Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
March 3, 2021

Roll Call	The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in special session in the Wichita High School North Lecture Hall, 1437 Rochester, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 5:01 p.m., on March 3, 2021, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Ben Blankley*, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, and Ron Rosales. *Board member Ben Blankley arrived at approximately 5:03 p.m.
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Statement about the COVID-19 Modified BOE Meeting Format	Due to the Governor's Declaration of Emergency and due to health and safety concerns that exist because of COVID-19, no members of the public are present at this meeting except as noted in the Public Communications section of the BOE Agenda. Board meetings have been reopened for Public Communications. This meeting is available to be viewed live by the public in the following ways: 1. WPS-TV on Cox Cable Channel 20, 2. District's website at www.usd259.org/wpstvonline, and 3. Apps for phone, Roku and Apple TV by searching "WPS-TV." Following the conclusion of today's meeting, this meeting will be available on the WPS YouTube channel. It will also be rebroadcast on WPS-TV Cox Cable Channel 20. At this meeting, all Board members, District staff, and presenters will identify themselves by name and position before they speak.
Reports	Report – Service Employees International (SEIU): Esau Freeman, SEIU Business Representative. None submitted. Report – United Teachers of Wichita: Kimberly Howard, UTW President. Topic: Thanked Health Services Director Kimber Kasitz and school nurses for organizing the COVID-19 vaccination of employees. Welcomed applicants for the BOE District 5 Vacancy interviews.
Public Communications	None submitted.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 6-0.
Treasury Warrants: January 2021 Appendix 1	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: January 2021 Appendix 2	This is a monthly report to the Board on the budget and finances of the district. The report is provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.

Financial Services Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Appendix 3	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.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	Board approval. Summary Description of products/services: 1. Hustler Mowers — Amount: $22,460.00 — Responsible Party: Luke Newman
BOE Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2021 Appendix 5	Board approval.
Operations	
Board of Education Interviews: BOE District 5 Vacancy	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. President's Welcome: Board President Stan Reeser welcomed the all nine applicants, who were present in the lecture hall for an explanation of the interview process: 1. Mia R. Turner 2. Kristina L. Nutsch 3. Kathleen M. Bond 4. Timothy D. Phares 5. Danielle M. Ramirez (interview followed by recess) 6. Samuel A. McConnell 7. Kimberly D. Wilson 8. Seth A. Tiger 9. Donovan P. Carson The Interview Process: Applicants were interviewed in the order applications were received. The Board interviewed one applicant at a time. The other applicants waited in the North High Library. Applicant interview topics included: Diversity; Superintendent Relations; Community Relations; Board Relations; the District's Mission Statement and Strategic Plan; and the District's Budget. Each Board member asked one question from the interview topics above. The applicant had up to two (2) minutes to respond to each question. A timer on the lecture hall's projection screens showed the time remaining. There were no follow-up questions. At the end of each interview, the applicant had the opportunity to ask one question to the Board President and to make a closing statement that lasted no longer than 60 seconds. Applicants who completed their interviews could remain in the meeting room if they so desired. Continued on next page >>

Recess	Following the fifth interview, President Reeser requested a 5-minute recess at approximately 6:26 p.m., before continuing with the last four interviews.
Reconvene	At approximately 6:33 p.m., President Reeser reconvened the meeting for the last four interviews.
Board of Education Interviews: BOE District 5 Vacancy (Continued)	After the final interview, President Reeser thanked the nine citizens who applied for the BOE District 5 position and who interviewed tonight. President Reeser said the Board will vote to appoint the new Board member during its regular meeting on March 8, 2021.
Adjournment	Mr. Blankley (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. At approximately 7:30 p.m., the meeting adjourned.