Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
September 13, 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 September 13, 2021, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Ron Rosales, and Mia Turner*. Absent: Ben Blankley *Mia Turner arrived at 6:05 p.m.
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 the West High School JROTC cadets.
Reports	Report – Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC): Sofia Dunkelberger and Oang Thai, East High School. Topic: COVID concerns, precautions, and incentives. Report – Good News 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. The complete list of recipients is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This report was provided for the Board's information and discussion.

Reports (continued)	Report – Good News (continued) 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 Report – United Teachers of Wichita: UTW President Brent Lewis. Topic: COVID disruptions and additional duties.
Public Communications	1. Eli Boswell, 310 S. Green St., Wichita, KS 67211. Topic: Masks 2. Brandi Brown, 7603 E. Claye St., Wichita, KS 67207. Topic: Masks 3. Robert Altergott, 15205 E. Timber Lake Cir., Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: Masks 4. Jeremy Randleman, 1909 N. Peterson, Wichita, KS 67212. Topic: Masks 5. Jeremy Payne, 1211 N. Dene St., Wichita, KS 67212. Topic: Masks 6. Felicia DeSpain, 7015 E. 39th Ct. N., Wichita, KS 67226. Topic: Children's health 7. Abby Kocukov, 2932 N. Curtis, Wichita, KS 67205. Topic: Masks 8. Kori Young, 899 W. Franklin, Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: Masks 9. Sarah Clithero, 3306 E. Countryside Plaza, Wichita, KS 67218. Topic: Masks
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Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Increase Certifications and College Credit	Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, and Kelly Bielefeld, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education, briefed the Board on updates to the district's strategic plan. KSDE defines a successful high school graduate as having the academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, and employability skills to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification or in the workforce, without the need for remediation." Tonight's presentation on the district's Graduation + Plan lives in Goal #3 but is also connected to Goal #1: Increase graduation rates. The district wants our WPS students to be successful high school graduates and be successful with whatever post-secondary opportunity they choose. 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.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Logan (Mr. Rosales) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 6-0, with Ben Blankley absent.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.

Employee Assistance Program (Annual)	Approve $85,000 to be funded through ESSER dollars for additional services to 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.
Treasury Warrants: August 2021 Appendix 2	Board approval.
Resolution to Exceed Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2021-22 Annual Budget Appendix 3	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.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	

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

Consulting Services: Future Ready Center by North High School – Phase Two	Board Member Ron Rosales pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page five of these minutes.
Consulting Services: HVAC Audit Services – Various Sites	Board Member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page four of these minutes.
Mechanical Engineering Services – Various Sites	Board Member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Items" on page four of these minutes.
On-Call Concrete Removal and Installation: Various Sites	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.
ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual)	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.
Mental Health Intervention Team Program	Approve the contract for mental health services between Sedgwick County and the district.

Modern Classroom Project	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 costs will not to exceed $25,000.
Special Education Professional Learning for PreK-12 Building Leadership (Principals and Assistant Principals) Appendix 5	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.
Transeo Annual Contract	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.
BOE Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2021 Appendix 6	Board approval.
ALC Schools	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.
Arts Partners (Annual)	Approve payment to Arts Partners in an amount not to exceed $230,000 for the 2021-22 school year.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Consulting Services: HVAC Audit Services – Various Sites	Board member Julie Hedrick expressed her appreciation for this project improving the building environment in district schools and thanked Facilities staff for their work. This agenda item calls for the Board to enter into 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. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve the agenda item Consulting Services: HVAC Audit Services – Various Sites. The motion passed 6-0, with Ben Blankley absent.
Mechanical Engineering Services – Various Sites	Board member Julie Hedrick expressed her appreciation for this project improving the building environment in district schools and thanked Facilities staff for their work. This agenda item calls for the Board to enter into 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. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve the agenda item Mechanical Engineering Services – Various Sites. The motion passed 6-0, with Ben Blankley absent.

Action on Pulled Consent Items (continued) Consulting Services: Future Ready Center by North High School – Phase Two	Board member Ron Rosales inquired whether this project alleviates overcrowding at North High. Superintendent Alicia Thompson confirms this will help address overcrowding. Dr. Thompson confirmed administration will discuss the matter further with building leaders. This agenda item calls for the Board to 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. Mr. Rosales (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve the agenda item Consulting Services: Future Ready Center by North High School – Phase Two. The motion passed 6-0, with Ben Blankley absent.
Miscellaneous	
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Ernestine Krehbiel - Requested clarification from Dr. Thompson on what ESSER is. Dr. Thompson clarified these are federal funds given to states and subsequently distributed to schools. These funds are to be used to address learning loss and other COVID-related shortcomings. Sheril Logan - Praised WPS Fine Arts department for wonderful celebration of 150 years of art education at the Wichita Art Museum. Noted the district should be proud of its heritage. Stan Reeser - Complimented Shawn Chastain, director of Fine Arts, for bringing the Wichita art community together for the 150th Celebration of the Arts. Julie Hedrick - Gave shout-out to her daughter, Dr. Tera Hedrick, curator of the Wichita Art Museum, for her work on the arts celebration. - Thanked Brent Lewis and other UTW members for their efforts identifying students absent from enrollment.
Adjournment	Ms. Logan (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0, with Ben Blankley absent. At approximately 7:58 p.m., the meeting adjourned.