Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
August 9, 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 August 9, 2021, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Ben Blankley, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Ron Rosales, and Mia Turner.
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance presented by JROTC cadets from Pleasant Valley Middle School.
Reports	Report – Good News 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 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

Reports *(continued)*	Report: Good News *(continued)* 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 Report – Service Employees International: SEIU Business Representative Esau Freeman. Topic: New employment agreement and masks. Report – United Teachers of Wichita: UTW President Brent Lewis. Topic: Back to school protocols.
Public Communications	Jane Byrnes, 322 S. Lorraine, Wichita, KS 67211. Topic: Transportation around schools. Stephanie Rozendal, 242 S. Terrace Dr., Wichita, KS 67218. Topic: Masks. Scott Rozendal, 242 S. Terrace Dr., Wichita, KS 67218. Topic: COVID-19 mandates. Katie Grover, 1200 W. Riverside Ave., Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: Masks. Dr. Vanessa Lopez, 6697 N. Meridian Ave., Wichita, KS 67204. Topic: Masks. Dr. Paul Teran, 1251 N. North Shore Ct., Wichita, KS 67212. Topic: Masks. Dr. Rebecca Reddy, 19 S. Linwood Ct., Eastborough, KS 67207. Topic: Masks. Jennifer Musaji, 205 S. Erie, Wichita, KS 67211. Topic: Masks. Dr. Steve Davis, 12921 E. Mainsgate, Wichita, KS 67228. Topic: Masks.
Education Continuing Discussion: 2021-22 School Year Plan – COVID recovery and operating plan	Dr. Thompson and Terri Moses, Director of Safety and Environmental Services, presented the proposed plan for our 2021-22 school year regarding COVID and masking throughout the district. It is strongly recommended that all WPS employees and students – regardless of vaccination status – wear masks indoors. Masks are required for all visitors to WPS buildings. The administration will monitor WPS data and public health requirements, and all changes and concerns will come back to the BOE for discussion and potential action. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. Ms. Logan (Ms. Turner) moved the Board of Education approve the administrative recommendation as presented. The motion passed 4-3, with Ms. Hedrick, Mr. Blankley, and Mr. Rosales voting nay.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.

Health Insurance Medical Plan	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).
Pharmacy Plan	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.
2021-22 Salary Schedule Appendix 9	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.
Energy Service Contract (ESCO) Appendix 1	Board Member Stan Reeser pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page four of these minutes.
BrainPop	Approve an agreement to implement BrainPop for grades kindergarten through eighth grade.
Buncee	Approve an amount not to exceed $330,000 for implementation of Buncee for elementary students.
EdPuzzle	Approve an amount not to exceed $360,000 for implementation of EdPuzzle to support students district-wide.
NearPod	Approve an amount not to exceed $775,000 for implementing NearPod district-wide, for all students K-12.
Acceleration Academies, Student Re-Engagement Services	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.
Edgenuity	Authorize an amount not to exceed $500,000 for the annual license renewal of Edgenuity, Inc.
PLC+ Training Appendix 2	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.
Prime Fit Youth Foundation Mentoring Program (Renewal)	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.
Special Education Inservice Appendix 3	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.
BOE Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2021 Appendix 4	Board approval.
Schools for Fair Funding	Authorize the payment of the 2021-22 SFFF assessment in the amount of $52,420.72.

Sale of Property to the City of Wichita Appendix 5	Board Member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page four of these minutes.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Energy Service Contract (ESCO) Appendix 1	At Mr. Reeser's request, Addi Lowell, Budget Director, and Luke Newman, Director of Facilities, presented information on the Energy Service Contract. Ms. Lowell and Mr. Newman made the following recommendations to 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. A - Approve paying for Phase 3 from Capital Outlay and instruct staff to apply for use of ESSER funds for allowable costs. - Adopt Resolution 2021-12 declaring the intent to authorize the reimbursement of any part or all expenditures related to the acquisition of energy conservation improvements for the District should staff return with that recommendation. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board of Education approve the administrative recommendation as presented. The motion passed 7-0.
Sale of Property to the City of Wichita Appendix 5	Ms. Hedrick pulled this item to commend administration for the sale of this land to the city of Wichita for the purposes of building a new Wichita Police Department station. Ms. Turner also voiced her strong approval on this item. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board of education approve the sale of property to the city of Wichita. The motion passed 7-0.
Policy	
[Flight 3] Second Review: Proposed Consolidation of Learning Services Policies Appendix 6	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 1st paragraph
6410	NA	Curriculum Guides	Update to title and AIP

Mr. Blankley (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve the above policy flight.

The motion passed 7-0.

Finance	
2021-22 Budget: Authorization to Publish Notice of Hearing Appendix 7	Ms. Lowell delivered a presentation to the Board on the district's mill rates and overall budget. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board approve publication of the proposed budget and notice of hearing to be scheduled for August 23, 2021. The motion passed 7-0.
Call for redemption of 2013-A outstanding bonds Appendix 8	Administration recommended 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. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the board approve the adoption of Resolution 2021-11. The motion passed 7-0.
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	- Welcome back staff, especially new teachers in WPS. - Thanks to custodians for hard work over the summer and preparing buildings. - Thanks to Purchasing team for procuring items in order to be ready for school.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Ron Rosales - Thanked principals for providing recent building tours. Ernestine Krehbiel - Excited about new teachers to WPS. Ben Blankley - Says safest place for American children is inside classroom. - WPS is ready, willing, and able to educate children in safe manner. - Excited for school year to start. Stan Reeser - Noted WPS students looking forward to new year and he is excited for them. Sheril Logan - Exciting time for new school year, even in pandemic. - Will be out in buildings to welcome students and teachers back. Julie Hedrick - Noted importance of teachers are and how BOE appreciates the work they did last year in COVID and excited for school year to begin. - Reminded public of upcoming vaccination clinics from Sedgwick County Health Department. Mia Turner - Thankful for all teachers, especially summer school teachers who provided service for her grandson.
New Business	None submitted.

Executive Session	
Executive Session #1: Attorney-Client Privilege	At approximately 8:50 p.m., Mr. Blankley (Ms. Logan) moved the Board recess into an executive session for consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship. The motion passed 7-0.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:05 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Adjournment	Mr. Blankley (Mr. Rosales) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 5-0, with Ms. Turner, Ms. Logan, Mr. Reeser, Mr. Blankley, and Mr. Rosales present. At approximately 9:06 p.m., the meeting adjourned.