Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
April 11, 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 April 11, 2022, 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 Hadley Middle School JROTC Cadets.
Reports – Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC)	Reporters: Andrew Le (Southeast High) and Zoe Powell (West High). Topic: Super SuperSAC meeting on March 30
Reports – Good News	2022 Distinguished Classroom Teacher Awards (DCTA) Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Michelle Cuda The Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award program recognizes outstanding teachers who affect the quality of education in Wichita Public Schools. Each year, awards are given in eight different categories. A selection committee made up of teachers, teaching specialists, school and district-level administrators, and members of the United Teachers of Wichita reviews the nominations and makes the final selections. The 2022 DCTA honorees are: New Teacher, Elementary: Sue Ake, 5th grade teacher at Gordon Parks Academy New Teacher, Secondary: Abbi Faflick, 6th-8th grade vocal music teacher at Coleman Middle School Primary Teacher (Pre-K through 2): James Quillen, Kindergarten teacher at Cloud Elementary School Intermediate Teacher (3 through 5): Megan Campbell, 3rd grade teacher at Gordon Parks Academy Middle School Teacher: Kimberlee Hughes, 8th grade social studies and AVID teacher at Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet High School Teacher: Joanna Farmer, Agriculture teacher at Southeast High School Support Teacher, Elementary: Jennifer Pollard, Positive Behavior Supports Counselor at Cloud Elementary School Support Teacher, Secondary: Sara Puetz, Library Media Specialist at Gordon Parks Academy

Reports – Good News *(continued)*	Heights High Boys Basketball: KSHSAA Class 6A State Champions Contact: J Means, Athletic Director On Saturday, March 12th, Heights HS defeated Overland Park - Blue Valley Northwest 61-54 to be crowned the 2021-22 State Class 6A Boys Champion at Wichita State Koch Arena. Members of the team are: Jordan Alford, Sajavious Bowen, D.J. Dingle, Chase Harris, Qyree Holt, Dreylin Kemp, Jordan Okon, Chase Robison, Amalachi Wilkins, Chaz Williams, Timothy Williams, and Marcus Zeigler. Coaches are Joe Auer and assistants Gary Thomason and Carlin Whitten. Student managers are Austin Vaughn, Pedro Nava, and Quincy McCarther.
Reports – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Brent Lewis, United Teachers of Wichita President. Topic: WPS achievements and everyday challenges.
Public Communications	None submitted.
Education	
Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Increase Third Grade Reading Proficiency	Gil Alvarez (Deputy Superintendent), Michele Ingenthron (Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools) and Amanda Sharshel (Executive Director of Learning Services) provided the Board with a Strategic Plan update. The Every Student Future Ready plan focuses on four long-term goals. Goal #2 is designed to increase third grade reading proficiency. Tonight's presentation highlighted actions taken to monitor progress on literacy improvement in Volume 4 of Wichita Public Schools' Ignite Learning Strategic Plan. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
Summer Programs	Gil Alvarez, Loren Hatfield (Executive Director of Secondary Schools), and Michelle Cuda (Executive Director of Elementary Schools) provided the Board with an update on summer programs offered by the district. As we continue to assist students who may be experiencing learning loss or need to accelerate learning, tonight's presentation shared with the Board our current plans for robust summer 2022 learning opportunities. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) 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: March 2022 Appendix 2	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: February 2022 Appendix 3	Board approval.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	Board approval.

Dust Collector Replacement Appendix 5	Approve an amount not to exceed $189,130, which includes the above base bid, and a contingency amount of $14,000 with The Waldinger Corporation for Dust Collector Replacement at Heights High School.
Facility and Program Expansion: Future Ready Center Appendix 6	Approve an amount not to exceed $875,948, which includes the above base bid, Alternate A2, Alternate A3, Alternate M1, Alternate E1, Alternate E2, and a contingency amount of $65,000 with Cherokee Construction Inc. for Facility and Program Expansion at Future Ready Center.
AGI – iPad Screen Protector Replacement	Approve the purchase of screen protector replacements for the Version Innovative Learning School student iPads not to exceed $36,000.
NEC Corporation of America – Server Replacement	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4.
Fuel for Student Transportation Appendix 7	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4.
Parking Lot Resurface: Hadley and Truesdell Middle Schools Appendix 8	Approve an amount not to exceed $179,400, which includes the above base bid, and contingency amount of $13,000 with Conspec, Inc. DBA Kansas Paving for the Parking Lot Resurface at Hadley Middle School; and approve an amount not to exceed $144,136, which includes the above alternate #2, and a contingency amount of $11,000 with Cornejo & Sons, LLC for Parking Lot Resurface at Truesdell Middle School.
Pool Diving Board Replacements: Northwest High School	Approve an amount not to exceed $255,018 which includes the above base bid, and a contingency amount of $19,000 with Hutton Corporation for Pool Diving Board Replacements at Northwest High School.
Riverside Technology, Inc. – CTE Devices	Approve the purchase of devices adequate for CTE courses in each high school with payment to Riverside Technology, Inc. not to exceed $498,200.
Switch Gear Replacement: Future Ready Center Appendix 9	Approve an amount not to exceed $134,250, which includes the above base bid, and a contingency amount of $10,000 with Piping & Equipment Company, Inc. for the Switch Gear Replacement at Future Ready Center.
2022-23 Local Education Agency Assurances for IDEA Federal Funds Appendix 10	Approve the KSDE Local Education Agency (LEA) Application for the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) Part B Funds, as provided in Appendix 10.
BOE Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2022 Appendix 11	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 February 2022 in the amount of $30,251.30 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $6,083.62 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Membership Dues: Kansas Association of School Boards	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 5.
Owner’s Representative and Commissioning Services: ESSER-Funded HVAC Projects	Approve an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants for an amount not to exceed $1,828,948 for owner’s representative and commissioning services related to ESSER funded HVAC projects.
Proposed Policy Revisions Appendix 12	Board approval.

Roof Repair – Truesdell Middle School	Approve a not-to-exceed amount of $176,000 for Reconstruction Services, LLC to complete roof repairs at Truesdell Middle School. The requested amount will proactively reserve the funds for a full roof replacement and includes contingency funds for price fluctuations in materials
Roof Replacement – West High School	Approve $269,199.94 to be distributed to Reconstruction Services, LLC for repair and replacement of West High School's roof.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
NEC Corporation of America – Server Replacement	Rob Dickson, Chief Information Officer, provided details on the supplier and fee structure. The district's current fault tolerance (FT) voice servers are approaching 5 years of life, limiting hardware support and warranty. Replacement FT voice serves will allow for a performance upgrade. The current FT servers will only support VMware ESXI 6.5 and VMware announced End of Support for ESXI 6.5 on November 15th, 2023. To maintain support, obtain new features and bug fixes, this update is necessary. Warranties and support are included. Ms. Stabler (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve the purchase and installation of needed FT server replacements, payment to NEC not to exceed $121,000. The motion passed 7-0.
Fuel for Student Transportation Appendix 7	Fabian Armendariz, Director of Operations, provided details on the status of supplying gasoline to First Student buses utilized by the district. Kansas State Statute K.S.A 72-1151 allows an exemption to the bid law for the bid of fuel related to student transportation. In accordance with this statute, historically, quotes were requested multiple times each week to procure fuel as needed at the specific amounts needed for each lot. Over the last couple of years, we have begun to experience challenges with this process and timely deliveries. In November of 2021, a quote request was sent to all eligible fuel suppliers for long term pricing based on a percentage markup from the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) pricing to ensure guaranteed on-time fuel deliveries. Mid-Kansas Co-operative Association was determined to be the most cost effective and operationally advantageous option for the district. Ms. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board approve the initial contract term from May 1, 2022 until July 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed $750,000. This agreement does have an option for extensions. If an extension is determined to be the most cost effective and advantageous option for the district, reporting to the BOE will happen retroactively each quarter. The motion passed 7-0.

Membership Dues: Kansas Association of School Boards	Dr. Alicia Thompson provided the Board details on resources and opportunities for collaboration from KASB. Ms. Logan (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board approve annual membership in the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of $33,174.64. The motion passed 6-1, with Kathy Bond voting no.
Policy	
First Review: BOE Policy 1350 Pre-Kindergarten Programs	As part of an ongoing effort to consolidate BOE policies, Administration proposes the following consolidation of Learning Services policy 1350. **Current Policy** | **Proposed** | **Title** | **Notes** 1350 | NA | Pre-Kindergarten Programs | Update AIPs This was the Board's first review of the suggested policy update.
Finance	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Board with an update on the FY23 budget development timeline, state budget forms, the district's 2021-22 Budget At-A-Glance booklet, and district revenues and expenditures. 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	Diane Albert - Attended SuperSAC on March 30 and met with small groups. - Attended JROTC National Awards ceremony, which is special as she was a WPS JROTC participant and was honored to distribute awards to cadets. - Took part in hosting community Easter Egg hunt and serving lunch at Clark Elementary. - Met with Youth Leaders Panel at AMAC and discussed mental health initiatives for students. - Toured construction at East and met with student council.

Board of Education Report/Requests *(continued)*	Kathy Bond - Attended mock interviews for seniors at Northwest, very impressed with students' maturity. - Also attended SuperSAC and reported concerns from students on missing opportunities due to COVID-19. - Also attended JROTC National Awards ceremony. - Attended JROTC battalion military ball at Northwest. - Requested information on how long it would take to inventory materials in WPS school libraries. - Requested to know how many WPS buildings display national motto. Sheril Logan - Went to RealtyU at Southeast as part of the Pando Initiative. - Served as a judge at the forensics competition at Northwest. - Noted schools are administering state assessments and encouraged students to rest up and get a good night's sleep before exams. Hazel Stabler - Is visiting schools in her member district and attending PTO meetings, student council sessions, and having lunch in some school cafeterias. - Attended Premier Boy Scout "On my Honor" breakfast and notes it was a wonderful experience. - Also attended SuperSAC, JROTC awards ceremony, and Youth Leadership Council. Commends WPS on being articulate when expressing concerns. - Encouraged Board members and the public to attend the School's Out! Powwow hosted by the WPS Native American office on May 14 at the Mid-America All-Indian Center. - Requests information on Kansas history and Indian studies curriculum and what grades they are taught at.
New Business	None submitted.
Executive Session #1: Attorney-client privilege	At approximately 10:00 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board recess into an executive session for consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship The motion passed 7-0.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 10:21 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Executive Session #2: Negotiations	At approximately 10:21 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Bond) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Albert, Mr. Reeser, Ms. Hedrick, and Ms. Bond present and voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 10:51 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.

Adjournment	Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 10:51 p.m., the meeting adjourned.