

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 10, 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, Eryka Smith, and Farrin Watt.

Also present were: Superintendent, Brant Douglas; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; WCJSHS Principal, Rees McKinney; and Guests: Nate Brown and Sara Brown.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Eryka Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
4. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Farrin Watt motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve the consent agenda, with the addition of item D4, consisting of:
 - A. Agenda for the meeting.
 - B. Minutes for the July 13, 2026 special meeting.
 - C. Payments of bills and payroll.
 - D. Personnel Actions:
 1. Accept the resignation of Janee Porter as the High School Track Head Coach effective immediately.
 2. Approve Zach McNall as the Junior High Assistant Football Coach for 2026.
 3. Approve Nikki Bjurstrom as the WCES Art Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.
 4. Approve Norma Magadan and Margaret Bocanegra as crossing guards.
 - E. Approve waiving the building fees for Wichita County Parks & Recreation for the 2026 volleyball and football season from 8/15/26 to 11/15/26.
 - F. Accept a donation of \$898.50 from the Tribe for iPads.Motion passed 7-0.

Audiences

5. There were no audiences or groups.

2026-2027 Budget Update

6. Superintendent Douglas presented the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year. The General will be \$4,226,607 and Supplemental General will be \$1,412,222. The District will exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. The budget will be published in the newspaper for review. An RNR hearing is scheduled for September 14th at 6:45 p.m. and the budget hearing at 6:50 p.m. Discussion was held.

Classified and Substitute Handbooks

7. Superintendent Douglas presented the Classified and Substitute Handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year. There were no significant changes. Discussion was held. Maegan Berry motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve the Classified and Substitute Handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Title I Parent Involvement Policy

8. Superintendent Douglas presented the Title I Parent Involvement policy for the 2026-27 school year. Bruce Loy motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to approve the Title I Parent Involvement policy as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

BlueCross/BlueShield Insurance Renewal

9. Superintendent Douglas presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Renewal for the 2026-27 school year. The insurance rates have increased from last year. A single premium is \$780.82, with the district paying all of a single premium. Discussion was held. Adam Marcotte motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Renewal for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

GCCC Cooperative Agreement

10. Superintendent Douglas presented the Garden City Community College Cooperative Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion was held. Farrin Watt motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the GCCC Cooperative Agreement as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Advisory Board Updates

11. Advisory Board updates are as follows:
 - A. **HPEC**-Bruce Loy- One para short for the grade school. Bruce is the Vice-President of the HPEC Board of Directors.

- B. **Rec**-Eryka Smith-Deciding if 5th & 6th grade will have tackle football and if they will go to 8-Man, the pool will be closing for the season.
- C. **PDC**-Farrin Watt & Maegan Berry- Leslie Niswonger is the PDC Chair and Deb West will be putting in the points for staff members. The accountability is changing for PDC points.
- D. **FHTNW**-Carol Laws-Not in attendance.
- E. **ECO DEVO**-Matt Price- A community meeting was held to discuss ideas.
- F. **Negotiations**-Bruce Loy & Matt Price- Negotiations are completed.
- G. **Calendar**-Jim Myers & Farrin Watt-NA.
- H. **CCC**-Eryka Smith-No update.
- I. **Grow & Learn**-Maegan Berry-Three rooms are open. They are working out the schedule for dropping off and picking up preschool students. They will transition into the new model after completion of the playground areas.

Principal's Report

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

- A. Teachers have been working in their rooms preparing for the new school year.
- B. The music and physical education schedules have changed this year.
- C. The theme for this school year is "Creating Space for our Students to Succeed".
- D. The current enrollment figures are as follows: Pre K-29, K-30, 1st-27, 2nd-28, 3rd-35, 4th-22, 5th-27, 6th -22. Currently we have gained 13 new students and lost 3.
- E. A "color walk" for staff and family was last night and we had a good turn out despite the heat.

WCJSHS Principal, Rees McKinney, presented the following updates:

- F. Mr. McKinney is becoming familiar with the building and grounds and is very impressed with how well it is maintained and that the custodial staff has worked diligently to prepare it for the new school year.
- G. The teachers have been in the building preparing their rooms for the new year and

office staff returned on August 3rd. Everyone has been very helpful and it has given him an opportunity to get to know everyone.

H. The current enrollment figures are as follows: 7th-24, 8th-25, 9th-30, 10th-23, 11th-28, 12th-23. Currently we have gained 9 new students and lost 8.

I. Mr. McKinney expressed his gratitude to the Board for the breakfast and lunch provided and for being at inservice to support staff.

J. The Jr.Sr. high school will be on a 10:00 schedule the first day.

Superintendent's Report

13. Superintendent Douglas presented the following district updates:

A. The district building walk through will be September 14th at 5:45 p.m., the RNR Hearing will be at 6:45 p.m, the Budget Hearing will be at 6:50 p.m., and the regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

B. Board training is scheduled for September 21st at 6:00 p.m with Bill Biermann, a meal will be provided.

C. Inservice went well today with the highlight being former students and community members that spoke about the impact school and our staff had on them.

D. The staff will have inservice again tomorrow, a work day on Wednesday, and welcome back students on Thursday.

E. Trees have been removed from the northwest corner of the football field to improve visibility.

Executive Session for Personnel

14. Farrin Watt motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Gardner, and Mr. McKinney 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 7:37 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting returned to open session at 8:27 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

15. Farrin Watt motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to officially adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Eryka Smith, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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