Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
June 13, 2022

Roll Call	The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in regular session in Room 813 of the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, 903 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 6 p.m., on June 13, 2022, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond. Absent: Diane Albert
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 South High School JROTC Cadets
Reports	
Reports – Good News	Middle School Robotics National Qualifiers Contact(s): Loren Hatfield Students from Allison, Gordon Parks Academy and Robinson competed at the Vex Robotics World Championships in Dallas, TX on May 3-5, 2022. The following district students and teachers participated: Gordon Parks Academy: Cory McCracken Teacher Team 71610Y: Maranda King and Tyann Scott Team 71610X: Dom Williams, Gabriel Gaines, Jason Rogers, and Ben Nance Team 71610C: Gabriel Nance, Ethan Hahn, and Aston Richard Team 71610C Sponsors: Jericho Borders, Miles Hayden, and Govanni Guzman Allison Middle School: Steve Smith, Teacher Team 25900A: Talan Bogart, Caleb Gegen, and Noah Gegen Shal Ruud Team 25900B: Miriam Brown, Brianna Hupach, Sophie Lungwitz, and Kyra Rolen Robinson Middle School: Kristin Shelton, Teacher Team 67203C: Felix Huot, Liam Lawrence, Sophia Grimaldo-Palacios, Edith Grimaldo-Palacios, Aurora Vuong, Wasif Kabir, Sanya Namboodiri, Tanya Namboodiri, Aaron Huot, Chaitanya Jhaveri, and Ashwath Jagadeesh.

Reports – Service Employees International (SEIU)	Esau Freeman, SEIU Business Manager. Topic: 2022-23 negotiated agreements.
Reports – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Brent Lewis, UTW President. Topic: 2022-23 negotiated agreements and school safety
Public Communications	None submitted.
Operations	
Transportation Department	Fabián Armendáriz, Director of Operations, and Lisa Riveros, Director of Transportation, briefed the Board of district transportation matters. The Wichita Public Schools transportation department facilitates safe transport for over 15,000 students daily in our community. This item provided a better understanding of how student transportation works in our district. A basic overview of this operation was provided, along with related policies, data, contractor, and general budget information. 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	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Stabler) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 6-0, with Diane Albert absent.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.
Designation of Agent for Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (Annual)	Appoint Alexis Summers as its designated agent through whom retirement system transactions and communications shall be directed for Unified School District 259 of Sedgwick County, Kansas for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
NATSB National Screening Bureau (Annual)	Approve the district's use of NATSB for background screening checks in an amount not to exceed $65,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Should additional quantities be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Equifax Workforce Solutions - Unemployment and Employment Verification Administration (Annual)	Authorize Human Resources to approve an amount not to exceed $42,000 to purchase services for the 2022-23 fiscal year from Equifax Workforce Solutions. Should additional quantities be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Master Teacher: ParaPD Now Testing (Annual)	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Master Teacher in an amount not to exceed $26,999 for the 2022-23 fiscal year for the temporary employee conversion process. Should additional quantities be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Treasury Warrants: May 2022 Appendix 2	Board approval.

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<tr><td>Purchasing Consent
Appendix 3</td><td>Board approval.
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<tr><th>Description of products/services</th><th>Amount</th><th>Responsible Party</th></tr>
<tr><td>1. Production Printing & Document Archiving Services</td><td>$90,000.00</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
<tr><td>2. Nutrition Services Cleaning Solutions</td><td>$50,000.00</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
<tr><td>3. Nutrition Services Laundry Services – Annual</td><td>$30,000.00</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
<tr><td>4. Copier Lease Payments</td><td>$200,000.00</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
<tr><td>5. Oracle Fusion Support and Maintenance – Annual</td><td>$465,000.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr>
<tr><td>6. Antivirus Software – Annual</td><td>$35,000.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr>
<tr><td>7. Schoolbooks & Tracks Software Maintenance & Support – Annual</td><td>$90,000.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr>
<tr><td>8. Securly – Annual</td><td>$87,000.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr>
<tr><td>9. Generation Esports – Annual</td><td>$44,640.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr>
<tr><td>10. Fire Panel Systems</td><td>$100,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>11. Elevator Inspection, Maintenance & Compliance Testing</td><td>$75,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>12. Elevator Repair</td><td>$100,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>13. Building Automation System</td><td>$500,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>14. Carpet – Annual</td><td>$150,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>15. Playground Equipment & Rubberized Mulch</td><td>$400,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>16. Roll-Off Dumpster & Solid Waste Removal Services – Annual</td><td>$475,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>17. Asbestos Repair & Removal – Annual</td><td>$200,000.00</td><td>Terri Moses</td></tr>
<tr><td>18. HVAC Air Filters</td><td>$200,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>19. Various Gas & Cylinder Rental Service</td><td>$100,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>20. Food – May 2022</td><td>$248,809.43</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
<tr><td>21. Supplies – May 2022</td><td>$241,987.45</td><td>Fabian Armendariz</td></tr>
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<tr><td>East High School Science Wing Project: Early Bid Packages</td><td>Board member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on page 6 of these BOE minutes.</td></tr>
<tr><td>ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual)
Appendix 4</td><td>Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on page 6 of these BOE minutes.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Imagine Learning – Edgenuity Online Curriculum (Renewal)</td><td>Authorize the purchase of Edgenuity online services renewal with Imagine Learning in an amount not to exceed $300,000.</td></tr>
<tr><td>BOE Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2022
Appendix 5</td><td>Board approval.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA</td><td>Authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Worker’s Compensation under the school district’s self-insured programs for May 2022 in the amount of $4,816.75 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $12,090.81 to McDonald Tinker PA.</td></tr>
<tr><td>EverDriven
Appendix 6</td><td>Extend the agreement with EverDriven for transportation services for the 2022-23 school year in the amount not to exceed $350,000.</td></tr>
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Behavioral Threat Case Management System (Public Consulting Group, Inc.) Appendix 7	Approve contracting with Public Consulting Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $78,354 to cover initial implementation & startup fees, as well as annual licensing, support & maintenance for the 2022-23 school year.
Custodial Services	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on page 7 of these BOE minutes.
Electrical Materials and Equipment	Approve a maximum amount of $250,000 for electrical equipment and materials to be purchased from Consolidated Electrical Distributors (Siemens), Stanion Wholesale Electric, Co., (Eaton), and Graybar Electric Supply (Square D/Schneider Electric) on an as needed basis.
HVAC Materials and Labor	Approve a maximum amount of $1,000,000 for HVAC - related labor, equipment, and materials to be purchased from Sandifer Engineering & Controls, C&C Sales, Inc., Trane U.S., Inc., Johnson Controls, Daikin TMI, and Building Controls and Service, Inc. on an as-needed basis.
Hydronic Glycol and Water Quality Materials and Labor	Approve a maximum amount of $250,000, for HVAC Glycol and Water Quality related labor, equipment, and materials to be purchased from Kan-Tech, Inc. on an as needed basis.
Natural Gas Transport Appendix 8	Authorize WoodRiver Energy LLC as its provider and transporter of natural gas for District buildings in the estimated total amount of $3,593,217 for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
Interim Healthcare of Wichita (Annual) Appendix 9	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Interim Healthcare of Wichita, Inc., during the 2022-23 school year to provide Special Education Health Services, not to exceed a cost of $150,000, to be funded by Special Education.
News-2-You, Unique Learning System n2y, LLC (Renewal) Appendix 10	Authorize the purchase of News-2-You and Unique Learning System with n2y, LLC for one year in an amount not to exceed $129,016.50.
Proposed Policy Revisions Appendix 11	Board approval. Policy: P5116 Title: Emergency Safety Interventions Board Person Responsible: Vince Evans; Dan Lawrence
Vehicle Repair and Rental Reimbursement	Authorize a one-time payment of $16,713.46 to Rusty Eck Ford for repairs and a one-time reimbursement of $5,620.21 to the member of public for rental car expenses. The total amount is $22,333.67
Wichita Metro Transit Authority (Annual) Appendix 12	Approve the continued use of Wichita Metro Transit Authority for additional transportation services for the-2022-23 school year in the amount not to exceed $350,000.
KSHSAA Membership and Insurance (Annual) Appendix 13	Authorize the district's respective schools to renew their membership in KSHSAA for the 2022-23 fiscal year and to authorize each high school to pay a fee of $500 and each middle school to pay a fee of $200 from the Athletic Activities Fund, 57 Fund, directly to KSHSAA. The total amount for insurance, as listed in the Appendix, is not to exceed $25,000. Should the total exceed the projected amount, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Flexible Spending Plan (Annual) Appendix 14	Approve renewal of the contract for the 2022-23 fiscal year with ASI, (Columbia, MO) for claim administration expenses for a fee of $3.00 per participating employee per month, not to exceed $100,000 per year. Should the total exceed the projected amount, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Supplemental Life Insurance (Annual)	Authorize the district to continue this voluntary contribution life insurance plan through Guardian Insurance Company for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Group Term Life Insurance (Annual) Appendix 15	Approve the purchase of group term life insurance from Standard Insurance Company at a cost not to exceed $630,655 for premiums for the 2022-23 fiscal year. It is further recommended the Board authorize the Administration to pay a $2,500 annual fee to Insurance Management Associates for life insurance brokerage services for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Should the total exceed the projected amount, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Employee Assistance Program (Annual)	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on page 7 of these BOE minutes.
Department of Transportation (DOT), Fitness for Duty, Post Offer Employment Tests (POETS), Reasonable Suspicion Testing and Hepatitis Shots (Annual)	Approve an amount not to exceed $184,300 pre- and post-employment testing and Hepatitis B shots for employees in "at-risk" positions or after exposure for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Should additional quantities be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Special Liability Expenses Fund (Annual)	Authorize the Administration to pay liability judgments and direct and indirect expenses to any judgment that may arise during the 2022-23 fiscal year from Fund 42 in an aggregate amount not to exceed $1,000,000.
Self-Funded Insurance Reserve (Annual) Appendix 16	Authorize the Administration to fund an amount for self-funded insurance programs in the 47 Fund in an amount not to exceed $4,500,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year. This does not include the Medical, Pharmacy, Vision, and Dental Benefit Plan item in this BOE Agenda.
Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund (Annual) Appendix 17	Authorize the Administration to expend up to $3,345,300 from the Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund for the 2022-23 fiscal year to pay workers' compensation claims and expenses necessary to administer the district's self-insured workers' compensation program to maintain compliance with the Kansas state law requirements for self-funded plans.
Medical, Pharmacy, Vision, and Dental Benefit Plan (Annual) Appendix 18	Authorize UMR and Bind to administer the district's self-funded medical plans, MaxorPlus to administer the self-funded pharmacy benefit plan, Eye Med to administer vision benefits, and Delta Dental of Kansas to administer the district's self-funded dental plans; and authorize Employee Benefits to contract with bswift to administer COBRA, facilitate health plan enrollment, track MVP eligibility, and prepare and file the IRS forms for the Affordable Care Act.
Property and Casualty Insurance (Annual) Appendix 19	Authorize the expenditure from the Supplemental General Fund an amount not to exceed $4,900,000 for the purchase of property and casualty insurance, IMA broker fees for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and any related services IMA may perform during the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Student Accident Insurance: Voluntary/Latchkey (Annual)	Authorize Student Assurance Services (Lawrence, KS) the right to provide voluntary student accident insurance, including sports coverage, for the fiscal year 2022-23; and authorize Student Assurance Services (Lawrence, KS) provide this service to the district's School Age Program (Latchkey) at a cost of $2.00 per participant, which is built into the fees charged by the program.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
East High School Science Wing Project: Early Bid Packages	At Board member Julie Hedrick's request, Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, briefed the Board on details related to this project. The 2022-23 Capital Outlay budget includes monies for construction projects at various district sites. On December 13, 2021, the Board of Education approved utilizing the Construction Manager At-Risk Delivery Method on the East High School science wing project. Subsequently, on February 7, 2022, the Board approved a contract with McCown-Gordon Construction, LLC to provide Construction Manager At-Risk services for the East High School science wing project to address structural repairs and associated construction work to facilitate those repairs. Currently, the East High School science wing project is in the late design stages with Schaefer, Johnson, Cox, Frey Architecture. A final guaranteed maximum price (GMP) will be prepared by McCown-Gordon upon completion of the design documents, which will be presented to the Board for approval in July. In the interest of mitigating supply chain concerns and preventing schedule delays, early bid packages have been issued for roofing and select HVAC equipment. The amount approved for these early roofing and HVAC equipment bid packages will be rolled into the total guaranteed maximum price (GMP) presented in July. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve an amount not to exceed $989,287 with McCown-Gordon for roofing and select HVAC equipment, to be rolled in with the final GMP for the East High School Science Wing project. The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Diane Albert absent.
ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual)	At Board member Kathy Bond's Request, Andi Giesen, Executive Director of ESOL Services, briefed the Board on this item. Wichita State University, Kansas State University and Newman University provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher licensure endorsement programs, available to all Wichita Public Schools teachers working directly with English Language Learners (ELL). ESOL program courses are available through WSU, KSU, and NU in Fall 2022, Spring 2023, and Summer 2023. The Wichita Public Schools ESOL Instructional Service Department provides WPS teachers the opportunity to acquire ESOL endorsements, making them highly qualified ESOL teachers. Ms. Bond (Ms. Stabler) moved the Board authorize payment to Wichita State University, Kansas State University, and Newman University for providing ESOL programming to Wichita Public Schools teachers in an amount not to exceed $300,000. The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Diane Albert absent.

Custodial Services	At Board member Julie Hedrick's request, Dr. Alicia Thompson confirmed this agreement is temporary in nature due to staffing levels. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board enter into an agreement with Harris Dream Clean, LLC for an amount not to exceed $650,000 to provide supplemental custodial services to the district. The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Diane Albert absent.
Employee Assistance Program (Annual)	At Board member Hazel Stabler's request, Sean Hudspeth, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Danielle Dettmer, Functional Manager of Employee Benefits and Insurance Management, provided an overview on the district's employee assistance program. To improve employee productivity and lower costs to the health plan, the district has contracted with the vendor New Directions since the 2015-2016 budget year for employee assistance programs. Due to an over 300% increased overall contract amount set forth by this vendor for the 2022-23 budget year and without any willingness on their part to negotiate, a new vendor needed to be established. After thoughtful consideration and research, ComPsych is recommended to be the new vendor for the district for employee assistance programs. Their services will include formal management referrals for poor work performance, alcohol and/or drug use, plus education seminars and critical incident meetings as requested. Employee services include emergency counseling for marital and family relationships; alcohol and drug use; emotional and social concerns; financial and legal concerns; and short-term counseling. ComPsych provides local counselors, 20 of whom are certified Department of Transportation (DOT) and Substance Abuse Professionals (SAP), a dedicated account manager, same-day appointments for mandatory referrals, comprehensive full-service web access, phone consultations, and over 10 locations. Ms. Stabler (Ms. Bond) moved the Board approve an amount not to exceed $160,000 to purchase employee assistance program services from ComPsych for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. An additional $85,000 in ESSER funds is requested again this year to cover the following services: 1) Moving the 6-visit model to a 10-visit model; 2) CCBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) through MyStrength; and 3) a financial well-being package through WellthSource. ComPsych has agreed to lock in this rate for the next 5 years or through June 30, 2026. Should additional services be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board. The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Diane Albert absent.
Finance	
Budget Report	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Board with an update on the budget. The timeline for addressing the revenue neutral rate, updated statutory requirements regarding district needs assessments, and the status of ESSER funding were discussed. At approximately 7:14 p.m., Ms. Hedrick left the Board table. At approximately 7:20 p.m., Ms. Hedrick returned to the Board table. 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	- Recognized WPS students, staff, and parents who volunteered in Riverfest activities. - Invited the public to participate in city's Juneteenth celebration at McAdams Park on Saturday, June 18. WPS students and staff will walk in the Juneteenth parade beginning at 10 a.m., and the Heights High marching band is performing on the main stage at 11 a.m. Free books will be distributed at the Kids' Corner from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. - Reported the recent Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) visit went well and the district is proceeding through the accreditation renewal timeline.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Hazel Stabler - Attended Heights High and North High graduation ceremonies. - Attended WPS retirement and longevity reception at Botanica. - Took part in end-of-the-year staff and PTO meetings at schools within her district. - Attended the district's first annual Indigenous and Native American graduation celebration held at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center on June 12. Thanked the district for their facilitation and other community organizations for contributing. Kathy Bond - Also attended the district's Indigenous and Native American graduation ceremony. - Attended Northwest High and Levy graduation ceremonies and Wilbur Middle School's eighth grade promotion ceremony, speaking to staff at Wilbur. - Noted a recent funeral she attended for a WPS graduate who passed away due to substance abuse, reminded the public about the new dangers posed by fentanyl, and advocated for stronger anti-drug education for students. - Participated in this year's Riverfest Admiral's breakfast and parade and noted district Marketing and Communications Director Wendy Johnson is a past Admiral. - Requested that Board members have access to what our educators have access to on the district website, noting that some material requires sign-in capabilities. - Requests to amend BOE policy P6436 allowing parents to opt-out of any Disney or Disney + videos. Julie Hedrick - Attended Southeast High and Chester E. Lewis graduation ceremonies and the Price-Harris promotion ceremony. - Also attended WPS retirement and longevity banquet at Botanica. - Reports she attended KASB Board of Directors meeting and notes Dr. Thompson forwarded the KASB legislative update to WPS board members.

Board of Education Reports/Requests *(continued)*	Stan Reeser - Announced a special BOE meeting will be held at noon on Monday, July 11 in Room 809 of the Morris Center for the purpose of discussing decennial Board member district boundary adjustments. - Stated that on August 8 the Board will have a first review of a proposed November ballot question adopting member district-only primary and general elections at their regular meeting, to be followed by a second reading at the August 22 regular meeting. Sheril Logan - Also attended graduation ceremonies in May and the retirement and longevity banquet at Botanica. - Requests an update on district summer school attendance and how this meets the ESSER requirement for addressing learning loss. Ernestine Krehbiel - Notes how wonderful it is to take part in district graduation ceremonies. - Thanked Ms. Stabler and district staff for organizing the Indigenous and Native American graduation ceremony.
New Business	Board member Hazel Stabler requested an update on district school safety. President Reeser stated the Board will receive an update on this at the July 25 regular Board meeting.
Executive Session #1: Topic: Attorney-Client matters	At approximately 8:43 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board recess into an executive session for the purpose of consulting with the Board's attorney to provide advice concerning the application of a state law as it applies to the district, pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act exception as allowed under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The motion passed 6-0, with Diane Albert absent.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 8:59 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Executive Session #1: Topic: Attorney-Client matters	At approximately 9 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved to extend the executive session by 15 additional minutes. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Logan, Mr. Reeser, Ms. Hedrick, and Ms. Stabler voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:16 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Executive Session #2: Topic: Security matters	At approximately 9:16 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Bond) moved the Board recess into an executive session discuss matters concerning the security of the Board, the schools, school buildings and facilities, which would, if discussed in the open meeting, jeopardize such security measures, pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act exception as allowed under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(12)(C). The motion passed 4-0, with Mr. Reeser, Ms. Hedrick, Ms. Bond, and Ms. Stabler voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:32 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.

Adjournment	Ms. Logan (Ms. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Logan, Mr. Reeser, Ms. Bond, and Ms. Stabler voting At approximately 9:32 p.m., the meeting adjourned.