

**Board of Education Special Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
March 3, 2021 · 5 p.m.
Wichita High School North Lecture Hall
1437 Rochester · Wichita KS**



Wichita Public Schools will be the district of choice in our region, where all students and staff are empowered to dream, believe and achieve.

Pursuant to Governor Laura Kelly's State of Disaster Emergency Declarations concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to authority granted under Kansas Administrative Regulation 16-20-01, as well as the Board of Education's concern for the health and safety of the public, the public will not attend this BOE meeting except as described in Public Communications.

Board meetings have been reopened for Public Communications. Thus, the practice of accepting E-mail Public Comment has been discontinued. E-mails may still be sent to Board members at their e-mail addresses, which are available at www.usd259.org/boe under "BOE Contact Information and Profiles."

One representative from each news media organization will be allowed to attend the meeting. During the BOE Meeting's agenda, one representative from the Service Employees International Union and the United Teachers of Wichita respectively will be permitted to make a Report.

The Board meeting will be shared "live" via WPS-TV on Cox Channel 20, the district's Web site at www.usd259.org/wpstvonline, or by searching **WPS-TV** on the Livestream app for phone, Roku, and Apple TV.

Following its conclusion, this meeting will be available on the Wichita Public Schools' YouTube channel. It will also be rebroadcast on WPS-TV Cox Cable Channel 20, and online at WPS-TV 10 times per week. The rebroadcast schedule is available on our website, www.usd259.org/boe.

I. Roll Call

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Statement about the COVID-19 Modified Meeting Format

II. Reports

- A. Report – Service Employees International (SEIU)
- B. Report – United Teachers of Wichita

III. Public Communications

At special BOE meetings, public comment shall be allowed only during Public Communications on topics that pertain to agenda items. During the COVID-19 modified meeting format, patrons who want to address the Board during Public Communications may register to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board at 973-4553 **prior to 10 a.m.** on the day of the BOE meeting. The number of speakers at special BOE meetings shall be limited to ten. Registration will not be permitted at the meeting room prior to the meeting. Speakers are required to wear protective face masks and practice social distancing at all times while they are in North High. Speakers will be met by WPS Security and escorted to the hallway north of the North High Lecture Hall. During Public Communications, speakers will be called into the lecture hall to address the Board from a podium that is equipped with a Plexiglas shield. A speaker's comments will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students, and will not exceed 3 minutes. Due to COVID-19, the Board and staff will not accept documents or other items from speakers. After addressing the Board at the podium, speakers will be required to leave the North High Lecture Hall and the building.

IV. Consent

A. Human Resources – None submitted.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: [January 2021](#)

[Appendix 1](#)

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Monthly Finance Report: [January 2021](#)

[Appendix 2](#)

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: This is a monthly report to the Board on the budget and finances of the district.

Recommendation: The report is provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.

3. Financial Services Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Appendix 3

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Fabian Armendariz
Funding Source: Non-Federal Grants
2020-21 Budget

Purpose: The district's financial enterprise planning system is currently being upgraded to a Cloud-based system. The district will need a storage solution for 2005-2019 financial data not migrating to the new Cloud system in order to respond to KORA requests, prepare ongoing comparative financial reports and access data for other financial and audit inquiries. The district has explored several solutions. Based upon that research and recommendations from the district's IST team, an Oracle Cloud storage platform is recommended for ease of user access and for long-term, low cost licensing. The district would purchase conversion and licensing services through an Oracle partner – Astute Business Solutions. There is a one-time data conversion fee of \$60,000. Annually, there will be a Cloud license fee, which should diminish over time as there is less need to access older data. The first year anticipated access license is anticipated to be about \$15,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board enter into a professional services agreement with Astute Business Solutions not to exceed \$75,000 to migrate the financial data to an Oracle Cloud storage solution with a year of licensing access.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent Appendix 4

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Hustler Mowers	\$22,460.00	Luke Newman

D. Programs/Grants – None submitted.

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for [February 8, 2021](#) Appendix 5

Contact(s): Mike Willome

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for [February 8, 2021](#) are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

V. Operations

A. Board of Education Interviews: BOE District 5 Vacancy

Purpose: At the regular Board of Education meeting on February 8, 2021, Board member Mike Rodee resigned his position on the Board of Education. At that meeting, the Board approved the publication of a legal notice in *The Wichita Eagle* regarding the vacancy. The Board also approved an application and interview process. The legal notice was published on February 11th, and it provided interested persons until noon on February 24th to submit completed applications and letters of reference. An application form, BOE District 5 map, and other information were available on the BOE's section of the district Web site from February 9th until noon on February 24th. Tonight, the Board will interview all qualified applicants.

The Interview Process: Applicants will be interviewed in the order applications were received. The Board will interview one applicant at a time. The other applicants will wait in the North High Library. Applicant interview topics will include: Diversity; Superintendent Relations; Community Relations; Board Relations; the District's Mission Statement and Strategic Plan; and the District's Budget. Each Board member will ask one question from the interview topics above. The applicant will have up to two (2) minutes to respond to each question. A timer on the lecture hall's projection screens will show the time remaining. There will be no follow-up questions. At the end of each interview, the applicant will have the opportunity to ask one question to the Board President and to make a closing statement that lasts no longer than 60 seconds. Applicants who have completed their interviews may remain in the meeting room if they so desire.

1. Mia R. Turner
2. Kristina L. Nutsch
3. Kathleen M. Bond
4. Timothy D. Phares
5. Danielle M. Ramirez
6. Samuel A. McConnell
7. Kimberly D. Wilson
8. Seth A. Tiger
9. Donovan P. Carson

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board to interview applicants and to take other action regarding this process.

VI. Adjournment