

**Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
March 8, 2021 · 6 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 noted in the Public Communications section.

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 – Good News

1. Improving Race Relations in Kansas Government Award.
On behalf of the Wichita Public Schools, Superintendent Alicia Thompson received the 2021 Improving Race Relations in Kansas Government Award by the Faith and Hard Works Ministry, Inc.
Contact(s): Wendy Johnson
2. 2020-21 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway Award Winners.
Fourteen high school seniors will be recognized for winning the CTE Pathway Awards.
Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld
3. Education Edge 150 in 150 and Koch Classroom Grants.

Education EDGE Classroom Mini-Grants

Awardee Name	School	Amount	Project
Dena Spechtenhauser	Stanley	\$1,500	Instruments for All
Emily Bahl	Washington	\$1,500	Increasing Reading Fluency and Comprehension Through Take Home Book Bags
Emily Runyan	L'Ouverture	\$1,500	Indoor Sensory Paths
Christopher Garza	Heights	\$1,500	Robotics Program Competition Expansion
Megan Berndt	Gammon	\$1,500	An Outdoor Literacy Emotional Regulation Environment
Christy Goentzel	Mead	\$1,500	Building a Current Relevant Library Collection
Kevin Loss	Chisholm Life Skills	\$1,500	Audio Visual Lab
Kasey Candea-Kromm	Earhart	\$1,500	Exploring Nature with Children Fiction and Non-Fiction Text Resource for the Classroom
Paula Meirowsky	Seltzer	\$1,500	E Books for Remote Students
Nicholas Green	West	\$1,500	Esports Support

Koch Classroom Mini-Grants

Awardee Name	School	Amount	Project
Hannah Kelderman	North	\$3,000	Engineering Essentials: An Introductory Course for All Students
Candida Wise	Spaght	\$3,000	Drum Circle Program: Learning STEM Through Music
Eric Hansen	Heights	\$3,000	Falcon Farmers Outdoor STEM Lab
Martha Gates	Southeast	\$3,000	A STEM Investment in Students Through Sewing in the Theatre Classroom
Jessica Schmidt	Harry Street	\$3,000	Ozobots and Green Screen for Library

Contact(s): Holly Wilson, Shawn Chastain, J. Means

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Good News (Continued)

4. Wichita Public Schools All-State Student Musicians.
Recognition of WPS Student Musicians selected to participate in the 2021 Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) All-State Ensembles. All-State virtual rehearsals occurred during late January and early February, followed by a February 27th virtual performance during the KMEA 2021 in-service workshop.
Contact(s): Shawn Chastain
- B. Report – Service Employees International (SEIU)
- C. Report – United Teachers of Wichita

III. Public Communications

At regular BOE meetings, public comment shall be allowed only during Public Communications on topics that pertain to items on the BOE Agenda or items within the jurisdiction of the Board. 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 regular 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.

Speakers:

1. Amanda Anderson, 6120 Jacqueline St., Wichita 67208. Topic: Bringing MySchool Remote students back for 4th quarter.
2. Heather Kincaid, 7627 E. 37th St. N., Wichita 67226. Topic: Potential for all students to return to in-person classes.
3. Patricia Hileman, 139 S. Fountain, Wichita 67218. Topic: Pandemic response.

IV. Education

A. Continuing Discussion: Pandemic Response and 4th Quarter Learning Model

Contact(s): Alicia Thompson
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The purpose of tonight's agenda item is to review current COVID data indicators and discuss the plan that Superintendent Alicia Thompson will recommend to return PreK-12 students to WPS classrooms at the beginning of the 4th quarter on Monday, March 29.

Recommendation: Tonight's agenda item provides an opportunity for the Board's discussion and/or appropriate action.

B. Summer School Presentation

Contact(s): Terrell Davis, Andi Giesen
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The purpose of this presentation is to share current plans for summer learning opportunities with the Board.

Recommendation: This presentation is for the Board's information.

V. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Note: The Human Resources report is not published on the district's Web site. The report is available from the Clerk of the Board's office before noon on Board meeting dates.

B. Finance

1. Monthly Finance Report: [February 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.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 3

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. North High Athletic Uniforms	\$350,000.00	Terrell Davis
2. Security Service Vehicles	\$53,297.16	Luke Newman Terri Moses
3. Wireless Access Points	\$1,973,770.29	Rob Dickson
4. Edgenuity Online Curriculum	\$149,700.00	Rob Dickson
5. Apsian Multi Factor Authentication	\$37,677.00	Rob Dickson
6. Food – January 2021	\$628,235.55	Fabian Armendariz
7. Supply – January 2021	\$209,402.02	Fabian Armendariz

2. Child Development Center: Heights High School

Appendix 4

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay

2020-21 Budget

Purpose: The 2020-21 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for the Child Development Center at Heights High School. Bids were received on February 19, 2021, according to plans and specifications by DLR Group. The low base bid with alternates was submitted by Compton Construction Services, LLC, in the amount of \$619,168.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$679,168, which includes the above base bid, Alternates 1 and 2, and a contingency amount of \$60,000 with Compton Construction Services, LLC, for the Child Development Center at Heights High School.

Base Bid:	\$596,170
Alternate #1 Cushioned Synthetic Turf Playground Surface	\$12,226
Alternate #2 Shade Structures	\$10,772
Contingency Allowance:	\$60,000
Total:	\$679,168

3. Exterior Restoration: North High School – Phase Two

Appendix 5

Contact(s): Luke Newman
 Funding Source: Capital Outlay
 2020-21 Budget

Purpose: The 2020-21 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for Phase Two of Exterior Restoration at North High School. Bids were received on February 19, 2021, according to plans and specifications by Mauler Engineering, LLC. The low base bid with alternate was submitted by Restoration & Waterproofing Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$354,131.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$382,131, which includes the above base bid, Alternate #1, and a contingency amount of \$28,000 with Restoration & Waterproofing Contractors, Inc., for Phase Two of Exterior Restoration at North High School.

Base Bid:	\$215,416
Alternate #1 Additional Exterior Walls	\$138,715
Contingency Allowance:	\$28,000
Total:	\$382,131

4. Roof Replacement: McLean Elementary, Robinson Middle, and Heights High Schools

Appendix 6

Contact(s): Luke Newman
 Funding Source: Capital Outlay
 2020-21 Budget

Purpose: The 2020-21 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for the roof replacement at McLean Elementary, Robinson Middle, and Heights High Schools. Bids were received on February 4, 2021, according to plans and specifications. The low base bid for McLean Elementary was submitted by Buckley Roofing Company, Inc., in the amount of \$158,208; the low base bid for Robinson Middle was submitted by Wray Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$60,490; and the low base bid for Heights High was submitted by Wray Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$242,217.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$171,208, which includes the above base bid and \$13,000 contingency, with Buckley Roofing Company, Inc., for the roof replacement at McLean Elementary School; and approve an amount not to exceed \$326,707, which includes the above base bids and a contingency of \$24,000 with Wray Roofing, Inc., for the roof replacement at Robinson Middle and Heights High Schools.

Buckley Roofing, Co., Inc.	
Base Bid – McLean Elementary School	\$158,208
Contingency Allowance:	\$13,000
Total:	\$171,208

Wray Roofing, Inc.	
Base Bid – Robinson Middle School	\$60,490
Base Bid – Heights High School	\$242,217
Contingency Allowance:	\$24,000
Total:	\$326,707

D. Programs/Grants – None submitted.

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for [March 3, 2021](#)

[Appendix 7](#)

Contact(s): Mike Willome

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for [March 3, 2021](#) are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund – Special Liability, 52 Fund – Worker’s Compensation Reserve Fund
2020-21 Budget

Purpose: Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for February 2021 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$24,386.80.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for February 2021 legal services and expenses for Worker’s Compensation in the amount of \$9,821.57

This brings the 2020-21 fiscal year-to-date total to \$182,491.10 for Civil Litigation services and \$57,980.25 for Worker’s Compensation services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Worker’s Compensation under the school district’s self-insured programs for February 2021 in the amount of \$24,386.80 to Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$9,821.57 to McDonald Tinker PA.

3. Proposed Policy Deletion: BOE Policy 5510

[Appendix 8](#)

Purpose: As permitted by BOE Policy 0150 – Functions of the Board, this consent item includes minor revisions to existing policies. This consent item may also include revisions to existing policy as a result of federal, state, or local law or regulation.

Background: BOE Policy 5510 was originally written in the 1970s to describe the district’s desegregation plan. This policy detailed the process for assigning students to schools through a lottery system. On January 28, 2008, the Board approved the Superintendent’s Plan to end forced busing for desegregation purposes, effective the 2008-09 school year. In 2008, the district submitted its plan to end forced busing to the Office of Civil Rights (“OCR”) at the U.S. Department of Education. This plan emphasized school choice and magnet schools. On November 5, 2012, the Board approved a new Office of Civil Rights Plan that was based on the 2008 plan. On January 4, 2013, the Office of Civil Rights approved this plan. The plan described in BOE Policy 5510 is no longer in effect, and the policy is recommended for deletion.

Summary

Policy	Title	Person Responsible
5510	Desegregation and Education Equity Plan – Pupil Assignments – <i>Propose for Deletion</i>	Fabian Armendariz Andi Giesen

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve deletion of BOE Policy 5510.

4. City of Wichita Petition for Sanitary Sewer Replacement at Hyde Elementary

Appendix 9

Contact(s): Luke Newman, Dan Lawrence
Funding Source: Special Assessment Fund
2020-21 Budget

Purpose: The sanitary sewer line at Hyde Elementary broke. The district has been presented with a petition from the City of Wichita that supports the replacement of that sanitary sewer line, including engineering and construction. The estimated cost of replacement is \$50,000. The petition provides that the district will pay 100%. The district will pay the \$50,000 assessment when the project is completed.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the Board President to approve the Petition for the City of Wichita to make sanitary sewer improvements to Hyde Elementary School as described above. The petition is provided in [Appendix 9](#).

VI. Policy

A. Second Review: New BOE Policy 1117 – Title IX Sexual Harassment and Complaint Procedure

Appendix 10

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Wichita Public Schools prohibits sexual harassment. New BOE Policy 1117 - Sexual Harassment and Complaint Procedure is intended to ensure compliance with certain amendments of the regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) that took effect on August 14, 2020.

For Title IX and proposed policy 1117 purposes, sexual harassment means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies as least one of the following:

- 1) A school employee conditioning an educational benefit or service upon a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct ("quid pro quo" harassment);
- 2) Unwelcome conduct that a reasonable person would find so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it denies a person equal educational access; or
- 3) Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.

An employee found to be responsible for sexual harassment will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination. A student found to be responsible for sexual harassment will be subject to discipline, up to and including suspension and expulsion.

New BOE Policy 1117 supplements 1115 and 1116. In the event of conflict between the requirements of new BOE Policy 1117, on the one hand, and 1115 or 1116, new BOE Policy 1117 will control.

On February 8, 2021, the Board had its first review of 1117 and suggested no further work.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve new BOE Policy 1117 – Title IX Sexual Harassment and Complaint Procedure.

B. *[Flight 6]* First Review: Safety and Environmental Services Policies

Appendix 11

Contact(s): Terri Moses, Vince Evans
 Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of an ongoing effort to consolidate BOE policies, Administration proposes the following consolidation and renumbering of policies.

Current	New	Title
2300	NA	Crisis Management and Response <u>Notes:</u> Add relevant content from 7004 - District Safety Committee, which is proposed for deletion. Align crisis drill information with state law.
7008	2380	Safety Responsibilities <u>Notes:</u> Renumber to be part of Safety Services policies section. Update policy to align with current practices. Add relevant content from 7008, 7010, 7011, 7020 and 7021, which are proposed for deletion.
6890	NA	Safety Responsibilities – Curriculum Area Staff <u>Notes:</u> Update cross-referencing to renumbered BOE Policy 2380 above.
7004	NA	District Safety Committee <u>Notes:</u> Propose for deletion. Relevant content moved to 2300 - Crisis Management and Response.
7010	NA	Safety, Working Situations <u>Notes:</u> Propose for deletion. Relevant content moved to new 2380 - Safety Responsibilities.
7011	NA	Safety, Eye Protective Devices in Work Areas <u>Notes:</u> Propose for deletion. Relevant content moved to new 2380 - Safety Responsibilities.
7020	NA	Safety Hazardous Wastes <u>Notes:</u> Propose for deletion. Relevant content moved to new 2380 - Safety Responsibilities.
7021	NA	Handling of Hazardous Chemicals <u>Notes:</u> Propose for deletion. Relevant content moved to new 2380 - Safety Responsibilities.
7045	5425	Responsible Use of Animals <u>Notes:</u> Renumber and revise Administrative Responsibility from Environmental Services to Student Support Services.

Recommendation: This item provides for the Board’s first review of the above policies.

VII. Operations

A. Board of Education: 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 11, and it provided interested persons until noon on February 24 to submit completed applications and letters of reference. An application form, BOE District 5 map, and other information was available on the BOE's section of the district Web site from February 9 until February 24 at noon. Each qualified applicant submitted a complete application with three letters of reference, is a resident of BOE District 5, and is registered to vote. On March 3, the Board interviewed the nine qualified applicants in the order applications were received:

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

Tonight, the Board will continue the appointment process.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board to discuss and/or take other action regarding this process.

B. First Review: 2021-22 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Appendix 12

Contact(s): Alicia Thompson, Susan Willis, Mike Willome
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As per BOE Policy 0100 – Organization and Functions of the Board, the Board of Education will adopt a resolution stating its 2021-22 meeting dates, times, and locations at the first meeting in July 2021 at the North High Lecture Hall. The Appendix includes a draft calendar and overview for the Board and Administration's review. In the draft calendar, the Board's first regular meeting is scheduled for July 19th. Page 2 of the calendar provides an overview, including dates, times, and locations of all proposed meetings as well as other information. Key staff involved in Board meetings and North High Administration have reviewed the draft calendar.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board's first review of the 2021-22 BOE Meeting Calendar.

VIII. Finance

A. Budget Report

Contact(s): Susan Willis
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Administration will update the Board on the budget.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board's information and discussion.

IX. Miscellaneous

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Board of Education Report/Requests
- C. New Business
- D. Executive Session

A motion should be adopted that the Board of Education recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding:

1. Matters relating to employer-employee negotiations;

The open meeting will resume at approximately _____ in this room.

- E. Reconvene
- F. Adjournment