

**Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
September 13, 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 – West High School JROTC Cadets

II. Reports

- A. Report – Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC)

Reporters: Sofia Dunkelberger and Oang Thai, East High

- B. Report – Good News

- 1. Education EDGE Classroom Mini-Grant Winners

Contact(s): Holly Wilson

In 2003, the Board of Education established the Wichita Public Schools Gift Funds in order to provide support for classroom mini-grants, athletics, and fine arts activities. This unique partnership with the Wichita Community Foundation allows all gifts received by the Education EDGE to be devoted to these three fund areas. The classroom mini-grants fund was created to support all or a portion of any classroom program or project in the Wichita Public Schools that is not supported by traditional funding sources. Each year, applications are accepted beginning in May and the application window closes June 30, with awards announced in August.

During the District’s 150th year, each of these fund areas committed to investing \$150,000 into the district for a total impact of \$450,000 to directly students and staff. The classroom mini-grant winners recognized tonight are a part of that \$150,000 commitment from the Education EDGE classroom mini-grant fund.

- 2. Voter Challenge

Contact(s): Terrell Davis

UTW, SEIU and the Administration entered into a Voter Challenge last school year, to encourage employees to not only register to vote but to turn out to vote in the 2020 elections. Tonight we will highlight schools who had the most improved Voter Turnout and schools who had the Highest Voter Turnout.

Most Improved Voter Turnout: Riverside, Wilbur, Chester Lewis Academy

Top Voter Turnout: Irving, Wilbur, Chester Lewis Academy

Voter Challenge Winner: Administration

C. Report – Service Employees International

D. Report – United Teachers of Wichita

III. Public Communications

A member of the public (speaker) may address the Board during the Public Communications section of the BOE Agenda. Comments by public speakers made during the Public Communications will be limited to items on the BOE Agenda or items within the jurisdiction of the Board. The number of speakers who speak during Public Communications will not exceed ten. A speaker, in lieu of speaking during Public Communications, may speak during an agenda item. Comments during an agenda item will be limited to the topic of the agenda item. Speakers may register to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board at 973-4553 by noon on the day of the BOE meeting, or they may register at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. When registering to speak, a speaker will identify the topic the speaker wishes to address. A speaker's comments at a meeting will not exceed 3 minutes, will be limited to the registered topic, and will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students. Speakers will provide twelve (12) copies of any handouts to the Clerk of the Board's table for distribution at the Board table. For more information and restrictions, please see BOE Policy 0200 - BOE Agendas and Meetings.

1. Matthew Farenbaugh, 333 S. St. Paul St., Wichita, KS 67213. Topic: Masks
2. Eli Boswell, 310 S. Green St., Wichita, KS 67211. Topic: Masks
3. Brandi Brown, 7603 E. Claye St., Wichita, KS 67207. Topic: Masks
4. Robert Altergott, 15205 E. Timber Lake Cir., Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: Masks
5. Jeremy Randleman, 1909 N. Peterson, Wichita, KS 67212. Topic: Masks
6. Jeremy Payne, 1211 N. Dene St., Wichita, KS 67212. Topic: Masks
7. Felicia DeSpain, 7015 E. 39th Ct. N., Wichita, KS 67226. Topic: Children's health
8. Abby Kocukov, 2932 N. Curtis, Wichita, KS 67205. Topic: Masks
9. Kori Young, 899 W. Franklin, Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: Masks
10. Sarah Clithero, 3306 E. Countryside Plaza, Wichita, KS 67218. Topic: Masks

IV. Education

A. Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Increase Certifications and College Credit

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Kelly Bielefeld
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Our district strategic plan focuses on four long-term goals. Goal #3 is designed to increase the number of students that earn certifications and college credits. By 2023, we want at least 70% of seniors to graduate with a diploma and one or more market value assets. Tonight's presentation will highlight and go deeper into Goal #3 in our Volume 4 – Ignite Learning strategic plan, which will describe the indicators of success in order to monitor the improvement of Wichita Public Schools' certifications and college credit opportunities.

Recommendation: This presentation is for the Board's information and discussion.

V. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Note: The Human Resources report is not published on the district's Web site. The report is available from the Clerk of the Board's office before noon on Board meeting dates, or in the display rack outside the North High Lecture Hall before Board meetings.

2. Employee Assistance Program (Annual)

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer
Funding Source: Supplemental General Fund
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: To improve employee productivity and lower costs to the health plan, the district had contracted with the vendor New Directions since the 2015-16 budget year for employee assistance programs. Due to an over 300% increased overall contract amount set forth by this vendor for the 2021-22 budget year and without any willingness on their part to negotiate, a new vendor needed to be established. After thoughtful consideration and research, ComPsych was recommended to be the new vendor for the district for employee assistance programs.

ComPsych is the largest national Employee Assistance Provider, with a wealth of services to offer. They represent other large school districts in the country and have dedicated resources for educators. Their services will include formal management referrals for poor work performance, alcohol and/or drug use, plus education seminars and critical incident meetings as requested. Employee services include: emergency counseling for marital and family relationships; alcohol and drug use; emotional and social concerns; financial and legal concerns; and short-term counseling.

ComPsych provides local counselors including providers whom are certified Department of Transportation (DOT) and Substance Abuse Professionals (SAP), a dedicated account manager, same day appointments for mandatory referrals, comprehensive full service Web access, phone consultations, and a variety of locations. They have agreed to lock in rates for 5 years or through June 30, 2026.

Recommendation: The BOE previously approved an amount not to exceed \$160,000 for services with ComPsych with the caveat that if additional services were required that the services would be billed at the contracted price and would not need to be returned to the Board. In addition, it was noted at that time of approval that additional services would be offered and expected to be covered by federal funding. This item is being returned to the Board with more specific information on these additional services to make the funding clear. We previously requested \$160,000 and at this time request an additional \$85,000 to be funded through ESSER dollars. Additional services will include: 1) Moving the 6-visit model to a 10-visit model; 2) CCBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) through MyStrength; and 3) a financial well-being package through WellthSource. Should additional services be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: [August 2021](#)

[Appendix 2](#)

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Resolution to Exceed Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2021-2022 Annual Budget

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Addi Lowell
Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: On August 23, 2021, following the budget and Revenue Neutral Tax Rate public hearing, the Board voted to adopt the 2021-2022 budget with a levy of property taxes exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate pursuant to 2021 SB 13 and Senate Sub for HB 2104. A resolution adoption exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate must accompany the adopted budget submitted to Sedgwick County. No information has changed since the August 23rd budget adoption.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the adoption of Resolution 2021-13, entitled, "A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of USD 259 (Wichita) Sedgwick County, Kansas, with respect to the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for financing the annual budget for 2021-2022" as the final step to submit the budget to Sedgwick County. The resolution is provided in [Appendix 3](#).

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 4

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Smart Sense Food Thermometers and Annual Monitoring	\$89,986.56	Fabian Armendariz
2. Commercial Water Heaters	\$72,888.00	Luke Newman
3. Building Automation System - Additional	\$4,500,000.00	Luke Newman
4. Supply Warehouse Inventory – July 2021	\$91,605.94	Fabian Armendariz
5. Food – August 2021	\$1,214,639.21	Fabian Armendariz

2. Consulting Services: Future Ready Center by North High School – Phase Two

Contact(s): Luke Newman
Funding Source: Capital Outlay
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: The 2021-22 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for consulting services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A., for design and engineering of Phase Two of the Future Ready Center remodel in an amount not to exceed \$76,700.

3. Consulting Services: HVAC Audit Services – Various Sites

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay and Federal Funds (ESSER)

2021-22 Budget

Purpose: The district went through a competitive RFQ/P process for the purpose of selecting a mechanical engineering firm to audit the HVAC systems at all buildings requiring professional evaluation, and to act as the owner's representative and commissioning agent on forthcoming work in connection with the audit. This audit is being conducted as part of the district's ongoing effort to enhance indoor air quality, building comfort, and wellbeing, and the findings will be used to establish the HVAC-related scope of work for federal funding (ESSER). The district has selected Professional Engineering Consultants.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$333,060 for HVAC building audit services, with the option of retaining them to provide owner's representative and commissioning services through the duration of the work.

4. Mechanical Engineering Services – Various Sites

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay

2021-22 Budget

Purpose: The district went through a competitive RFQ/P process for the purpose of selecting mechanical engineering firms to provide design services for federally funded (ESSER) projects resulting from the forthcoming HVAC building audits. The district has selected Midwest Engineering, Inc., Basis Consulting Engineers, and Integrated Consulting Engineers.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter an agreement with Midwest Engineering, Inc., Basis Consulting Engineers, and Integrated Consulting Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 each, for mechanical engineering services related to federally funded ESSER projects.

5. On-Call Concrete Removal and Installation: Various Sites

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay

2021-22 Budget

Purpose: The 2021-22 Capital Outlay Fund includes monies for concrete and asphalt projects at various district sites. On November 9, 2020 the board approved a contract with Encore Pavement, LLC, with an amount not to exceed \$99,000. This contract included an optional three (3) year annual renewal, which included an increase of 0.25 per square foot, per year for each renewal.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve a contract renewal with Encore Pavement, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$99,000. This is the first renewal of the contract with Encore Pavement, LLC.

D. Programs/Grants

1. ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual)

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Andi Giesen
Funding Source: Title III/Bilingual Fund
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: Wichita State University, Kansas State University and Newman University provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher licensure endorsement programs, which are available to all Wichita Public Schools teachers who work directly with English Language Learners (ELL). ESOL program courses are available through WSU, KSU, and NU in Fall 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022. The Wichita Public Schools ESOL Instructional Service Department provides WPS teachers the opportunity to acquire ESOL endorsements, making them highly qualified ESOL teachers.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment to Wichita State University, Kansas State University, and Newman University for providing ESOL programming to Wichita Public Schools teachers in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

2. Mental Health Intervention Team Program

Contact(s): Vince Evans
Funding Source: 2021 Kansas Legislature Pilot Funding Mental Health Intervention Team Program
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: In 2021, the Kansas Legislature has renewed the Mental Health Intervention Team Program (MHIT) grant for 2021-22. The Kansas Board of Education approved grant requests for the fourth year of the MHIT. The district has been selected as a recipient of the grant. One of the requirements for the grant is that the district must have an agreement with Sedgwick County through Comcare that will provide mental health services for students. Under the agreement, the district will compensate Comcare in the amount of \$1,049,031. The grant will fund all compensation that will be paid to Comcare.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the contract for mental health services between Sedgwick County and the district.

3. Modern Classroom Project

Contact(s): Branden Johnson, Holly Ingram
Funding Source: ESSER
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval to purchase both professional learning and mentor support from Modern Classroom Project. Professional learning includes live zoom calls, on-demand zoom calls, an online curriculum with assignments and resources to help our instructional coaches accomplish their goals. Using the current technology resources to our advantage to create videos for our Department Chairs, Teachers, Coaches, Principals, Families, and Students to utilize when it is appropriate at the time of their learning. We hope to parlay this training at the district and instructional coach level to the Teacher level in 2022-2023 by asking for volunteers. We want them to experience it as users first then they can dream, believe, and achieve it as practitioners themselves in next year.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Modern Classroom Project training and coaching to support the implementation of differentiated and on-demand professional learning trainings for our Middle School Instructional Coaches, High School Instructional Coaches, Curriculum Coaches, and District AVID Coaches. We will have 50 members of our professional development and instructional experts trained to create professional, standards aligned, and on-demand videos so that we can maximize our reach and support throughout the entire district. The Modern Classroom Project training in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

4. Special Education Professional Learning for PreK-12 Building Leadership (Principals and Assistant Principals) [Appendix 5](#)

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

Purpose: To increase knowledge of and compliance with the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), special education professional learning for PreK-12 Building Leadership (Principals and Assistant Principals) will be provided.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Resolutions in Special Education, Inc to provide six different professional development sessions that will be 2.5 to 3 hours in length each in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

5. Transeo Annual Contract

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld
Funding Source: Perkins Grant
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: Transeo is a logistics software program allowing the district to manage all paperwork associated with work-based learning, including: student permission slips, time cards, employer sign off, and data collection. Transeo facilitates a better experience for students and addresses logistical issues as they arise.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Transeo Work-Based Learning Software to support student's college and career development in an amount not to exceed \$38,810.

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2021

Appendix 6

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for [August 23, 2021](#) are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. ALC Schools

Contact(s): Lisa Riveros, Fabián Armendáriz

Funding Source: Multiple (Supplemental General, Special Education, Title, McKinney-Vento, other funds sources as warranted)

2021-22 Budget

Purpose: The intent of this item is to request an initial agreement with ALC Schools, LLC to provide various student transportation services for the 2021-22 school year. ALC Schools will supplement Wichita Public School's transportation programs using a combination of SUV's, vans, and sedans to assist in transporting challenging student trips.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an agreement with ALC Schools, LLC for additional transportation services for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount not to exceed \$950,000.

3. Arts Partners (Annual)

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Shawn Chastain

Funding Source: Professional Development, Title I Funds, 21st Century Grant, and General Funds

2021-22 Budget

Purpose: Arts Partners is available districtwide to provide programs for students and professional development for teachers at self-selected partnership schools that have chosen to be more involved in arts integration. On average, the number of schools served by Arts Partners visiting artists is 61 over the course of the academic year. In addition, Arts Partners will provide programs and professional development to ten elementary schools supported by the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve payment to Arts Partners in an amount not to exceed \$230,000 for the 2021-22 school year.

VI. Miscellaneous

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Board of Education Report/Requests
- C. New Business
- D. Adjournment