 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

20. Bruce Loy motioned and Farrin Watt seconded to officially adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Eryka Smith, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk