Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
January 18, 2022

Roll Call	The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in regular session in the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, 903 South Edgemoor, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 12:05 p.m., on January 18, 2022, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Stan Reeser, Julie Hedrick, Kathy Bond, Sheril Logan, and Hazel Stabler. Participating by conference call: Ernestine Krehbiel
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 Hamilton Middle School JROTC Cadets.
Reports	Report – Service Employees International (SEIU): Esau Freeman, SEIU Business Representative. Topic: Attendance and importance of wearing masks. Report – United Teachers of Wichita: Brent Lewis, UTW President. Topic: Congratulations to elected and re-elected Board members; COVID-19 response.
Public Communications	Matthew Farenbaugh, 333 S. St. Paul St., Wichita, KS 67213 Topic: Mask and vaccine mandates and school closures. Katherine Warren, 1122 N. Lark Ln., Wichita, KS 67212 Topic: Mask mandate Susan Osborn, 1211 S. Siena Ct., Wichita, KS 67235 Topic: Mask mandate Guy McCormick, 1211 S. Siena Ct., Wichita, KS 67235 Topic: Mask mandate Andrew Le, 1629 S. Todd Ct., Wichita, KS 67207 Topic: BOE Rules & Procedure Joe Kisner, 2814 N. Edgemoor Cir., Wichita, KS 67220 Topic: Mask mandate Pandora Freeman, 601 N. Terrace Dr., Wichita, KS 67208 Topic: Mask mandate Mary Dean, 3327 E. Bellaire Ct., Wichita, KS 67218 Topic: Mask mandate
Education	None submitted.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Logan) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 6-0, with Ernestine Krehbiel not connected to the Conference Bridge.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: December 2021 Appendix 2	Board approval.

Monthly Finance Report: November 2021 Appendix 3	Board approval.
On-Call General Contractor: Various Sites	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on page 2 of these BOE minutes.
On-Call Mechanical Contractor: Various Sites	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on this page of the BOE minutes.
Wall Carpet Removal: Colvin Elementary School Appendix 4	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on page 3 of these BOE minutes.
Limited Remote Learning	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Items” on this page of the BOE minutes.
BOE Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2021 Appendix 5	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 November 2021 in the amount of $5,336 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $8,768.12 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
On-Call General Contractor: Various Sites	At Ms. Stabler’s request, Dr. Thompson reported this contract was put out to bid in 2014 with four bidders responding. Bids are prioritized based on lowest price and quality of work. Quality control is monitored by the Facilities Division. Dr. Thompson also reported that unexpected work is required at East High School, and further work is required to accommodate students in the “B” Wing. This request is tied to furnish individual classrooms in the “B” Wing. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Bond) moved the Board approve an additional amount not to exceed $250,000 to the contract with Cherokee Construction Inc., for a total contract amount of $1,250,000 for repairing and remodeling buildings at various district sites as needed. The motion passed 7-0.
On-Call Mechanical Contractor: Various Sites	At Ms. Stabler’s request, Dr. Thompson reported this contract is for non-COVID maintenance. Because this maintenance is unrelated to COVID, ESSER funds are not to be expended but rather Capital Outlay. Dr. Thompson further reported WPS staff available to perform this maintenance are limited in number. Given the scope and urgency of maintenance work, additional work is contracted out. No work is taken away from district employees. Finally, costs are projected out for these projects. In the event of a cost increase, an additional request will be brought to the Board for review and approval. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve an additional $500,000 to the contract with Central Mechanical Wichita, LLC, for a total contract amount of $1,200,000 with a per hour cost shown on the attached table, at various district sites as needed. The motion passed 7-0.

Wall Carpet Removal: Colvin Elementary School	At Ms. Bond's request, Dr. Thompson reported this floor-to-ceiling wall carpet will be replaced with drywall. Many WPS schools have this wall carpet feature and will be removed as-needed when schools request them. Ms. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board approve an amount not to exceed $125,613 which includes the above base bid, and a contingency amount of $9,000 with Cherokee Construction, Inc. for Wall Carpet Removal at Colvin Elementary School. The motion passed 7-0.
Limited Remote Learning	At Ms. Bond's request, Dr. Thompson and Terrell Davis, Director of Public Affairs and Special Projects, reported that limited remote learning cannot be extended for 30 or 60 days. This is due to state statute and cannot be altered by local school districts. Ms. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board approve and authorize exceeding of the 40-hour remote learning limit of the students identified to the Board. The motion passed 7-0.
Policy	None submitted.
Operations	
Election of Officers (Board of Education)	In accordance with BOE Policy 0100 – Organization of the Board: "At the Board's first meeting on or after the second Monday in January of each year, the Board shall elect a president and vice president from its members, each of whom shall serve for one year or until his/her successor is elected." The election of officers shall be by open ballot. Board policy stipulates that each member may vote for any member of the Board and successive ballots shall be taken for each office until one member receives four votes. The newly elected president and vice-president shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected. <u>President</u>: Stan Reeser Ballot 1: <u>Voting for Stan Reeser</u>: Ernestine Krehbiel*, Stan Reeser, Julie Hedrick, and Sheril Logan. <u>Voting for Julie Hedrick</u>: Diane Albert, Kathy Bond, and Hazel Stabler. *Voting by Conference Bridge after other Board members had cast their paper ballots and the ballots were collected. After the Conference Bridge votes were cast, paper ballots were counted and reported into the meeting record. <u>Vice President</u>: Julie Hedrick Ballot 1: <u>Voting for Julie Hedrick</u>: Ernestine Krehbiel*, Stan Reeser, Julie Hedrick, Kathy Bond, and Sheril Logan. <u>Voting for Diane Albert</u>: Diane Albert and Hazel Stabler. *Voting by Conference Bridge after other Board members had cast their paper ballots and the ballots were collected. After the Conference Bridge votes were cast, paper ballots were counted and reported into the meeting record.

Operations (Continued) Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Appointments and Council of Great City Schools Board of Directors Representative	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve the appointment of Julie Hedrick to fulfill the unexpired term of Ron Rosales on the KASB Board of Directors, effective immediately; and approve the appointment of Hazel Stabler as Board representative to the Council of Great City Schools Board of Directors. The motion passed 7-0
T-Mobile Service Contract: McKinney-Vento Program	Denise Lawson, WPS Title Services Director, provided the Board with an update on program services. The McKinney-Vento program is a federal initiative created in 1987 to Eliminate barriers and obstacles for students and families facing homelessness, ensuring students equal access to enroll, attend, and succeed in school. Funding is provided through federal grants, Title I set asides, and private donations. A portion of federal funding received via the Homeless Children and Youth American Rescue Plan is proposed to be used for mobile phone and TotSpot devices. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information and approval. Ms. Logan (Ms. Bond) moved the Board approve an agreement with T-Mobile and in the amount not to exceed $125,000 for TotSpot devices and 24 months of service for both the TotSpot devices and T-Mobile provided cellphones. The motion passed 7-0.
Finance	None submitted.
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	None submitted.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Ernestine Krehbiel - Reports the COVID testing facility at Chester E. Lewis Learning Academy runs very efficiently and she is impressed with their services. Hazel Stabler - Requests possibility of hazardous waste containers in WPS buildings for contaminated masks. Sheril Logan - Attended 5A and 6A state debate tournament at East High School. Reports this is the first time she was able to attend a state debate tournament hosted in Wichita. Kathy Bond - Attended Wilbur Middle School robotics tournament and is impressed at the competitive sport nature of the event. - Requests information on bio hazard protocols in place at each school regarding disposal of used masks. - Requests agenda item on when the last time the WPS mask mandate was evaluated. - Requests information on the availability of online learning for students out sick due to COVID.

Board of Education Reports/Requests (Continued)	Julie Hedrick - Also attended 5A and 6A state debate tournament at East High School. - Attended the WPS Good Apple Award ceremony and Colvin Elementary School, congratulated all award recipients, and thanked them for their service and work for the district. - Shout-out to Mayor's Youth Council students and WPS fourth graders who had their artwork displayed on billboards around Wichita. Diane Albert - Requests agenda item to be added to the February 7 regular BOE meeting to review, discuss, and update WPS COVID protocols. Ernestine Krehbiel - Requested explanation on why instruction cannot be done remotely. Terrell Davis, Director of Public Affairs and Special Projects, reports HB 2134 limits remote instruction to 40 hours per student. If a student exceeds this number, Board approval is necessary. Remote learning is unavailable building- or district-wide.
New Business	None submitted.
Executive Session #1: Attorney/Client Matters	At approximately 2:15 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Stabler) moved the Board recess into an executive session for consultation with an attorney regarding pending litigation which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act exception as allowed under K.S.A. 75-4319, and the Board return from executive session to this room at 2:40 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 2:40 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Executive Session #2: Actions Adversely or Favorably Affecting a Person as a Student	At approximately 2:41 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Stabler) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss matters adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act exception as allowed under K.S.A. 75-4319, and the Board return from executive session to this room at 2:55 p.m. The motion passed 7-0
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 2:58 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Appeal Hearing: Case 2	On Thursday, January 6 at noon, an appeal hearing was held regarding a sophomore student from Southeast High School. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Logan) moved that the Board uphold the expulsion finding of this student with the modification that the expulsion will last until the beginning of school registration in August 2022. The motion passed 5-0, with Board member Julie Hedrick away from the table and Board member Ernestine Krehbiel not connected to the Conference Bridge.

Adjournment	Ms. Bond (Ms. Stabler) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 5-0, with Board member Julie Hedrick away from the table and Board member Ernestine Krehbiel not connected to the Conference Bridge. At approximately 3:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.