

**Board of Education Agenda**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**August 9, 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.

**I. Roll Call**

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Pleasant Valley Middle School

**II. Reports**

A. Report – Good News

1. KSDE Copper STAR Award for IPS

Wichita Public Schools is excited to announce the recognition as a 2020 KSDE Copper STAR Award for IPS. Wichita was one of nine districts in the state that received a STAR recognition award for students' individualized plans of study. The progress toward every student becoming future ready, and able to Dream, Believe, and Achieve begins with every student having a plan for their future. The investment the district has made in IPS Coordinators at every middle and high school has resulted in high participation in Xello, an average of 15 minutes per student login. The Office of College and Career Readiness is excited for 2021-22 as we expand students' Individual Plans of Study to include a five-year high school and post-secondary course plan, a parent portal for parent access, and continued expansion of Work-Based Learning Opportunities through the Xello Inspire system.

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld

2. NSPRA Award Recognitions

The National School Public Relations Association is the leading organization in school communication. The Wichita Public Schools Strategic Communications team is a member of this organization and was honored to receive multiple awards for team and individual work over the past two years. Members of the Strategic Communications team include Wendy Johnson, Susan Arensman, Jennifer Bellinger-Sipes, Suzy Finn, Ashley Inkelaar, Maria Kury, Maria Loving, Chelsea Moeder, Kayla Pennick and Michael Smith.

Contact(s): Wendy Johnson

3. Wichita Business Journal Diversity and Inclusion Honorees

The Wichita Business Journal announced in early July the honorees of the 7th annual Diversity and Inclusion Awards. Wichita Public Schools was proudly represented by Fabian Armendariz, Director of Operations, and Robinson Middle School. According to the Wichita Business Journal, honorees demonstrate respect and inclusive treatment of others, advocacy for underrepresented groups and a commitment to the advancement of cultural diversity in the business community. They will also be recognized on August 12 at the Diversity and Inclusion luncheon hosted by the Wichita Business Journal along with the other 34 honorees.

Contact(s): Wendy Johnson

B. Report – Service Employees International

C. Report – United Teachers of Wichita

**III. Public Communications**

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1. Jane Byrnes, 322 S. Lorraine, Wichita, KS 67211. Topic: Transportation around schools.
2. Stephanie Rozendal, 242 S. Terrace Dr., Wichita, KS 67218. Topic: Masks.
3. Scott Rozendal, 242 S. Terrace Dr., Wichita, KS 67218. Topic: COVID-19 mandates.
4. Katie Grover, 1200 W. Riverside Ave., Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: Masks.
5. Dr. Vanessa Lopez, 6697 N. Meridian Ave., Wichita, KS 67204. Topic: Masks.
6. Paul Teran, 1251 N. North Shore Ct., Wichita, KS 67212. Topic: Masks.
7. Dr. Rebecca Reddy, 19 S. Linwood Ct., Eastborough, KS 67207. Topic: Masks.
8. Jennifer Musaji, 205 S. Erie, Wichita, KS 67211. Topic: Masks.
9. Dr. Steve Davis, 12921 E. Mainsgate, Wichita, KS 67228. Topic: Masks.

**IV. Education**

A. Continuing Discussion: 2021-22 School Year Plan – COVID recovery and operating plan

Contact(s): Alicia Thompson  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The purpose of tonight's agenda item will be to review the plan for our 2021-22 school year regarding COVID recovery and operations throughout the district, including the administration's recommendation that it's strongly recommend that masks be worn at all times indoors by teachers and students, regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, administration recommends that all visitors are required to wear a mask while inside district facilities.

Recommendation: Tonight's agenda item provides an opportunity for the Board's discussion of the 2021-22 plan and administrative recommendation.

**V. Consent**

A. Human Resources

1. Health Insurance Medical Plan

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer  
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self-Funded Health Plan Reserve  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: An RFP for medical plan administration was conducted in 2021 with a committee of 12 district stakeholders. Three finalists were selected to present on their proposals for medical plan administration. After the finalist presentations, the committee requested further information from the TPAs and analysis by the consultant/experts.

Recommendation: Effective for the 2022 calendar year, it is recommended that the Board authorize the selection of two new vendors for the district's medical health plan. These two new vendors would include UMR and Bind, a company owned by UMR. Benefitted employees would still have the choice of three health plan options including a base plan option (which with accumulated wellness credits can result in no fee for the employee and dependent children added to the plan).

2. Pharmacy Plan

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer  
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self-Funded Health Plan Reserve  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: The district uses Maxor Pharmacy for prescription coverage and administration and will continue to do so into the 2022 calendar year as outlined in the annual items presented at a previous Board meeting. Research has been conducted in regard to risk management within the pharmacy plan and whether it would be prudent to utilize an unbiased, third party partner as a way to ensure that dollars spent on the pharmacy plan are necessary and well thought out, in particular when it comes to management of specialty medications which drive the bulk of our pharmacy spending.

Recommendation: Effective for the 2022 calendar year, it is recommended that the Board authorize the appointment of Rx Results as a new third party partner who will review pharmacy dollars spent through Maxor who will remain our pharmacy provider. This is expected to result in an overall reduction in pharmacy spending by reducing and thoroughly vetting any specialty drug spending.

3. 2021-22 Salary Schedule

Appendix 9

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth  
Funding Source: All Funds  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to obtain Board approval of the salary schedule, as applicable, of the meet-and-confer group: Wichita Association of Technical/Supervisory Personnel.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve the 2021-22 salary schedule for the Wichita Association of Technical/Supervisory Personnel, including a 4% lump sum bonus; 2% to be paid to eligible employees in August of 2021 and 2% to be paid to eligible employees in May of 2022.

B. Finance

1. Energy Service Contract (ESCO)

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Luke Newman, Susan Willis  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay and Supplemental General Funds  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: On February 24, 2020, the Board approved an agreement with Navitas to provide ESCO services. On February 8, 2021, the Board approved the first phase of scope and pricing. Further, the Board approved paying for the first phase from available Capital Outlay and Supplemental General funds, passing Resolution 2021-01 allowing for a future decision to roll the cost of the first phase of work into a future lease purchase arrangement. On April 19, 2021, the Board approved the second phase of scope and pricing, utilizing the same funding approach as the first phase. Tonight's presentation is to provide an update and ask the Board to approve the third phase of scope and pricing.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed Phase 3 scope at a cost not to exceed \$7,226,133, bringing the total combined values of Phases 1, 2 and 3 to a total cost not to exceed \$17,258,854. It is further recommended that the Board approve paying for Phase 3 from available Capital Outlay and authorize staff to apply for ESSER funding for projects that are allowable under ESSER. It is further recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2021-12 provided in [Appendix 1](#), allowing for a future decision to roll any part of or the full cost of the entire scope of work within the three phases into a future lease purchase arrangement.

## C. Bids

### 1. BrainPop

Contact(s): Rob Dickson

Funding Source: Federal Funds and Supplemental General  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: BrainPop provides teachers with tools that enrich learning. Students often have gaps in their learning or learning loss from earlier grade levels. This is especially true when we reflect on the ever-changing learning environments students faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, teachers are faced with covering their content standards and supporting all students moving forward. Brain pop will aid teachers in navigating this circumstance by supplying teachers with engaging videos, quizzes, interactive and ways to show learning on a wide range of challenging topics. BrainPop Junior will be implemented for kindergarten through second grades and BrainPop for third through eighth grades for a total of four years. Payment not to exceed \$750,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended that Board approve an agreement to implement BrainPop for grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

### 2. Buncee

Contact(s): Rob Dickson

Funding Source: Federal Funds and Supplemental General  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: This desktop publishing young learning app allows teachers to create interactive choice boards for students to explore content that piques their interest and students can visualize learning. Most importantly it allows learners the ability to create presentations to communicate their learning with easy-to-use graphics & layouts. This tool can be used on any device and cross curricula. Supporting all learners, Buncee integrates Microsoft's immersive reader that enabling language to be visual, read aloud, and explained. This empowers students to be content producers versus content consumers then in turn increases retention and engagement. Buncee will be implemented for kindergarten through fifth grades for four years.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$330,000 for implementation of Buncee for elementary students.

### 3. EdPuzzle

Contact(s): Rob Dickson

Funding Source: Federal Funds and Supplemental General  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: If in class learning has been interrupted, teachers can use this tool to upload earlier video lessons, supporting videos, or screencast. EdPuzzle then allows students to respond to videos throughout the video to check understanding of learning.

Students can use this learning tool any place and anytime as well - location does not stop the learning and growth. Their responses can be assessed by the teacher to drive learning, review when needed, & supporting all students' learning styles. Edpuzzle will be implemented for kindergarten through twelfth grades for four years.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$360,000 for implementation of EdPuzzle to support students district-wide.

4. NearPod

Contact(s): Rob Dickson  
Funding Source: Federal Funds and Supplemental General  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: Nearpod allows every student a voice in the classroom regardless of where & when that class is held. Teachers can share presentations with built-in activities that are mostly used for learning checkpoints or enhancing learning. Every student, with any device, can have the teacher's presentation and activities on their device. This cuts the need for the teacher to share their screen, & they can focus on learning.

This tool also allows a student to learn at an independent rate or a teacher-controlled rate. Students can show evidence of learning in a myriad of ways whether it be experiencing a 360 location, a gamified review, drawing tool, a collaboration board, and much more. NearPod will be implemented district-wide from kindergarten through twelfth grade for four years.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve an amount not to exceed \$775,000 for implementing NearPod district-wide, for all students K-12.

D. Programs/Grants

1. Acceleration Academies, Student Re-Engagement Services

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez  
Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER)  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: Acceleration Academies, under an agreement with Wichita Public Schools, will provide personalized in-person and online learning services to remedy learning loss incurred during COVID19 pandemic and re-engage high school students and young adults (age 16-21) toward graduation.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Acceleration Academies for 2021-22 school year to provide student re-engagement services. This contract shall not exceed \$1,350,000, funded through federal ESSER funds.

2. Edgenuity

Contacts: Rob Dickson, Andi Giesen  
Funding Source: Supplemental General Fund  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: Edgenuity is an online curriculum that includes direct-instruction videos, on-screen teachers, multimedia, and interactive learning tools and resources to engage and motivate students. It provides a range of core curriculum programs, Advanced Placement (AP), elective, Career and Technical Education (CTE), dual credit, and credit recovery courses that align with Common Core. Edgenuity's courses are fully flexible for use in any blended or online learning model.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the annual license renewal of Edgenuity, Inc.

3. PLC+ Training

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Vince Evans, Heath Peine  
Funding Source: Special Education ESSER  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: This proposal is a collaborative project between Student Support Services and the Secondary office to provide training and coaching to high school leaders and select special education staff in the Professional Learning Communities+ (PLC+) collaboration model. Corwin Press, Inc., A SAGE Publications, Inc. Company, would provide two days of foundational training on the process in the fall and an implementation session where data is reviewed in the spring for a total of three days of training. Additionally, each building would receive two half-days of coaching (a total of twelve days) during the 2021-22 school year from PLC+ experts. The total cost of the contract with Corwin is \$88,500.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Corwin Press, Inc., A SAGE Publications, Inc. Company, during the 2021-22 school year to provide professional learning services and materials for up to fifteen days not to exceed a cost of \$88,500, to be funded by Special Education ESSER Funds.

4. Prime Fit Youth Foundation Mentoring Program (Renewal)

Contact(s): Andi Giesen, William Polite  
Funding Source: Federal Funds  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: Prime Fit Youth Foundation Mentoring will provide mentoring and support services to at-risk youth identified by school staff as needing individual, school based mentoring. Approximately 120 students will meet regularly with mentors to focus on goal setting, character skills, academics and behaviors. This effort is specific to addressing significantly disproportionate suspension rates among African American males. Schools served will be Buckner, Clark, Gordon Parks, L'Ouverture, Mueller and Spaght.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement to partner with Prime Fit Youth Foundation Mentoring Program to provide mentoring services to the six above mentioned elementary schools in the amount of \$60,000.

5. Special Education Inservice

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Vince Evans, Heath Peine  
Funding Source: Special Education ESSER  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: This contract provides special education teachers with access to high-quality professional learning based on evidence-based instructional practices that support the needs of students with exceptionalities. Corwin Press, Inc., A SAGE Publications, Inc. company, would provide four days of professional learning for special education teachers during the 2021-2022 school year. The total cost of the contract with Corwin Press, Inc., A SAGE Publications, Inc. for services and materials is \$41,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Corwin Press, Inc., A SAGE Publications, Inc. company, during the 2021-22 school year to provide professional learning services and materials for up to four days of professional learning not to exceed a cost of \$41,000, to be funded by Special Education ESSER Funds.

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2021

Appendix 4

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for [July 26, 2021](#) are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Schools for Fair Funding

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence, Terrell Davis

Funding Source: Board of Education – Local Option Budget  
2021-22 Budgeted Item

Purpose: As a member of Schools For Fair Funding (SFFF), the District in the past provided funds to SFFF that were used by SFFF to support the *Gannon, et al. v. State of Kansas* litigation (“*Gannon*”). The issue before the courts in *Gannon* was whether the State legislature was suitably funding K-12 education in the State of Kansas in an equitable and adequate manner. In June 2019, after approximately nine years of litigation in *Gannon*, the Kansas Supreme Court held that the funding of K-12 education, as a result of legislation passed by the legislature in 2017, 2018, and 2019, was equitable and adequate and thus suitable. Prior to the June 2019, Kansas Supreme Court ruling, the goals of SFFF were: 1) Stop the funding cuts to education; 2) Restore the funding which has been cut; 3) Work toward adequately funding the new formula; and 4) Maintain equity.

Since the June of 2019 ruling, SFFF has adopted new goals that recognize the litigation phase is over. The new goals are: 1) Monitor school finance issues to assure full implementation of the *Gannon* reforms; and 2) Preserve the adequacy and equity of the school finance formula.

In 2019, the BOE approved Resolution 2019-15, which provided for payment of annual SFFF assessments of not-to-exceed \$1.10 per full-time equivalent student (FTE) per fiscal year beginning in 2019-20 and for future years. This item requests approval of the payment of the assessment for 2021-22 in the amount of \$52,420.72, which is calculated based on the 2020-21 funded FTE per the SO66 of 47,655.20 at a rate of \$1.10 per FTE.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorizes the payment of the 2021-22 SFFF assessment in the amount of \$52,420.72.

3. Sale of Property to the City of Wichita

Appendix 5

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: The City of Wichita and Wichita Public Schools, USD 259 have entered into a Real Estate Purchase agreement in the amount of \$217,800 for 5 acres at the Alvin Morris Administrative Center. The City of Wichita will use the purchased land to build a new East Wichita Police Sub-Station.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the BOE approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with the City of Wichita for \$217,800. BOE General Council has approved the Real Estate Purchase Agreement.



**VI. Policy**

- A. *[Flight 3]* Second Review: Proposed Consolidation of Learning Services Policies [Appendix 6](#)

Contact(s): Andi Giesen, Gil Alvarez  
Funding Source: NA

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

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
4600	NA	Inservice Education	Updates to AIP
4603	NA	Payment for Inservice Activities	Updates to AIP
4605	NA	Local Inservice Education Plan	Updates to AIP
6000	NA	Curriculum Program	Updates to 1 <sup>st</sup> paragraph
6410	NA	Curriculum Guides	Update to title and AIP

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve Flight 3 of the Learning Services policies as listed above.

**VII. Finance**

- A. 2021-22 Budget: Authorization to Publish Notice of Hearing [Appendix 7](#)

Contact(s): Alicia Thompson, Susan Willis, Addi Lowell  
Funding Source: NA  
2021-22 Budgeted Item

Purpose: The proposed 2021-22 district budget will be shared with the Board at tonight's meeting. The 2021-22 Notice of Hearing is provided in [Appendix 7](#).

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the publication of the 2021-22 Notice of Hearing that will set the annual budget hearing for August 23, 2021.

B. Call for redemption of 2013-A outstanding bonds

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Addi Lowell, Nonnie Onyancha  
Funding Source: Bond and Interest Fund  
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: On November 4, 2008 USD 259 voters approved a \$370 million bond issue. The bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the following within the district:

- 1) Constructing, furnishing, and equipping new schools;
- 2) Upgrading, repairing, replacing, constructing, and equipping secondary technical education, physical education, athletic, fine arts, and special program facilities at schools;
- 3) Improving safety and security of schools;
- 4) Remodeling, renovating, improving, equipping, constructing additions to, demolishing and rebuilding schools;
- 5) Acquiring and improving sites;
- 6) Making all other necessary improvements appurtenant thereto; and
- 7) Paying fees, costs, and expenses incidental to the Bond project.

Today's agenda item provides for the adoption of a Resolution 2021-11 authorizing the call for redemption of outstanding bonds, Series 2013-A, on the call date, October 1, 2021, which should result in approximately \$890,250 interest cost savings for the district and reduce the district's outstanding principal debt balance, and directs and authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to cause sufficient district funds to be forwarded to the paying agent to accomplish redemption of the redeemed bonds on the redemption date.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the adoption of Resolution 2021-11, entitled, "A Resolution Directing the Call for Redemption of Outstanding General Obligation Refunding and School Building Bonds, Series 2013-A, and Providing for Notice of Said Redemption" of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas (Wichita), and directing and authorizing the district's Chief Financial Officer to take the necessary actions. The resolution is provided in [Appendix 8](#).

**VIII. 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. Consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship.

The open meeting will resume at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ in this room.

- E. Adjournment