

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, May 11, 2026 at the Board of Education office in Leoti, Kansas.

People Present

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Lori Maxwell; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; WCJSHS Principal, Brant Douglas; and guests: Janee Porter, Tara Biermann, Sara Brown, Michelle Sheppard, Susannah Louderbaugh, Tracey Baker, Amber Porter, Eli Said, and Ivy Berning.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Eryka Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Maegan Berry motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to approve the consent agenda, with adding Haydon Park's AD resignation, a donation from Scott Coop, Michelle Sheppard GLCC audience, hiring Rick Horton as a coach, and clarification on golf, consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the April 13, 2026 board meeting.
  - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
  - D. Approve the summer weights supplemental as follows:

Full-time: Brant Douglas and Wesley Cooper.  
Half-time: Ashley Geyer, Bryce Nickelson, Kayde Rietzke, & Haydon Parks

    - 1) Approve the hiring of Bailey Preedy as assistant high school volleyball coach.
    - 2) Approve the hiring of Susannah Louderbaugh as assistant junior high girls' basketball coach.
    - 3) Approve the hiring of Rick Horton as head junior high boys' basketball coach.
  - E. Accept the resignation of Judith Lemus as the junior high girls' assistant basketball coach.
  - F. Accept the resignation of Cordell Brown as the junior high boys' assistant football coach.

- G. Accept the resignation of DeAnna Paul as crossing guard effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.
- H. Accept the resignation of Haydon Parks as Athletic Director.
- I. Approve Mariah Sheppard's request to move more than one column on the salary schedule from Column I Bachelors to Column III.
- J. Approve Haydon Parks' request to move more than one column on the salary schedule from Column VI to column VIII (Masters + 16 hours).
- K. Gifts and Grants:
  - 1) Accept a donation of \$1,500 from Scott Community Foundation from the Wheatland Electric Sharing Success Grant Fund for t-shirts for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration.
  - 2) Accept donations of \$6,000 from the Finnup Foundation for the grade school art teacher.
  - 3) Accept a donation of \$500 from the Community Thrift Shoppe, Inc. for the junior class college trip in 2027.
  - 4) Accept a donation of \$875 to athletics from Scott Cooperative.

Motion passed 6-0.

Fifth-Grade Presentation

- 4. Fifth-grade students Ivy Berning and Eli Said presented their "Wax Museum" and "Volume Zoo" projects to the Board of Education. The Board recognized the students for their work and thanked fifth-grade teachers Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Porter for supporting these instructional projects. Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Porter, and students exited the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Grow & Learn Childcare Center Request

- 5. Michelle Sheppard, representing the GLCC Board, presented a request for additional playground space. This space is required to accommodate a restructured daycare program. Discussion was held. The Board gave permission to GLCC for additional playground space. Michelle Sheppard exited the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Handbook Changes 2026-27

- 6. Handbook changes for the WCES Student handbook, WCES Staff handbook, and WCJSHS Technology policy for the 2026-27 school year were

presented to the Board. Discussion was held. Matt Price motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to approve the WCES Student handbook, WCES Staff handbook, and WCJSHS Technology policy for the 2026-27 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Advisory Board Updates

7. **HPEC**-Bruce Loy-Working on staff changes.
8. **Rec**-Eryka Smith-New board member, baseball is starting, recertify lifeguards.
9. **PDC**-Farrin Watt & Maegan Berry-No update.
10. **FHTNW**-Carol Laws-No update.
11. **ECO DEVO**-Matt Price-Susannah Louderbaugh is the new director.
12. **Negotiations**-Bruce Loy & Matt Price- A date has not been set yet for negotiations.
13. **Calendar**-Jim Myers & Farrin Watt-A calendar has been agreed upon.
14. **CCC**-Eryka Smith-April 29<sup>th</sup> the committee met, math curriculum is working on alignment, social studies curriculum is validating May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, the long range plan was reviewed.
15. **Grow & Learn**-Maegan Berry-An in-home model will begin soon.

Jim Myers suggested a new lease agreement with Grow & Learn Childcare Center.

#### Girls' Golf

16. Discussion was held on discontinuing the standalone girls' golf program in the fall and permitting female student participation in boys' golf during the spring season. Jim Myers motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to discontinue the standalone girls' golf program in the fall and permit female student participation in boys' golf during the spring season. Motion passed 6-0.

#### WCES Principal's Report

17. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:
  - A. Classes are busy with field trips.
  - B. Testing will be completed soon.
  - C. Preschool graduation is May 13<sup>th</sup> and kindergarten graduation is May 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - D. Field day is May 14<sup>th</sup> with an ice cream truck to end the activities.

E. Mrs. Gardner wished to thank the following for their help with America's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration and apologized if she forgot anyone:

- (1) Andrea Bauck-Suggested the celebration & donated towards fireworks.
- (2) Matt Price-Firework display
- (3) Justin & Tammy Mason-scooping ice cream
- (4) Staff- that helped serve ice cream
- (5) Mrs. Staab-6<sup>th</sup> Grade band performance
- (6) Mrs. Bishop- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade vocal performance
- (7) Ron Lamaster & Buck Bishop-Set up
- (8) T-Shirts – Wheatland Electric & Home Range Wind LLC
- (9) Guest Speakers- Milan & Dorene Reimer, Terry Laws, and Dustin Fritzmeier

WCJSHS Principal's Report

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

- A. State testing has been completed.
- B. Finals are this week for all students.
- C. The high school awards and graduation were last week.
- D. Band/Vocal & Industrial Arts positions are still open.
- E. Athletic Director responsibilities.
- F. Mr. Douglas would like to purchase an autonomous AI field-marking machine. The machine replaces manual labor with a GPS-guided robot. The annual cost will be approximately \$8,000 per year but cost savings in manual labor and 50% less paint used. He would also like to ask the TRIBE and the Rec to discuss a partnership as it can be used for painting fields for soccer, football, baseball, parking lots, etc.

Superintendent's Report

19. Superintendent Maxwell presented the following district updates:

- A. There will be a staff reception on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. to honor staff with years of service recognition and retirees.

Executive Session for Personnel

20. Bruce Loy motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to enter into executive session with Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Douglas, and 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 8:02 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:52 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

21. The Board returned to open session at 8:52 p.m. Bruce Loy motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve rehiring all classified staff for the 2026-27 school year with salaries to be determined after negotiations. Motion passed 6-0.

22. Adam Marcotte motioned and Matt Price seconded to approve hiring Taylor Beedy as a teacher apprentice for the 2026-27 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

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24. The Board returned to open session at 8:58 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

25. Matt Price motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

26. Eryka Smith officially adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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Eryka Smith, President

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Tammy Mason, Board Clerk