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

People Present

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

   Also present were: Superintendent, Brant Douglas; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal Misty Gardner; WCJSHS Principal, Rees McKinney; and Guests: Nate Brown, Sara Brown, Aron White, (Veteran's Day Choir) Griffin Berning, Lawson Berning, Bodie Fletcher, Kennedy Long, Blayson Smith, Alexis White, Hudson Wishon, Elly Baker, Nash Baker, Ronnie Harding, Jairah Hernandez, Dylan Lopez, Maverick Louderbaugh, Emmet McKinney, Maverick Porter, Ivy Berning, LT Casper, Reid Horton, Kinsley Leggett, Eli Said Narvaez-Salvador, and families of the choir.

Meeting Called to Order and Choir Performance

3. Eryka Smith 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 Veteran's Day Choir and families exited the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Audiences

4. Aron White thanked the Board for allowing the Fall Festival at the grade school gymnateria on October 31st. There were approximately 190 children in attendance. Aron White exited the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Approved Consent Agenda

5. Adam Marcotte motioned and Bruce Loy seconded to approve the consent agenda with addition of CommunityThrift Shoppe donation and audience member Aron White, consisting of:
   A. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
   B. Minutes for the October 12, 2026 regular meeting.

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C. Payments of bills and payroll.
D. Approve hiring Misty Gardner as the high school assistant girls' wrestling coach for the 2026-2027 season.
E. Accept a donation of $6,870 for the high school boys' basketball team from the car show and golf tournament fundraiser.
F. Accept a donation of $1,859 from the Security State Bank tailgate to the high school athletics.
G. Accept donations for the WCES Book Fair totaling $2,680 as follows: Billie Biel Memorial $100; Heritage Meats $100; D&S Equipment $50; Security State Bank $200; American Implement $50; Leoti Ag Supply $50; Eisenhour and Graff $50; Berning Auction $50; Great Plains Family Dentistry $100; Community Thrift Shoppe $300; City of Leoti $100; Steve and Shelly Graff $100; Anonymous $200; Western Hardware $100; KT Tire $100; Berta Binns $300; Price Repair $250; in memory of Eugene Biel $50; Out West Farm & Crop $100; in memory of Jane Baker $25; in honor of Sharon Steinle $25; Wichita County Library $100; in memory of Twila Nickelson $30; Leoti Foods $100; Berning Auction $50.
H. Approve the disposition request list from Buck Bishop.
I. Accept a donation of $800 from the Community Thrift Shoppe for the high school musical.

Motion passed 5-0.

Advisory Boards

6. Advisory Board Updates:
   - **HPEC**-Bruce Loy/Adam Marcotte-Fully staffed.
   - **WC Rec**-Eryka Smith-Little Dribblers has started.
   - **PDC**-Farrin Watt/Maegan Berry- No update.
   - **NW Tech**-Carol Laws-Applied to add a lineman program and drone program. $400,000 was lost in funding.
   - **EcoDevo**-Matt Price-30th Anniversary December 2nd for Eco Devo.
   - **Negotiations**-Bruce Loy & Matt Price-No update.
   - **Calendar**-Jim Myers & Farrin Watt-Not present.
   - **CCC**-Eryka Smith-No update.

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- **GLCC**-Maegan Berry- Aimee Baker is the director, Sonia Baker is the office admin. New Board members.

Property & Casualty Insurance Premium

7. Superintendent Douglas presented the property and casualty insurance premium for EMC insurance through Associated Services in the amount of $199,744. Discussion was held.

8. Matt Price motioned and Maegan Berry seconded to approve the property and casualty insurance premium for EMC insurance for $199,744. Motion passed 5-0.

KESA

9. Superintendent Douglas 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 now a one-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.

District Policy Review

10. Superintendent Douglas reviewed the following district policies: **DB**-Budget Planning and **EBBE**-Emergency Drills. Discussion was held.

WCES Principal's Report

11. WCES Principal, Misty Gardner, presented the following updates:
    A. Students were celebrated for Character of the Month: Responsibility.
    B. Second grade attended a pumpkin patch and third grade attended the Sternberg Museum. Next week the fifth grade is going to the Cosmosphere.
    C. The Veterans Day Choir performed at the nursing home today, they will perform at the Veterans Day program on Wednesday, and the home football game on Friday.
    D. The 50th day of school was celebrated by some classes.
    E. There will also be a flag retirement ceremony after the program on Wednesday.

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F. Family Engagement Night is this Thursday from 4pm-7pm.
G. Parent/teacher conferences were a success with one hundred percent participation.
H. Winter Fastbridge testing is November 30th through December 11th.
I. The all school Turkey Trot is November 23rd.

WCJSHS Principal's Report

12. WCJSHS Principal, Rees McKinney, presented the following updates:
    A. Seventy two students were represented at parent/teacher conferences.
    B. October 20th was pre-ACT for freshmen and October 22nd was PSAT and ASVAB.
    C. STUCO brought in guest speakers Ken Martinez, PA and Maggie Hamilton, PA.
    D. The school hosted a blood drive on October 28th.
    E. Mrs. Brown held a "CLUE" game for the JSHS.
    F. Home Scholars Bowl is Tuesday, November 17th, we would like to request an early dismissal at 2:15 p.m.
    G. Junior high volleyball finished 2nd at league.
    H. Junior High basketball has started.
    I. Fastbridge testing will be on December 8th.
    J. I-Ready diagnostic testing will be conducted January 12th.

Superintendent's Report

13. Superintendent Douglas presented the following updates:
    A. The Athletic Director report: Rule 10 coaches are obtaining required training, congratulations to Joleigh Mazanec for placing 8th and Ruger Mazanec for making it to State Cross Country, congratulations to Rylee Hanson HPL Volleyball 2nd team and Cele Baker Honorable Mention, this week is Buffer week, a check out list has been given to coaches.
    B. Site Council met October 26th.
    C. With the Board's approval, we would like to sell unused inventory to make better use of our space and help fund our current programs. The Board agreed.
    D. The estimated cost of relocating the Board of Education office is approximately $455,000.

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E. The grade school HVAC units will need to be replaced because repairs could lead to further expenses.
F. The Board is invited to eat at the school cafeteria on December 14th prior to the noon meeting.
G. The carpet quote is approximately $127,000.
H. Our current bond will be fully paid in October 2029, creating an opportunity to explore a replacement bond for upcoming electrical upgrades and capital improvements.

November 17th Early Dismissal Request

14. Mr. McKinney is requesting an early dismissal of 2:15p.m. for the junior-senior high school on November 17th to accommodate a home Scholars Bowl meet, which requires most of the staff and several students to help run the event.

15. Bruce Loy motioned and Matt Price seconded to approve the calendar change of an early dismissal for the junior-senior high school on November 17th at 2:15 p.m. to accommodate a home Scholars Bowl meet. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session for Personnel

16. Bruce Loy motioned and Eryka Smith 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 exectutive session at 7:45 p.m. and return to open session in the board room at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

17. The meeting returned to open session at 8:10 p.m. No action was taken.

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Adjournment

18. Matt Price motioned and Adam Marcotte seconded to officially adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Eryka Smith, President

Tammy Mason, Board Clerk

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