Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
May 24, 2021

Roll Call	The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in special session in the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, Room 813, 903 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 12 p.m., on May 24, 2021, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Ben Blankley, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, and Mia Turner*. Participating by conference call: Ron Rosales. *BOE member Mia Turner arrived at 12:05 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. At this meeting, all Board members, District staff, and presenters will identify themselves by name and position before they speak. 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 Web site 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.
Reports	Service Employees International: None submitted. United Teachers of Wichita: None submitted.
Public Communications	No speakers registered.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.
Applicant Tracking System	Approve the purchase of Oracle Taleo's Applicant Tracking System, including software and implementation, in an amount not to exceed $1,150,000.

Treasury Warrants: April 2021 Appendix 1	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: March and April 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.
Updated Financial Resolutions for 2020-21 Fiscal Year Appendix 3	On July 30, 2020, the Board of Education adopted the following annual resolutions. The resolutions are being updated at this time to facilitate district financial activity when Patrick Greene becomes the Clerk of the Board on June 1, 2021. New resolutions for the 2021-22 school year will be presented to the Board at the July 26, 2021 regular meeting. a) Resolution – Designation of Depositories & Authorization of Facsimile Signatures b) Resolution – Municipal Investment Pool c) Resolution – Authorization to Transfer d) Resolution – Certification of Authorization to Transfer
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	Board approval. <u>Summary</u>

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Parking Lot Light Poles and Fixtures	$300,000.00	Luke Newman
2. Auto Scrubbers	$300,000.00	Luke Newman
3. John Deere Tractor/Mower	$54,058.30	Luke Newman
4. T66 Bobcat	$51,596.26	Luke Newman
5. Student Laptop Bags	$156,000.00	Rob Dickson
6. Support & Maintenance for Oracle Software – Annual	$820,000.00	Rob Dickson
7. Certified Evaluation Tool – Annual	$250,000.00	Rob Dickson Sean Hudspeth
8. Schoolbooks & Tracks Software Maintenance & Support – Annual	$90,000.00	Rob Dickson
9. Synergy Software Enrollment, Maintenance, Support & Enhancements – Annual	$510,000.00	Rob Dickson
10. Snap Software Support & Maintenance – Annual	$46,000.00	Rob Dickson
11. Edulog Support & Maintenance – Annual	$100,000.00	Rob Dickson
12. Discovery Education Support – Annual	$135,000.00	Rob Dickson
13. Design & Hosting Services, Ally, & Parent Link - Annual	$250,000.00	Rob Dickson
14. Time Clock Software Support – Annual	$225,000.00	Rob Dickson
15. Ion Wave Enterprise Sourcing Support – Annual	$46,000.00	Rob Dickson
16. Freshservice Integration Software – Annual	$200,000.00	Rob Dickson
17. Microsoft Imagine Academy – Annual	$51,000.00	Rob Dickson
18. Five Compartment Compostable Trays	$385,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
19. Food – March 2021	$486,551.78	Fabian Armendariz
20. Food – April 2021	$316,392.15	Fabian Armendariz

Orion: Adult ESOL Students (Renewal)	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion for a degree completion program for adult ESOL students who are wanting to complete their high school diplomas. For these services, Orion will be compensated state base aid in a total amount not to exceed $1,200,000 based on enrollment. Funding dollars provided will be limited to state flow-through dollars only.
Orion: EmberHope Youthville	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion, to provide 2021-22 educational services for the students residing in the secure care residential facility in an amount not to exceed $166,000.
Orion: Juvenile Detention Facility Services (Renewal)	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion, to provide 2021-22 educational services for students placed at Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility in an amount not to exceed $677,350.
The Opportunity Project (TOP) Agreement Appendix 5	Approve an agreement and partnership between The Opportunity Project (TOP) and USD 259 for a two-year total not exceed $764,160.
BOE Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2021 Appendix 6	Board approval.
Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA	Authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Worker's Compensation under the school district's self-insured programs for April 2021 in the amount of $27,566.60 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $8,841.61 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Proposed Policy Revisions Appendix 7	Board member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page 5 of these BOE Minutes.
Carnegie Learning, Wayside Publishing, Vista, The Comprehensible Classroom LLC, and Cengage – Secondary World Languages Curricular Resources Appendix 8	Authorize the purchase of the Secondary World Languages Curricular Resources with Carnegie Learning, Wayside Publishing, Vista, The Comprehensible Classroom, LLC, and Cengage in an amount not to exceed $1,032,000.
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Educational Design Solutions, and Reading Plus – K-12 English Language Arts Intervention Curricular Resources (Renewal)	Authorize the purchase of K-12 English Language Arts Intervention Curricular Resources with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Educational Design Solutions, and Reading Plus for one year in an amount not to exceed $960,000. Intervention resources for students as listed below:

Tier	Content Area	Resource	Publisher
Tier 2&3	Literacy Intervention – High School	Read 180/System 44	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Tier 2	Literacy Intervention – Elementary	Lexia Core5	Educational Design Solutions
Tier 2	Literacy Intervention – Middle School	Lexia Power Up	Educational Design Solutions
Tier 2	Literacy Intervention-Middle School	Reading Plus	Reading Plus

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Journeys K-5 English Language Arts Curricular Resources – Journeys English and Spanish (Renewal)	Authorize the purchase of English Language Arts K-5 Curricular Resources for an additional two years with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in an amount not to exceed $550,000.
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, McGraw Hill, Cengage Learning, Gibbs Smith Education, and TCi – Secondary Social Studies Curricular Resources Appendix 9	Authorize the purchase of the Secondary Social Studies Curricular Resources with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, McGraw Hill, Cengage Learning, Gibbs Smith Education, and TCi in an amount not to exceed $2,610,000.
Instructional Coaching Group Professional Development and Materials	Authorize the purchase of the professional learning sessions with Instructional Coaching Group in an amount not to exceed $90,000.
LaB-AiDS Proven Science Programs, Cengage Learning, and BioZone – Secondary Science Curricular Resources Appendix 10	Authorize the purchase of the Secondary Science Curricular Resources with LaB-AiDS Proven Science Programs, Cengage Learning, and BioZone in an amount not to exceed $380,000.
Music is Elementary, K-5 Music Curricular Resources Appendix 11	Authorize the purchase of K-5 Music Curricular Resources with Music is Elementary in an amount not to exceed $90,000.
Savvas Learning Company, Cengage Learning, and Bedford Freeman & Worth - Secondary Math Curricular Resources Appendix 12	Authorize the purchase of Secondary Math Curricular Resources with Savvas Learning, Cengage Learning, and Bedford Freeman & Worth in an amount not to exceed $321,000.

Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Proposed Policy Revisions Appendix 7	On March 8, 2021, the Board of Education approved new BOE Policy 1117. The policy 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. At this time, clarifying revisions to six Administrative Implemental Procedures (AIPs) were being submitted for the Board's approval. General Counsel approved the proposed revisions. Human Resources requested the Board's approval of these revisions today. This would allow HR staff to use the updated version of BOE Policy 1117 during inservice training on June 9, 2021. Today, Board member Julie Hedrick noted her opposition to the original version of the policy approved on March 8th. Ms. Hedrick also said that female students already have a hard time reporting harassment, and while P117 provides alleged victims with additional rights the policy also provides alleged violators with rights as well. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Logan) moved the Board accept the proposed policy revision. Motion passed 5-2. Yeas: Ben Blankley, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Ron Rosales, and Mia Turner. Nays: Julie Hedrick and Ernestine Krehbiel.
Policy	
[Flight 1] Second Review: Proposed Consolidation of Learning Services Policies Appendix 13	As part of an ongoing effort to consolidate BOE policies, Administration proposed the following consolidation of Learning Services policies. On May 3, the Board had its first review of this flight and suggested no further revisions. Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board approve Flight 1 of the Learning Services policies as listed below.

Current Policy	**Proposed**	**Title**	**Notes**
1805	NA	Student Assessment	Update AIP 2, and add AIPs 7, 8, and 9.
1791	Delete	Needs Assessment	Delete because content is covered in 1805.
6002	Delete	Summative Assessment Program	Delete because content is covered in 1805.
6003	Delete	Formative Assessment Program	Delete because content is covered in 1805.
1790	NA	Evaluation of Instructional Program	Update department name.

The motion passed 7-0.

Operations	
2021 Legislative Update	Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Special Projects Terrell Davis presented an update of the 2021 Legislative Session, highlighting bills and/or issues that impact the Wichita Public Schools. Mr. Davis' said the district's outlook going into the 2021 session was pessimistic. The outcome, however, was the best the district could have hoped for. Several bills contrary to district interests were defeated, while a bill fully-funding schools in accordance with the *Gannon* decision was passed and signed into law. A bill extending the 20 mill levy for schools was also passed, while a bill addressing revenue-neutral mill levies is considered a relative gain. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This report was provided for the Board's information only.
Finance	
Budget Report	Chief Financial Officer Susan Willis updated the Board on the budget. The BOE will need to decide by June 30, 2021 related to the adjusting the district's mill levy to remain "revenue neutral" or direct staff to calculate a mill rate to capture up to the maximum budget authority in all funds. Staff have continued to review all feedback from surveys to staff, students, parents, and community members, in addition to needs assessment input from schools and programs. Summer School and Mental Health initiatives are the early focus of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding. Fixed costs and other costs increases are estimated to be about $4.3 million. If the district does not gain/lose any enrollment, the General Fund and Supplemental General Fund (LOB) increases based solely on the scheduled base aid increase would provide about $7.4 million in new funding. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This report was provided for the Board's information and discussion.
Miscellaneous	
Executive Session: Negotiations	At approximately 12:55 p.m., Mr. Blankley (Ms. Logan) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss preparation for upcoming negotiations between the BOE and United Teachers of Wichita pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and the open meeting will resume in room at 1:45 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 1:45 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Executive Session: Negotiations (continued)	At approximately 1:45 p.m., Mr. Blankley (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board extend Executive Session as described above, and the open meeting will resume at 1:53 p.m. The motion passed 4-0. Board members Julie Hedrick, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, and Ben Blankley were present at the table to vote on this motion
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 1:53 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.

Adjournment	Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0, with BOE member Ron Rosales no longer participating in the conference call. At approximately 1:55 p.m., the meeting adjourned.