

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
February 7, 2022 - 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 – Wichita Northwest High School JROTC

II. Reports

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

Reporters: Jace Nelson, Northwest High; Zoe Powell, West High

- B. Report – Good News

- 1. 2022 Kansas Horizon Award

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez

McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Alex McDowell is the district’s recipient of the 2022 Kansas Horizon Award from the Kansas Department of Education. The Kansas Horizon Award recognizes teachers who do an exemplary job during their first year of teaching. McDowell was surprised at her school by a phone call from Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson.

She is among 32 teachers across the state to receive the award. As a recipient, she will join the Kansas Exemplary Educators Network (KEEN). KEEN is a network of educators from across the state, allowing teachers to share ideas with other teachers and to participate in several professional development programs.

McDowell and the other state recipients will be recognized during the KEEN State Education Conference in February.

2. Aspiring Building Leader Recognition

Contact(s): Chris Wendt, Amanda Kingrey

As part of the district's desire to increase the number of highly qualified building leaders serving our students and staff, we are proud to present tonight the first cohort of WPS Aspiring Building Leaders. These outstanding staff members participated in a semester long professional development program aimed at increasing their skills, knowledge, and readiness for building leadership. USD 259 values the positive effect that high quality school leadership provides to our students and staff. Student outcomes and goals listed in the strategic plan are supported by creating a systemic and systematic methodology for the recruitment, development, and ongoing job training for administrators. As we look to the future, we have determined that a pipeline that develops teacher leaders into building leaders provides the desired outcome of ensuring that all students and staff are led by a highly proficient & successful building administrator. This first cohort will proudly serve our district and our stakeholders for years to come. We are proud to introduce to you:

Arthur Ballos, Briana Salgado, Brooke Dickey, Daren Hammond, Emily Tanner, Jessica Simmons, Joseph Hamer, Julie Wilks, Latanisha McGuire, Marnie Baxter, Megan Weikal, Muriel Love, Myron Fisher, Tawyna Glover, and Taylor Garcia (Hyde).

We want to publicly acknowledge these outstanding leaders and the work and dedication they have put into growing themselves so they may also grow others.

3. Battle of the Books

Contact(s): Gail Becker

The 27th annual Battle of the Books competition was held January 18th-25th at AMAC. There were an expected 45 elementary schools participating. This event is organized and directed by Library Media and Textbook Services and produced by Media Productions. Post competition results will be shared with BOE members.

As part of the 14th NEA Big Read-Wichita celebration, young readers can join their parents, teachers, and community leaders in this annual event that focuses on the joy of reading. Details about this community-wide celebration of reading will be shared with the Board.

4. 2021-22 Mayor's Youth Council

Contact(s): Patty Stuever

The Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) was formed in 2008 by Mayor Carl Brewer to provide youth with the opportunity to weigh in on community issues and learn about their city government. In addition, MYC members develop leadership skills through coordinating projects focusing on local policy issues and engage with their community through public service at local events. In the past, MYC members have hosted town hall meetings, led drives for families in need, held park clean-ups, and discussed youth-relevant issues with their local and state legislators. The 2021-22 Mayor's Youth Council consists of the following students:

Esther Liu (East High), Jarod Hudson (East High), Lex Dallas (East High), Reeya Kamath (East High), Kate Halabi (East High), Lily Bann (East High), Busra Yildirim (East High), Amya Williams (East High), Anderson Tung (East High), Nathan Balderas (East High), Tatiana Carter (Northeast Magnet), Amarie Williams (Northeast Magnet), Bentley Young (Northeast Magnet), Alexandria Butler (Northwest High), Isabel Santiago-Morison (Northwest High), Truc Dao (South High), Amy Nguyen (South High), Andrew Le (Southeast High), Alonzo Dozal (Southeast High), Tori Vanatta (Bishop Carroll), Satvik Kolla (Collegiate), Daniel Hechenberger (Collegiate), Emma Mantovani (Collegiate), Rahul Madhavan (Collegiate), Vy Nguyen (Derby), Natalie Phan (Kapaun Mt. Carmel), Lesly Hernandez (Maize), Sydney Ojedis-Leiva (Sunrise Christian Academy), and Isabella Sebits (Trinity).

5. WPS Downtown Wichita Holiday Street Banner Design Contest Winners

Contact(s): Shawn Chastain

Last Fall, over 100 WPS 4th Grade art students participated in Downtown Wichita's Street Banner Design Contest by creating unique artwork along the theme of "Hometown Holiday". Representing all student entries, 23 designs from 5 WPS Elementary Schools were selected to be printed on banners that were displayed along Douglas Avenue, from the Arkansas River to Topeka Street, during the holiday season. All entries can still be viewed on the website downtownwichita.org.

C. Report – Service Employees International

D. Report – United Teachers of Wichita

III. Public Communications

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1. Matthew Farenbaugh, 333 S. St. Paul, Wichita, KS 67213 Topic: COVID-19 response
2. Robert Howes, 11610 W. Lost Creek Cir., Wichita, KS 67212 Topic: Mask mandate
3. Pat Madden-Beren, 117 E. 51st St. S., Derby, KS 67037 Topic: Mask wearing
4. Molly Lavacek, 327 Circle Dr., Wichita, KS 67218 Topic: Mask mandate
5. Andrew Le, 1629 S. Todd Ct., Wichita, KS 67207 Topic: Masks
6. Chip Gramke, 3351 All Hallows, Wichita, KS 67217 Topic: Boardmanship
7. Connie Dietz, 8310 Greenbriar, Wichita, KS 67226 Topic: Boardmanship
8. Morgan Sinsel, 10333 SW Bridget, Andover, KS 67010 Topic: Mask mandate
9. Denise O'Leary, 2610 S. Larkin Dr., Wichita, KS 67216 Topic: School culture
10. James Kilpatrick, 2101 W. MacArthur Rd., Wichita, KS 67217 Topic: Curriculum Transparency

IV. Education – Part I

A. COVID-19 Protocols Review

Contact(s): Superintendent Alicia Thompson
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Administration will deliver a presentation to the Board on the district's COVID-19 response timeline and current protocols.

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

Public comment on agenda item:

1. Karisue Vosburgh, 7625 E. Dublin, Wichita, KS 67206
2. Matthew Blazewicz, 4319 Westlake Ct., Bel Aire, KS 67220
3. Ron Hobert, 9545 W. Brookridge Cir., Wichita, KS 67205
4. Myles Banks, 869 N. Bristol Ct., Wichita, KS 67206
5. Paul Babich, 9400 E. Wilson Estates Pkway #504, Wichita, KS 67206
6. Donell Howard, 10128 W. Westlakes Ct., Wichita, KS 67205
7. April Harris, 1453 S. Shiloh Ct., Wichita, KS 67207

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.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: [January 2022](#)

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Monthly Finance Report: [January 2022](#)

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: This is a monthly report to the Board on the budget and finances of the district.

Recommendation: The report is provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 4

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Emergency Five Compartment Compostable Trays	\$500,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
2. Food – November 2021	\$672,698.90	Fabian Armendariz
3. Food – December 2021	\$1,794,039.00	Fabian Armendariz
4. Supply – November 2021	\$301,362.57	Fabian Armendariz
5. Supply – December 2021	\$151,614.00	Fabian Armendariz

2. Exterior Renovation: East High School – Phase Two

Appendix 5

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

Purpose: The 2021-22 Capital Outlay Fund includes monies for Phase Two of Exterior Renovation at East High School. The project scope involves parapet reconstruction and exterior masonry renovation of the north and east walls of the main building. Bids were received on January 13, 2022, according to plans and specifications prepared by Shelden Architecture. The low base bid was submitted by Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,841,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$3,409,000 which includes the above base bid, and a contingency amount of \$568,000 with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc. for Phase Two of Exterior Renovation at East High School.

Base Bid:	\$2,841,000
Contingency	\$568,000
Total:	\$3,409,000

3. Exterior Renovation: North High School – Phase Three

Appendix 6

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

Purpose: The 2021-22 Capital Outlay Fund includes monies for Phase Three of Exterior Restoration at North High School. The project scope involves restoring the smokestack and removing the top section to a height level of approximately 50 feet, as approved by the Historical Preservation Board, to eliminate safety concerns and make maintenance more feasible. Bids were received on January 20, 2022, according to plans and specifications prepared by Mauler Engineering, LLC. The only base bid was submitted by Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$358,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$394,000 which includes the above base bid, and a contingency amount of \$36,000 with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc. for Phase Three of Exterior Restoration at North High School.

Base Bid:	\$358,000
Contingency	\$36,000
Total:	\$394,000

4. HVAC and Lighting Upgrade: East High School

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

Purpose: The 2021-22 Capital Outlay Fund includes monies for HVAC Upgrades at various district sites. Bids were received on January 19, 2022, according to plans and specifications prepared by Basis Consulting Engineers to provide improved air quality in the library and E-Sports area at East High School. The only base bid was submitted by Don Vaughn, Inc. in the amount of \$781,000. The intent is to be reimbursed with ESSER funds when approved, but due to the urgency of completing this project this summer, we're asking for approval at this time.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$843,000, which includes the above base bid, and a contingency amount of \$62,000 with Don Vaughn, Inc. for HVAC Upgrades in the library and E-Sports area at East High School.

Base Bid:	\$781,000
Contingency	\$62,000
Total:	\$843,000

D. Programs/Grants

1. Marzano Trainings for Building Administrators

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Andi Giesen
Funding Source: Professional Development Funds
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: Learning Sciences International (LSI) provides professional development opportunities specific to building administrators which align with our Marzano Focused Teacher Evaluation process. Building administrators will be developed as instructional leaders who provide comprehensive feedback supporting teachers instructing students. Systematically training building administrators will serve to calibrate observer feedback for the purpose of improving instruction.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$45,000 which includes two full days of onsite training for 204 building administrators and observers to be trained by Learning Sciences International representatives.

2. WSU Tech Applied Learning Technology Support

Contact(s): Rob Dickson
Funding Source: Supplemental General
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: With the pandemic-driven, accelerated shift to a 1:1 student device environment, a need for additional onsite support is evident and increasing. Site technology support presents various models across the district with some of our site specialists managing many duties outside of technology. This request expands the agreement with WSU Tech to pilot a model to provide additional technology support in buildings with the greatest identified need.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve additional funds under existing contract, not to exceed \$100,000, with Wichita State University Applied Learning to expand technology support.

3. The Modern Classrooms Project

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

Purpose: The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval to purchase professional learning and mentor support from The Modern Classrooms Project. Professional learning includes both live and on-demand Zoom calls, and an online curriculum with assignments and resources to help teachers who volunteered for this training grow in how they can differentiate for student needs. Using the current technology resources to our advantage to create videos for our students to utilize when it is appropriate at the time of their learning. Instructional and district coaches went through this training during the school year to differentiate professional development, and now teachers will experience this to expand their instructional toolkit.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of The Modern Classrooms Project training and coaching to support the implementation of differentiated and on-demand professional learning trainings in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

Public comment on agenda item:

1. Tammy Haley, 3213 N. Pepper Ridge, Wichita, KS 67205

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2022

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for [January 18, 2022](#) are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Bat Infestation and Ceiling Replacement – Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Luke Newman, Douglas Mumma
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self-Funded Insurance Reserve
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: On July 8, 2021, it was discovered the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center (AMAC) had a bat infestation. Remediation was approved to be covered by the district's self-funded insurance reserve. Upon further investigation, it was determined ceiling tile, lath, and plaster must be removed around the mezzanine and other spaces to reach where the bats have taken residence. Following the remediation, a new drop-in ceiling and light fixtures will be installed.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$106,000, which includes the appraised amount of \$96,350.29 plus a contingency amount of \$9,649.71, with Reconstruction Services, LLC for the remediation, repair of the library mezzanine, and other various spaces in AMAC.

3. Construction Manager At-Risk for East High School Science Wing Project

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

Purpose: On December 13, 2021, the Board approved Resolution 2021-22 East High School Science Wing: Construction Manager At-Risk Delivery Method. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to interested general contractors, and five firms were shortlisted to interview and provide proposals. Final scores were determined based on a weighted total of interview, proposal, and fee scores. McCownGordon Construction, LLC was selected, contingent upon an agreeable contract.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with McCownGordon Construction, LLC, contingent upon an agreeable contract, to provide Construction Manager At-Risk services on the East High School Science Wing project.

4. ESSER Mechanical Engineering Services – Various Sites

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

Purpose: On September 13, 2021, the Board approved an agreement with Midwest Engineering, Inc., Basis Consulting Engineers, and Integrated Consulting Engineers with the purpose of selecting mechanical engineers for our federally funded (ESSER) projects resulting from the forthcoming HVAC building audits. Additional funds are needed for design services on the next group of ESSER projects.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an additional \$300,000 each for Midwest Engineering, Inc., Basis Consulting Engineers, and Integrated Consulting Engineers for a total not to exceed \$600,000 for each contractor, or \$1.8 million total for mechanical engineering services related to ESSER projects.

5. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund – Special Liability, 52 Fund – Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for December 2021 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$11,674.00.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for December 2021 legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$8,118.75.

This brings the 2021-22 fiscal year-to-date total to \$99,679.50 for Civil Litigation services and \$60,107.30 for Workers' Compensation services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Workers' Compensation under the school district's self-insured programs for December 2021 in the amount of \$11,674.00 to Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$8,118.75 to McDonald Tinker PA.

6. Settlement Agreement: South High School Construction Litigation Matter

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence, Luke Newman
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: In 2017, the roof on the South High School gymnasium leaked after a winter storm brought ice and rain into the area, resulting in damage to the gym floor and other parts of the building that disrupted activities at South High and required extensive repairs. The district filed a lawsuit in Sedgwick County District Court in November of 2018, alleging that this leak and other alleged defects in the roof were due to breach of contract, breach of implied warranty, and negligence of the defendants in connection with improvements to South High funded by the district's 2008 bond issue. Mediation in December of 2021 between the District and the defendants has resulted in this proposed settlement. Among other terms, the defendants will pay the district \$500,000.00 in exchange for the district's release of claims.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize the President to execute the attached settlement agreement.

7. Workers' Compensation Settlement: D.G.

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer
Funding Source: 52 Fund – Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: D.G. sustained a lower back injury during their employment with USD 259 on November 18, 2020. A settlement order has been issued for \$22,000.00 as the award for this litigated case. This will close out all issues, including future medical. This does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon award for DG's 2020 work injury in the total amount of \$22,000.00.

8. Workers' Compensation Settlement: D.S.

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer
Funding Source: 52 Fund – Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund
2021-22 Budget

Purpose: D.S. sustained a head injury during their employment with USD 259 on November 7, 2017. A settlement order has been issued for \$75,000.00 as the award for this litigated case. This will close out all issues, including future medical. This does include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon award for DS's 2017 work injury in the total amount of \$75,000.00.

VI. Operations

A. 2022-23 District Calendar

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The proposed 2022-23 District Calendar is being submitted for review and approval.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed District Calendar with August 15, 2022, as the first day of school, and May 24, 2023, as the last day of school.

B. Nutrition Services Food Procurement

Contact(s): Fabián Armendariz, David Paul, Jonathan Wyss, Adrea Katzenmeier,
Janell Johnson

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The recent supply chain shortages experienced nationwide due to COVID19 have created significant challenges for Nutrition Services and Purchasing. In response, we had to adjust the way we have traditionally procured food to continue to provide meals to students. The impact has not only created shortages and affected our processes, but also resulted in price increases for many of our common items. This presentation is to explain our food procurement process, share recent challenges, and highlight our commitment to continue to provide meals to students in the Wichita Public Schools.

Recommendation: This item is for the Board's information.

VII. Education – Part II

A. Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Schools are Trusted as Safe Places

Contact(s): Rob Dickson, Gil Alvarez

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: 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 community. Tonight's presentation will highlight and go deeper into the part 3 of Goal #4 in our Volume 4 – Ignite Learning Strategic Plan, which will describe the indicator of success around digital literacy and citizenship.

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

VIII. Finance

A. Budget Report

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Administration will update the Board on the budget.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board's information and discussion.

IX. Miscellaneous

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