Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
August 23, 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 23, 2021, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Ben Blankley, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, and Ron Rosales. Absent: 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 by JROTC cadets from Mead Middle School.
Reports	Report – Service Employees International: SEIU Business Representative Esau Freeman. Topic: Mask mandate. Report – United Teachers of Wichita: UTW President Brent Lewis. Topic: Fall enrollment campaign; school nurse duties; mask mandate.
Public Hearing on the 2021-22 Budget	State statute requires the Board to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2021-22 Budget. The purpose of the hearing is to hear and answer objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and for purposes of considering amendments to the proposed budget. The proposed budget documents and the Budget at a Glance are available for review at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center at 903 S. Edgemoor in Wichita. The Chief Financial Officer will make a brief presentation of the budget. Following the presentation, members of the public who have registered to speak in accordance with requirements published in tonight's agenda may address the Board. Following receiving of statements by the public, the Board President will close the public hearing. The adoption of the proposed budget is listed in the Finance section of this BOE Agenda.

Finance	
2021-22 Budget Adoption Appendix 1	On August 9, 2021, the Board of Education approved the Notice of Hearing provided in Appendix 1, which when published, establishes the maximum amounts for the 2021-22 Budget. The Notice was published in *The Derby Informer* (Sedgwick County's official newspaper of record) on August 12, 2021, with the public hearing scheduled at the beginning of this meeting. The Board will have the opportunity to ask questions if necessary following the Public Hearing. Following the Board's adoption, the 2021-22 Budget will be sent to Sedgwick County and the Kansas State Department of Education. Ms. Logan (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board adopt the 2021-22 Budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent.
Public Communications	Imran Musaji, 1845 Fairmount St., Wichita, KS 67260. Topic: Masks Rebecca Reddy, 8725 E. 32nd St. N., Wichita, KS 67226. Topic: Masks Chloe Steinshouer, 3009 N. Cypress Dr., Wichita, KS 67226. Topic: Masks Jarris Perkins, 6652 St. James Pl., Bel Aire, KS 67226. Topic: Masks Joe Nold, 818 N. Emporia #200, Wichita, KS 67214. Topic: Masks
Education	
Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Year 4, Ignite Learning	"Ignite Learning" is the theme for year 4 of the WPS Strategic Plan. The district's work this year will be focused on the strategies that are essential to help students be successful as we emerge from the challenges of the past year. The four big goals remain the same: increasing the high school graduation rate; increasing 3rd grade reading proficiency; increasing certifications and college credit; and ensuring that schools are trusted as safe places by students, parents, staff, and community. As we continue to evaluate our work, measure progress, learn from our data and identify high-leverage strategies that lead us toward achievement of our big goals, our indicators of success have been identified for the 21-22 school year. Tonight's presentation will allow the Board to learn more about the priority work that will be occurring throughout the school year to realize progress toward our goals. In addition, staff will share Personal Commitment Sheets with each Board member so that they can identify their own most important work in order to be accountable for progress in our district. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.

New Business	At Mr. Blankley's request, and with Mr. Reeser's permission as presiding officer, the Board changed the order of business to hear New Business without dissent. Mr. Blankley (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board take up discussion of masks in Wichita Public Schools. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent. Mr. Blankley (Ms. Hedrick) moved Wichita Public Schools require masks for all individual ages three years and older while indoors, effective Monday, August 30, 2021. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent.
Human Resources Report Appendix 2	Board approval.
2021-22 Employment Agreement with United Teachers of Wichita Appendix 3	Board Member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page four of these minutes.
Treasury Warrants: July 2021 Appendix 4	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: July 2021 Appendix 5	This report is provided for the Board's information
Purchasing Consent Appendix 6	Description of products/services — Amount — Responsible Party 1. Nutrition Services – Laundry Services - Annual — $30,000.00 — Fabian Armendariz 2. Discovery Education Support - Correction — $170,800.00 — Fabian Armendariz 3. Food – June 2021 — $1,136,595.02 — Fabian Armendariz 4. Food – July 2021 — $2,115,155.05 — Fabian Armendariz 5. Fuel Report – October 2020 – July 2021 — $463,050.91 — Fabian Armendariz
2021-22, 2022-23 Cross Country Staffing, Inc.: Nursing Services Appendix 7	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Cross Country Staffing, Inc., dba Medical Staffing Network, during the 2021-22, 2022-23 school year(s) to provide nursing and special education related services, at a cost not to exceed $125,000 between each July 1 and June 30 during the terms of the contract, to be funded by Special Education.
Capturing Kids Hearts Training	Approve Capturing Kids' Hearts contract with the Flippen Group in an amount not to exceed $30,000, for training at Chester Lewis Academic Learning Center, Gordon Parks Academy, Hadley, and Hamilton Middle Schools.
External Grant Evaluation Services 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant (STEALTH after school programs) Appendix 8	Approve External Grant Evaluation Services for these 10 STEALTH after school sites for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant: Adams, Cleaveland, Ortiz, Park, Linwood, Spaght, Washington, White, Anderson and Gordon Parks Academy. Services will be provided by the South-Central Kansas Educational Service Center at Greenbush in an amount not to exceed $33,491.

International Institute for Restorative Practices Appendix 9	Board Member Ernestine Krehbiel pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page four of these minutes.
The Pando Initiative MOU (Renewal) Appendix 10	Board Member Sheril Logan pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page five of these minutes.
PLC+ Playbook Appendix 11	Authorize the purchase of The PLC+ Activator's Guide and the PLC+ Playbook in an amount not to exceed $35,000.
Varsity Tutors, Online Math Tutoring Services	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Varsity Tutors for the 2021-22 school year to provide online math tutoring services. This contract shall not exceed $2,100,000, funded through federal ESSER funds.
BOE Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2021 Appendix 12	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 July 2021 in the amount of $22,963.10 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $9,624.71 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Appendix 13	Authorize the district to purchase materials, certified trainers' trainings, and annual memberships for district trainers to Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) during the 2021-22, 2022-23 school year. The maximum cost for this expenditure is $80,000 and will be funded by Special Education.
HVAC Materials and Labor	Approve a maximum amount of $1,000,000 for HVAC - related labor, equipment and material to be purchased from Sandifer Engineering & Controls, C&C Sales, Inc., Trane U.S., Inc., Johnson Controls, Daikin Applied/Heaven Engineering, and BCS on an as needed basis, with a contract term ending June 30, 2022.
Roof Replacement – South High School	Authorize an amount not to exceed $330,000 with Reconstruction Services for the roof replacement over the gym at South High School.
Vehicle Fleet Management/Leasing Program	Board Member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page five of these minutes.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: T.V.	Approve this agreed upon award for T.V.'s 2019, 2020, and 2021 work injuries in the total amount of $25,000.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: V.C.	Approve this agreed upon award for V.C.'s 2018 work injury in the total amount of $32,000.
City of Wichita Revised Petition for Sanitary Sewer Replacement at Hyde Appendix 14	Authorize the President to approve the revised Petition for the City of Wichita to make sanitary sewer improvements to Hyde Elementary School as described above. The revised petition is provided in Appendix 14.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
2021-22 Employment Agreement with United Teachers of Wichita	Ms. Hedrick noted UTW members overwhelmingly approving the new teachers' contract and thanked all parties for negotiating in good faith. Ms. Logan echoed Ms. Hedrick and thanked UTW members and all certified staff for their service and noted the new contract reflects the Board's appreciation for their service. Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board approve the agreement for one year, 2021-2022, with the United Teachers of Wichita, as the exclusive representative of the teachers' bargaining unit, and authorize

	the Board President to sign the agreement as presented, including a 2.5% base salary increase and a 4% bonus paid in two parts of 2% each in August 2021 and May 2022, and approve the administrator salary schedule. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent.
International Institute for Restorative Practices	At Ms. Krehbiel's request, Dr. Thompson detailed the benefits of this program at the high school level and how expanding services to middle and elementary schools will result in progress for students. Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board authorize the district to fund Restorative Practices Professional Learning in an amount not to exceed $3,200,000 from federal ESSER funds. This would cover costs from August 2021 to July 2023. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent.
The Pando Initiative MOU (Renewal)	Ms. Logan pulled this item due to her being the Board's ex officio representative to the Pando Initiative and removed herself from the room to avoid conflict of interest. Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board approve contract services and enter into an agreement with The Pando Initiative to provide services at 17 district schools in an amount of $218,000. The motion passed 5-0, with Ms. Logan not participating and Ms. Turner absent. At the conclusion of voting on this item, Ms. Logan returned to the room.
Vehicle Fleet Management/Leasing Program	Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, explained to the Board current issues related to deferred maintenance on automobiles and the leasing program allows for better cost efficiency related to fuel and maintenance cost. At Mr. Rosales' request, Mr. Newman explained how electric vehicles are not yet cost effective on a large scale and hybrid vehicles are more realistic at this time. Mr. Newman says technology continues to improve and one day fully electric vehicles will be within WPS' price range. Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Rosales) moved the Board enter into a master equity lease agreement with Enterprise, in an amount not to exceed $450,000 for fleet management services and vehicle leasing. It is further recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed $70,000 for Geotab vehicle telematics. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent.

Operations	
Kansas Association of School Boards – Delegate Assembly #1 and #2 (Board of Education)	The 104th Annual Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Convention will be held at the Overland Park Convention Center on November 5-7, 2021. The KASB Delegate Assembly #1 to vote on the 2022 KASB President-Elect will be held on November 7th. Delegate Assembly #2 for approval of the 2022 KASB Legislative Recommendations will be held December 16, 2021 in conjunction with the annual KASB Advocacy in Action Event. In 2021-22, KASB is offering two appointment options: The Board of Education can appoint the same BOE member to serve as the Delegate for both Assembly meetings; or The Board of Education can appoint one BOE member to serve as the Delegate for Assembly #1 and another BOE member to serve as the Delegate for Assembly #2. Ms. Logan (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board appoint Ron Rosales to serve as the Delegate for Assembly #1. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent. Ms. Logan (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board appoint Ernestine Krehbiel to serve as the Delegate for Assembly #2. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent.
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	- The 2021-22 school year is off to a great start, especially new technology in middle schools. - KSDE Commissioner Randy Watson will visit the district next Monday, August 30, and will participate in a listening session that evening at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center. - WPS is hosting mobile vaccination clinics around the district centered around high schools. More information is available on the WPS website.

Board of Education Reports/Requests	Ms. Hedrick - Shout-out to Brent Lewis and UTW on porch visits to check-in on students and spending their extra time doing this. Ms. Logan - Notes the year is starting amazingly well, and she has seen in buildings how excited staff members are and how focused they are on individual students' well-being. Mr. Reeser - Seconded Ms. Logan on complimenting staff on focusing on WPS' strategic plan and is impressed with everyone's efforts. Mr. Blankley - Says in addition to the parent of one WPS student, as a Board member he is a "dad" to 47,000 other WPS students and encourages all eligible students to get vaccinated. Mr. Krehbiel - Reminded students they will all be citizens and members of the community and says one of the ways to be a good citizen is to get vaccinated. - Commended McCormick School Museum on successful launch and reminded public that bricks for fundraising may still be purchased. Mr. Rosales - Thanked all extracurricular instructors, especially athletic departments for preparing for their upcoming fall seasons.
Executive Session #1 Topic: Attorney-Client communication	At approximately 7:50 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 6-0, with Ms. Turner absent.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 8:10 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Adjournment	Mr. Blankley (Mr. Rosales) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Logan, Mr. Reeser, Mr. Blankley, and Mr. Rosales present. At approximately 8:13 p.m., the meeting adjourned.