Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
July 26, 2021

Roll Call	The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in regular session in the Wichita High School North Lecture Hall, 1437 Rochester, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 6 p.m., on July 26, 2021, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Ben Blankley, Ernestine Krehbiel, Stan Reeser, Ron Rosales, and Mia Turner. Participating by conference call: Julie Hedrick and Sheril Logan
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reports	Report – Service Employees International: SEIU Business Representative Esau Freeman. Topic: 2021-22 Employment Agreement and mask requirements. Report – United Teacher of Wichita: UTW President Brent Lewis. Topic: Return to school and vaccine encouragment.
Public Communications	Charlene Marvin, 10961 S. Greenwich Rd., Mulvane, KS 67037. Topic: Return to school Tashina Buffalohead, 1623 S. Chateau, Wichita, KS 67207. Topic: Return to school Kent Rowe, 3353 N. 159th E., Wichita, KS 67228. Topic: Electric vehicles.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Rosales) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.
2021-22 Employment Agreement with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 513, Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers Appendix 2	Board Member Sheril Logan pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on page three of these minutes.
Monthly Finance Report: June 2021 Appendix 3	Provided for the Board’s information
Adjustment of Petty Cash Funds for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year (Annual) Appendix 4	Board approval.

Financial Resolutions (Annual) Appendix 5	Board approval.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 6	Board approval.
Parking Lot Resurface: Minneha Elementary School	Board approval.
2021-22 Rainbows United, Inc. (Renewal) Appendix 7	Board approval.
Certifying Special Education Teachers Appendix 8	Board Member Ernestine Krehbiel pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on page four of these minutes.
Goodwill Industries (Renewal) Appendix 9	Board approval.
Greater Wichita YMCA Middle School After School Program Director (Renewal)	Board approval.
Orion Education & Training: Juvenile Detention Center Summer School (Annual)	Board Member Ernestine Krehbiel pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on page four of these minutes.
Ready to Impact (Renewal)	Board Member Ernestine Krehbiel pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on page four of these minutes.
Restorative Practices (Renewal)	Board approval.
Revolution Prep Online Tutoring Services	Board approval.
Safe and Civil Schools Climate Survey (Annual)	Board Member Ron Rosales pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on page four of these minutes.
tools4reading, Kid Lips Instructional Cards and Guides	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 30, 2021 Appendix 10	Board approval.
Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA	Board approval.
Reappointment of McDonald Tinker PA as Special Legal Counsel	Board approval.
Reappointment of Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson, and Kitch, LLC as Special Legal Counsel	Board approval.
Designate School Attendance Officers (Annual)	Board approval.
Freedom of Information Officer Appointment (Annual)	Board approval.
Capitol Strategies Agreement (Renewal) Appendix 11	Board approval.

Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan Appendix 12	Board approval.
Resolution: Alignment of BOE Policies (Renewal) Appendix 13	Board approval.
Committee for Children, Second Step (Renewal)	Board approval.
Interim Healthcare of Wichita (Annual)	Board approval.
Sanitary Sewer Easement at Hyde Elementary	Board approval.
Settlement Agreement: L.L., B.M., W.G., K.E.	Board approval.
SSC – Print Shop Water Damage	Board approval.
Student Transportation Services Appendix 14	Board approval.
Wichita Metro Transit Authority Appendix 15	Board approval.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
2021-22 Employment Agreement with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 513, Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers	Ms. Logan thanked and congratulated the SEIU for approving the new contract. Ms. Logan (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve the 2021-22 Employment Agreement with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 513, Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers. The motion passed 7-0.
Certifying Special Education Teachers	At Ms. Krehbiel's request, Mr. Alvarez and Dr. Vince Evans, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services explained the purpose for this item. To meet the growing demand for highly qualified Special Education teachers, in 1999 a committee comprised of Special Education and Human Resources staff developed a plan of financial support for certifying Special Education teachers. The plan will continue to provide financial support for up to 70 individuals with general education certification who wish to pursue a Special Education endorsement and/or licensure. The funds will be allocated to teachers employed by the district in the most difficult to fill positions as determined annually by the forgivable loan committee. Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board approve the agenda item Certifying Special Education Teachers. The motion passed 7-0.

Orion Education & Training: Juvenile Detention Center Summer School (Annual)	At Ms. Krehbiel's request, Mr. Alvarez explained that the purpose of this item is to enter into a contract with Orion Education and Training (formerly the South Central Kansas Education Service Center) to provide summer school services June 2021 to July 2021 to students residing at the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility. Services provided assist those students needing credits for graduation and promotion to the next grade level. Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board approve the agenda item Orion Education & Training: Juvenile Detention Center Summer School. The motion passed 7-0.
Ready to Impact (Renewal)	At Ms. Krehbiel's request, Mr. Alvarez explained USD 259 would like to enter into an agreement with Rhonda Hicks to continue the Ready to Impact services for students at Chester Lewis, Heights, Southeast, and West High. Narrowing the achievement gap and increasing our graduation rates are both major goals of our high school reform initiatives. Its purpose is to provide services to targeted students to get on track for graduation and post-secondary options for college. Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board approve the agenda item Ready to Impact. The motion passed 7-0.
Safe and Civil Schools Climate Survey (Annual)	At Mr. Rosales' request, Mr. Alvarez reported this agenda item supports continued implementation of the Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) by funding the Safe and Civil Schools Climate Survey. Data collected from the staff, student, and parent survey will be analyzed in depth to enable building leadership teams to develop school improvement plans. Mr. Reeser (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board approve the agenda item Safe and Civil Schools Climate Survey. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Rosales voting "no".
Policy	
[Flight 3.] First Review: Proposed Consolidation of Learning Services Policies Appendix 16	As part of an ongoing effort to consolidate BOE policies, Administration proposes the following consolidation of Learning Services policies. This is the Board's first review of these policies. This item was for the Board's information. The Board requested no further work on this flight.

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 1st paragraph
6410	NA	Curriculum Guides	Update to title and AIP

Operations	
Resolution: Board of Education Meetings Calendar Appendix 17	Mr. Reeser (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board approve the agenda item Board of Education Meeting Calendars. The motion passed 7-0.
McCormick School Building Appendix 18	The Board reviewed sale of the McCormick Building to current occupant McCormick Museum Board. Director of Public Affairs and Special Projects Terrell Davis gave a brief overview of the McCormick School and Museum, followed by members of the public : Cynthia Davie, Paul Babich, Dee Starkey, and Joshua Blick. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve the sale of the McCormick School Building to the McCormick Museum Board. The motion passed 7-0.
State Board of Education Members' Visit	State Board of Education Members Jim McNiece (Dist. 10) and Betty Arnold (Dist. 8) addressed the Board to share the Role of the State Board and the Legislative Platform of the State Board. This presentation and discussion was for the Board's information.
Finance	
Budget Report	Chief Financial Officer Susan Willis updated the Board on the budget. First review of the FY22 Budget reflects a slight decrease in the overall mill levy of .305 mills. The increases in the Bond & Interest and the Special Liability fund levies are offset by a decrease in the Supplemental General fund mill levy. Bond & Interest levy is adjusted up slightly as the District plans for the last 8 years of bond payments. The enrollment assumptions in the FY22 budget are based on pre-COVID trends. The base aid per pupil increase should drive new revenues, but if enrollment doesn't return to pre-pandemic levels, budget adjustments will need to be made. Increased fixed costs and mandatory budget increases are estimated at $4.2 million, before any COVID expense or other expense considerations. The District is recommending exercising full Supplemental General fund authority of 33% to balance the budget and provide maximum flexibility for enrollment fluctuation. ESSER spending plans are ongoing. The District will budget all of its ESSER II allocation and about 15% of ESSER III as the District works on COVID academic recovery, safety and mental health initiatives. 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	
Superintendent's Report	Deputy Superintendent Gil Alvarez • Noted he is present in the superintendent's seat since Dr. Alicia Thompson is away on vacation. • Student enrollment for the 2021-22 school year is underway. • New staff orientation begins August 2. • Certified employees report to their buildings August 4. • The All-WPS Opening Ceremony is August 5. • Students return on August 12. • Noted COVID is still present, and WPS will provide an update at the August 9 BOE meeting.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Sheril Logan • Welcome back to students, and welcome new staff.

Board of Education Reports/Requests *(continued)*	Stan Reeser • Looking forward to August 4 and August 12, and a great school year. Ben Blankley • Went to son's Latchkey enrollment in-person earlier in the day and is confident about the skill and quality of WPS employees. Ernestine Krehbiel • Confirmed that magnet enrollment has ended, and parents need to enroll students in neighborhood schools.
New Business	None submitted.
Adjournment	Mr. Blankley (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 8:30 p.m., the meeting adjourned.