Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
February 7, 2022

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 February 7, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond.
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 Northwest High School JROTC cadets.
Reports – Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC)	Reporters: Jace Nelson, Northwest High; Zoe Powell, West High Topic: Digital literacy.
Reports – Good News	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.

Reports – Good News *(continued)*	Aspiring Building Leader Recognition Contact(s): Amanda Kingrey, Chris Wendt 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). 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. At approximately 6:39 p.m., Ms. Hedrick left the table. At approximately 6:41, Ms. Hedrick returned.

Reports – Good News *(continued)*	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 Madhaven (Collegiate), Vy Nguyen (Derby), Natalie Phan (Kapaun Mt. Carmel), Lesly Hernandez (Maize), Sydney Ojedis-Leiva (Sunrise Christian Academy), and Isabella Sebits (Trinity). 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.
Reports – United Teachers of Wichita	Brent Lewis, UTW President. Topic: Mitigations for COVID-19.

Public Communications	Matthew Farenbaugh, 333 S. St. Paul, Wichita, KS 67213 Topic: COVID-19 response Robert Howes, 11610 W. Lost Creek Cir., Wichita, KS 67212 Topic: Mask mandate Pat Madden-Beren, 117 E. 51st St. S., Derby, KS 67037 Topic: Mask wearing Molly Lavacek, 327 Circle Dr., Wichita, KS 67218 Topic: Mask mandate Andrew Le, 1629 S. Todd Ct., Wichita, KS 67207 Topic: Masks Chip Gramke, 3351 All Hallows, Wichita, KS 67217 Topic: Boardsmanship Connie Dietz, 8310 Greenbriar, Wichita, KS 67226 Topic: Boardsmanship Morgan Sinsel, 10333 SW Bridget, Andover, KS 67010 Topic: Mask mandate Denise O'Leary, 2610 S. Larkin Dr., Wichita, KS 67216 Topic: School culture James Kilpatrick, 2101 W. MacArthur Rd., Wichita, KS 67217 Topic: Curriculum Transparency At approximately 6:55 p.m., Ms. Krehbiel left the table. At approximately 6:57, Ms. Krehbiel returned.
Education – Part I	
COVID-19 Protocols Review – Public Comment on Agenda Item	Karisue Vosburgh, 7625 E. Dublin, Wichita, KS 67206 Matthew Blazewicz, 4319 Westlake Ct., Bel Aire, KS 67220 Ron Hobert, 9545 W. Brookridge Cir., Wichita, KS 67205 Myles Banks, 869 N. Bristol Ct., Wichita, KS 67206 Paul Babich, 9400 E. Wilson Estates Pkway #504, Wichita, KS 67206 Donell Howard, 10128 W. Westlakes Ct., Wichita, KS 67205 April Harris, 1453 S. Shiloh Ct., Wichita, KS 67207
COVID-19 Protocols Review	Terri Moses, Director of Safety and Environmental Services, briefed the Board on the district's COVID-19 protocols. Information was delivered related to environmental safety priorities, healthy learning and work environments, the district's response timeline, and online learning limits. Data on positive COVID cases and quarantines was also presented. All protocols and data are available online at www.usd259.net/WPSadvance. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information and discussion. Ms. Albert (Ms. Bond) moved the Board remove effective immediately the mask mandate adopted by the Board at their August 23, 2021 regular meeting and to make masks optional. The motion failed 4-3, with Board members Ernestine Krehbiel, Stan Reeser, Julie Hedrick, and Sheril Logan voting no.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.

Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: January 2022 Appendix 2	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: January 2022 Appendix 3	Provided for the Board's information. No action requested.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	Board member Diane Albert pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Nutrition Services Food Procurement" under Operations on Page 8.
Exterior Renovation: East High School – Phase Two Appendix 5	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.
Exterior Renovation: North High School – Phase Three Appendix 6	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.
HVAC and Lighting Upgrade: East High School	Board member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 6.
Marzano Trainings for Building Administrators	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 6.
WSU Tech Applied Learning Technology Support	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 6.
The Modern Classrooms Project	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 6.
BOE Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2022 Appendix 7	Board approval.
Bat Infestation and Ceiling Replacement – Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center	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.
Construction Manager At-Risk for East High School Science Wing Project	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.
ESSER Mechanical Engineering Services – Various Sites	Board member Diane Albert pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" under Operations on Page 7.
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 December 2021 in the amount of $11,674.00 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $8,118.75 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Settlement Agreement: South High School Construction Litigation Matter	Approve and authorize the President to execute the attached settlement agreement.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: D.G.	Approve this agreed upon award for DG's 2020 work injury in the total amount of $22,000.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: D.S.	approve this agreed upon award for DS's 2017 work injury in the total amount of $75,000.

Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
HVAC and Lighting Upgrade: East High School	**Public Comment on Agenda Item:** LeeAnn Moore, 2751 Glacier, Wichita, KS 67215 At Ms. Hedrick's request, Superintendent Thompson confirmed ESSER funding will be used for lighting upgrades in the event it is approved. If not, capital outlay will pay for the project. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved 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. The motion passed 7-0.
Marzano Trainings for Building Administrators	At Ms. Bond's request, Dr. Thompson confirmed participants do not receive an increase in pay for attending Marzano training. Dr. Andi Giesen, Executive Director of ESOL Education, explained who observers at trainings are. WPS has used Marzano for nine years. Ms. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved 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. The motion passed 7-0.
WSU Tech Applied Learning Technology Support	Ms. Bond stated she pulled this item by mistake. Ms. Bond (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve additional funds under existing contract, not to exceed $100,000, with Wichita State University Applied Learning to expand technology support.
The Modern Classrooms Project	At Ms. Bond's request, Branden Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for High Schools, stated 120 teachers may volunteer to participate on-demand. Attendance is not mandatory. 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 allows them to utilize content when 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. Ms. Bond (Ms. Logan) moved 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. The motion passed, 7-0.

ESSER Mechanical Engineering Services – Various Sites	At Ms. Albert's request, Randy Scott, Manager of Energy and Mechanical Systems, confirmed the scope and pricing of mechanical engineering services from three vendors. 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. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved 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 of $600,000 for mechanical engineering services related to ESSER projects. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 9:20 p.m., the Board went into recess for fifteen minutes.
Operations	
2022-23 District Calendar Appendix 8	At approximately 9:35 p.m., the Board returned from recess. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved 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. The motion passed 7-0.

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<tr><td>Nutrition Services Food Procurement</td><td>Fabian Armendariz, David Paul, Jonathan Wyss, Janell Johnson, and Adrea Katzenmeier from the district's Operations Division updated the Board on the status of district food procurement. 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.

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At approximately 9:42 p.m., Ms. Krehbiel left the meeting.

Ms. Logan (Ms. Bond) moved the Board approve the consent agenda.
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<tr><td>1. Emergency Five Compartment Compostable Trays</td><td>$500,000.00</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
<tr><td>2. Food – November 2021</td><td>$672,698.90</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
<tr><td>3. Food – December 2021</td><td>$1,794,039.00</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
<tr><td>4. Supply – November 2021</td><td>$301,362.57</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
<tr><td>5. Supply – December 2021</td><td>$151,614.00</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
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The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel absent.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Education – Part II</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Schools are Trusted as Safe Places</td><td>Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, Rob Dickson, Chief Information Officer, and Dyane Smokorowski, Digital Literacy & Citizenship Coordinator, briefed the Board on the district's 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 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.

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Finance	
Budget Report	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Board with a budget update. Details were provided related to the current fiscal year budget. Planning positives and unknowns, risks, and challenges related to the next fiscal year were also reviewed. The Board then received enrollment data and a budget development timeline for the 2023 fiscal year. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	None submitted
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Kathy Bond - Attended her first District Crisis Team meeting. - Attended promotion ceremony for LTC Nathan Lewis at North High School. - Attended All-City Honor Orchestra Concert. - Requested an agenda item for March 7 to revisit COVID statistics in Sedgwick County and USD 259 and to vote again on the mask mandate. - Requests to know whether Parent and Community Support advisory committee positions are all filled; if this committee has been able to meet either in-person or remotely; when the last time, per policy, a written report was submitted to the Board; and if a copy can be provided listing all members of all six advisory committees. - Requests information on appointed Board policy committee membership; how often this committee meets; when the last time this committee met; if the policies in the policy book provided to her are current; and how the Board is given policy revisions. - Requests to know if all district custodians are master certified and how many custodians are employed by the district. Sheril Logan - Attended bowling tournament, scholars bowl tournament, and All-City Honor Band concert. Hazel Stabler - Attended All-City Honor Band concert. Thanked Friends University for hosting and all band directors. - Spoke to students at Marshall Middle School as part of their Career Exploration series. - Has visited and toured most District 6 schools. Stan Reeser - Noted the special BOE meeting tentatively scheduled for February 28 is cancelled.
New Business	None submitted.
Adjournment	Ms. Logan (Mr. Reeser) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel absent. At approximately 10:55 p.m., the meeting adjourned.