

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
December 13, 2021

Roll Call	<p>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 December 13, 2021, with President Stan Reeser presiding.</p> <p>Present: Ben Blankley, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Ron Rosales, and Mia Turner.</p>
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	<p>The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the East High JROTC Cadets.</p>
Reports – Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council	<p>Report – Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC): Carlos Sosa and Melissa Mejia-Milina, South High. <u>Topic: Care packages for children in crisis.</u></p>
Recognition of Outgoing Board Members	<p>The Board recognized and thanked outgoing Board members Ben Blankley, Ron Rosales, and Mia Turner for their service. New Board members Diane Albert, Kathy Bond, and Hazel Stabler will be sworn in and seated at the January 10, 2022 regular Board meeting.</p>
Report – Good News	<p>Facilities Division – Customer Service Award Contact(s): Luke Newman</p> <p>This item highlights the inaugural Facilities Division Customer Service Award recipient. This award was created to encourage and recognize high performing departments with demonstrated excellence in the following aspects of customer service: communication, initiative, problem solving, and leadership.</p> <p>The Custodial Department was selected for the award in 2021. They set themselves apart by their many exciting initiatives successfully implemented, which required outside the box thinking, swift action, and strong proactive communication.</p>

<p>Report – Good News <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>2022 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists Contact(s): Amanda Kingrey</p> <p>High school juniors entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state’s percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.</p> <p>Students go on to become National Merit finalists through an application process and completing the SAT. Scholarship winners will be chosen based on academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in the spring.</p> <p>Wichita Public Schools has <u>eight students</u> named 2022 National Merit Semifinalists: Heights High School – Toller Phipps; Northeast Magnet High School – Alexander Gleason; East High School – Miles Crawford, Molly Ha, Vivian Lu, Eva McKinzie, Samuel Morris, and Varun Verma.</p>
<p>Reports – United Teachers of Wichita</p>	<p>Brent Lewis, UTW President. <u>Topic:</u> Gratitude for BOE service and collaboration; current challenges for teachers and administrators.</p>
<p>Public Communications</p>	<p>Mark Ritchey, 4700 W. 13th St. North, Wichita, KS 67212 <u>Topic:</u> BOE election format.</p> <p>Samuel Morris, 553 N. Bristol Ct., Wichita, KS 67206 <u>Topic:</u> SRG grading.</p>
<p>Education Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Schools are Trusted as Safe Places</p>	<p>Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, and Dr. Vince Evans, Director of Student Services and Programs, briefed the Board on Goal #4 of the strategic plan. The Every Student Future Ready plan focuses on four long-term goals. Goal #4 is designed to ensure that schools are trusted as safe places by students, parents, staff, and the community. Tonight’s presentation will highlight and go deeper into part two of Goal #4 in our Volume 4 – Ignite Learning Strategic Plan, which describes indicators of success in Wichita Public Schools students’ employability skills and well-being.</p> <p>The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board’s information.</p> <p>Ms. Logan (Ms. Hedrick) moved to extend the action cycle for the Every Student Future Ready strategic plan to conclude at the end of the 2024-25 school year, and to begin a community listening journey in the fall of 2024 in order to evaluate the current strategic plan and develop the next plan for Board approval in April 2025.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>

<p>2022 Legislative Agenda Appendix 1</p>	<p>Terrell Davis, Director of Government Affairs and Special Projects, discussed the agenda for the 2022 legislative session. The legislative agenda allows for a targeted and focused approach to educating and advocating for issues that impact our district.</p> <p>Mr. Reeser (Ms. Logan) moved for the board to authorize the district to advocate for identified issues and to educate legislators regarding issues that would impact the district in a negative or adverse manner.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>																					
<p>2020-21 STEALTH Afterschool & Summer Program Report</p>	<p>Jennifer Hartman, Holly Wilson, and Dr. Lisa Lutz briefed the board on STEALTH Afterschool and Summer programs. These programs are dedicated to offering academic assistance and enrichment activities in an out-of-school time setting. STEALTH focuses on closing the learning gap and increasing math and literacy skills, along with fostering interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Leadership & Service Learning and Health and Wellness. Tonight's presentation will recap 2020-2021 school year and summer programs, including how sites have continued to serve families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, efforts to close the achievement gap, and impacts on student attendance and behavior data.</p> <p>The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation is for the Board's information; no action is required.</p> <p>Board member Ben Blankley left the table at 6:54 p.m., and returned at 6:56 p.m.</p> <p>Board member Julie Hedrick left the table at 6:55 p.m., and returned at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Board member Ernestine Krehbiel left the table at 7:33 p.m., and returned at 7:42 p.m.</p>																					
<p>Consent: Disposal of Routine Business</p>	<p>Mr. Blankley (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>																					
<p>Human Resources Report Appendix 2</p>	<p>Board approval.</p>																					
<p>Treasury Warrants: October & November 2021 Appendix 3</p>	<p>Board approval.</p>																					
<p>Monthly Finance Report: October 2021 Appendix 4</p>	<p>Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.</p>																					
<p>Purchasing Consent Appendix 5</p>	<p>Board approval.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="613 1549 1442 1757"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description of products/services</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Responsible Person</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Multi Factor Authentication</td> <td>\$30,883.00</td> <td>Rob Dickson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. 8 To Great Student Handbooks</td> <td>\$28,734.00</td> <td>Amanda King</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Digital Signs</td> <td>\$400,000.00</td> <td>Luke Newmar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Fuel Report – August 2021 – October 2021</td> <td>\$459,281.20</td> <td>Fabian Armer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Food – October 2021</td> <td>\$1,211,968.75</td> <td>Fabian Armer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Supplies – October 2021</td> <td>\$236,040.35</td> <td>Fabian Armer</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Person	1. Multi Factor Authentication	\$30,883.00	Rob Dickson	2. 8 To Great Student Handbooks	\$28,734.00	Amanda King	3. Digital Signs	\$400,000.00	Luke Newmar	4. Fuel Report – August 2021 – October 2021	\$459,281.20	Fabian Armer	5. Food – October 2021	\$1,211,968.75	Fabian Armer	6. Supplies – October 2021	\$236,040.35	Fabian Armer
Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Person																				
1. Multi Factor Authentication	\$30,883.00	Rob Dickson																				
2. 8 To Great Student Handbooks	\$28,734.00	Amanda King																				
3. Digital Signs	\$400,000.00	Luke Newmar																				
4. Fuel Report – August 2021 – October 2021	\$459,281.20	Fabian Armer																				
5. Food – October 2021	\$1,211,968.75	Fabian Armer																				
6. Supplies – October 2021	\$236,040.35	Fabian Armer																				

Floor Replacement: Various District Sites Appendix 6	Approve an amount not to exceed \$57,254, which includes the above base bid and \$4,000 contingency, with Floor Perfect, LLC, for the floor replacement at Irving Elementary; and approve an amount not to exceed \$136,453.24 which includes the above base bids, and a contingency amount of \$10,000 with Star Lumber & Supply Co, Inc. for Floor Replacement at Gardiner, Hyde and Payne Elementary Schools.
NearPod	Approve implementing NearPod district-wide, for all students K-12.
Recycling Services Appendix 7	Approve an agreement with Recycle for Youth Sports to provide recycling services for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.
Roof Replacement: Various District Sites Appendix 8	Approve an amount not to exceed \$555,000, which includes the above base bid and \$72,000 contingency, with Mahaney Group, Inc., for the Roof Replacement at Chisholm Trail Elementary; and approve an amount not to exceed \$1,975,900 which includes the above base bids, and a contingency amount of \$250,000 with Wray Roofing, Inc. for Roof Replacement at Kelly Liberal Arts Academy, Woodman Elementary and Truesdell Middle School.
Curriculum Associates – iReady Middle and High School Math Intervention Instruction for Students (Additional One-Year License)	Approve the purchase of the additional one-year licenses from Curriculum Associates to provide iReady middle and high school Math students intervention instruction in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.
Flinn Scientific, Inc. – Middle School Science Microscopes for Classrooms	Approve the purchase of microscopes from Flinn Scientific, Inc. to update classrooms for middle school science students in an amount not to exceed \$49,000.
BOE Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2021 Appendix 9	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 October 2021 in the amount of \$10,811.35 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$11,586.34 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Annual IB Examination and Program Membership Fees	Approve payment to the International Baccalaureate Organization in an amount not to exceed \$61,527 for the payment of IB exam fees for the May 2022 IB exam session and the annual membership fee.
Astute – PeopleSoft Upgrade to Oracle Cloud	Approve \$912,579 (\$234,493 annually for three years plus the \$209,100 one-time migration cost) for the agreement upgrading PeopleSoft to Oracle Cloud infrastructure to remediate vulnerabilities.
Consulting Services: Storm Shelter Addition – Bryant Opportunity Academy	Board member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on page 5 of these BOE Minutes.

Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.																			
Consulting Services: Storm Shelter Addition – Bryant Opportunity Academy	<p>Ms. Hedrick pulled this item and noted that Bryant lacks a storm shelter addition. This is because Bryant was a vacant building when the district installed shelters in occupied buildings beginning in 2008. Now that Bryant is occupied again, a storm shelter is necessary.</p> <p>Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve contract with Shelden Architecture for design and engineering of a Storm Shelter Addition at Bryant Opportunity Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>																			
Policy	<p>As part of an ongoing effort to consolidate BOE policies, Administration proposes the following consolidation and renumbering of policies.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="610 701 1430 1167"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="610 701 735 779">Current Policy</th> <th data-bbox="742 701 883 779">Proposed</th> <th data-bbox="889 701 1133 779">Title</th> <th data-bbox="1140 701 1430 779">Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="610 787 735 919">1215</td> <td data-bbox="742 787 883 919">NA</td> <td data-bbox="889 787 1133 919">Administration and Organization of the School Program</td> <td data-bbox="1140 787 1430 919">Update in 1st paragraph</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="610 928 735 1026">1226</td> <td data-bbox="742 928 883 1026">NA</td> <td data-bbox="889 928 1133 1026">Guidelines for Scheduling Classes</td> <td data-bbox="1140 928 1430 1026">Update to AIP #2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="610 1035 735 1167">1450</td> <td data-bbox="742 1035 883 1167">NA</td> <td data-bbox="889 1035 1133 1167">School-Age Programs</td> <td data-bbox="1140 1035 1430 1167">Updates to AIP's and Administrative Responsibility to the Elementary Office</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Mr. Blankley (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve the above policy flight.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>				Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes	1215	NA	Administration and Organization of the School Program	Update in 1 st paragraph	1226	NA	Guidelines for Scheduling Classes	Update to AIP #2	1450	NA	School-Age Programs	Updates to AIP's and Administrative Responsibility to the Elementary Office
Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes																	
1215	NA	Administration and Organization of the School Program	Update in 1 st paragraph																	
1226	NA	Guidelines for Scheduling Classes	Update to AIP #2																	
1450	NA	School-Age Programs	Updates to AIP's and Administrative Responsibility to the Elementary Office																	
Operations																				
East High School Science Wing	<p>Luke Newman, Director of Facilities, delivered a presentation to the Board regarding necessary repairs to the science wing at East High School and the preferred delivery process. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.</p> <p>Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Blankley) moved the Board approve utilizing the Construction Manager At-Risk Delivery Method on the East High School Science Wing project. It is further recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture for design and engineering services on the East High School Science Wing project, in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>																			

Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognized challenges facing district related to staffing and learning environment. - Encouraged students and staff to use Winter Break to recuperate and rest.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	<p>Julie Hedrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended choir performances at Northeast Magnet in November and orchestra performance at Coleman. - Visited Bryant Opportunity Academy and commended the school's ticket reward system for good behavior. <p>Sheril Logan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pleased that district's Strategic Plan timeline is extended so that more time is given to meet goals interrupted by COVID. - Thanked outgoing Board members. - Echoed Dr. Thompson's encouragement to use Winter Break for rest and recuperation. <p>Ernestine Krehbiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Native American Office and Arts Partners student performance of Native American folk tales. - Thanked Brent Lewis of UTW for his kind remarks at start of meeting. - Noted that public comment on North High CTE program is positive and encouraged district to publicize this more. <p>Stan Reeser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanked outgoing Board members for their service, noted all of them remain his good friends, and that they served with integrity and honor. <p>Mia Turner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve after being appointed. - Noted being a Board member required stepping out of her comfort zone, and that she met some amazing teachers and students. <p>Ron Rosales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended WPS Veterans Day celebration. - Noted how COVID has been challenging for teachers, but students like the National Merit scholars recognized at the beginning of the meeting make things worth it. - Encouraged students to continue making good choices, and appreciated what he learned the last four years.

All Minutes are unofficial unless approved by the Board of Education.

Board of Education Reports/Requests <i>(continued)</i>	Ben Blankley <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Did not attend as many WPS events due to family health issues.- Attended Algebra I/Math Academy at ISC.- Complimented schools participating in Spirit Week and Pajama Days.- Reflected that four years ago he was not recognized in public, but as a Board member he is now frequently recognized.- Stated he will continue to advocate for Wichita Public Schools.- Encouraged all eligible adults and children to get COVID vaccines.
New Business	None submitted.
Adjournment	Mr. Blankley (Ms. Logan) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 8:44 p.m., the meeting adjourned.