Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
July 25, 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 July 25, 2022, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond. Participating by conference call: Julie Hedrick.
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 Northeast Magnet High JROTC Cadets.
Reports	
Report – Good News	2022 Summer School Coordinators Recognition Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Michelle Cuda The Secondary and Elementary offices recognized district summer school coordinators for their outstanding work providing exceptional summer services to Wichita Public Schools students.
Report – Service Employees International	Esau Freeman, SEIU Business Manager. Topic: Preparations for 2022-23 school year.
Report – United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Warren, UTW Vice President, and Teresa Osborn, UTW Organizer. Topic: Preparations for 2022-23 school year.
Public Communications	None submitted.
Education	
Outcomes of Summer 2022 Learning Opportunities	Loren Hatfield, Executive Director of Secondary Education, and Michelle Cuda, Executive Director of Elementary Education, briefed the Board. In April the Board received details of our plans for robust summer programs, as the district continues assisting students who may experience learning loss or need to accelerate learning. Tonight's presentation reviewed and updated the 2022 summer learning opportunities in Wichita Public Schools. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.

Road Trip Nation Workforce Hub and Documentary	Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, and Kelly Bielefeld, Director of Career and Technical Education, briefed the Board. The presentation focused on the Road Trip Nation project. This project has been a collaborative planning effort between WPS, the Workforce Development Center, WSU, WSU Tech, and several community partners. The goal of this project is to inspire and excite students in Wichita to find local careers and access resources to help them become future ready and obtain post-secondary success. Keith Lawing, President and CEO of the South Central Workforce Center assisted with the presentation. 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 (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: June 2022 Appendix 2	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Adjustment of Petty Cash Funds for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year (Annual) Appendix 3	Board approval.
Financial Resolutions (Annual) Appendix 4	Approve the following resolutions: 1) Resolution – Designation of Depositories & Authorization of Facsimile Signatures 2) Resolution – Municipal Investment Pool 3) Resolution – Activity Funds 4) Resolution – Credit Card Authorization 5) Resolution – Commerce Bank Credit Card Accounts 6) Resolution – Authorization to Transfer 7) Resolution – Certification of Authorization to Transfer 8) Resolution – Home Rule No 1 – Donations 9) Resolution – Information Management: Destruction of Certain District Records
Purchasing Consent Appendix 5	Board approval.
East High School – HVAC and Lighting Upgrade Contract Change Order Appendix 6	Approve a construction contract change order with Don Vaughn, Inc. in the amount of $85,726 for the HVAC and lighting upgrades at East High School. The approval of this change order would bring the revised not to exceed total on this project to $928,726.
Adult ESOL Students (Renewal)	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 4 of these minutes.
Canvas by Instructure	Approve an agreement with Instructure not to exceed $147,000 to include implementation, annual licensing, and support.

Certifying Special Education Teachers Appendix 7	Authorize the district to continue to pay for 2022-23 school year tuition and book expenses for up to 70 teacher/staff members to become certified in Special Education. Costs are not to exceed $250,000 and will be funded by the Special Education budget.
East High School: Science Wing Project – Total Guaranteed Maximum Price	Board president Stan Reeser pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 3 of these minutes.
Orion: Juvenile Detention Facility Services (Renewal)	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion to provide 2022-23 educational services for students placed at the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility in an amount of $871,350 as provided in the Appendix.
2022-23 Rainbows United, Inc. Appendix 8	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 4 of these minutes.
Road Trip Nation Young Adult Workforce Development Hub Portal	Authorize the contract services of Road Trip Nation for the creation of the Workforce Development Hub not to exceed the cost of $50,000.
Safe and Civil Schools Climate Survey (Annual)	Authorize the district to fund Safe and Civil Schools Climate Surveys in an amount not to exceed $50,000 from Assessments and Research funds.
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 30, 2022 Appendix 9	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2022 Appendix 10	Board approval.
Designate School Attendance Officers (Annual)	Authorize the Administration to designate principals, and/or designee, as school attendance officers responsible for monitoring and reporting student attendance to proper district authorities and authorize the Assistant Superintendents of Elementary and Secondary Schools to report attendance information for the district to the Secretary of the Kansas Department for Children and Families, and/or the Eighteenth Judicial District, District Attorney, and/or to the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate.
EdView Consulting (Renewal)	Approve the contract with EdView Consulting for the 2022-23 school year at a cost not to exceed $43,700.
Freedom of Information Officer Appointment (Annual)	Appoint Patrick Greene, Clerk of the Board, as the district's Freedom of Information Officer to serve for the fiscal year 2022-23 or until further order of the Board.
Instructional Coaching Group – Professional Development	Authorize the purchase of the professional learning sessions with the Instructional Coaching Group in an amount not to exceed $100,000.
Lightning Damage Repairs – East High School	Approve a not-to-exceed cost of $100,000 for Daikin-TMI, LLC & Trane to perform repairs and replacements of the five compressors at East High School.
The Pando Initiative MOU (Renewal) Appendix 11	Approve contract services and enter into an agreement with The Pando Initiative to provide services at 16 district schools in an amount not to exceed $475,000.

Reappointment of McDonald Tinker, P.A. as Special Legal Counsel	Reappoint the law firm of McDonald Tinker, P.A., as special counsel to represent Unified School District 259 of Sedgwick County, Kansas in legal matters for the school district's self-funded workers' compensation program for the 2022-23 fiscal year or until further order of the Board, whichever comes first, and authorize payment of fees not to exceed $150 per hour for Directors/Partners, plus expenses, $120 per hour for Associates of the firm, plus expenses, and payment of fees not to exceed $90 per hour for legal assistants.
Reappointment of Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson, and Kitch, LLC as Special Legal Counsel	Reappoint the law firm of Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson, and Kitch, LLC as special counsel to represent Unified School District 259 of Sedgwick County, Kansas in legal matters for self-insured retention and employment matters for the 2022-23 fiscal year or until further order of the Board, whichever comes first, and authorize payment of fees not to exceed $160 per hour for lawyers, plus expenses, and payment of fees not to exceed $80 per hour for legal assistants.
Resolution: Alignment of BOE Policies (Renewal) Appendix 12	Approve Resolution: Alignment of BOE Policies, as provided in the Appendix.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: A.M.	Approve this settlement for A.M.'s November 15, 2019, and April 28, 2021 work injuries in the total amount of $20,000.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
East High School: Science Wing Project – Total Guaranteed Maximum Price	At Mr. Reeser's request, Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, delivered a presentation to the Board regarding this item. The purpose of the presentation was to inform the Board of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) provided by McCown-Gordon Construction, LLC for the East High School Science Wing project, and discuss next steps. The process and approvals made to date for this project are outlined below. The 2022-23 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for construction projects at various district sites. On December 13, 2021, the Board of Education approved Resolution 2021-22 East High School Science Wing: Construction Manager At-Risk Delivery Method. Subsequently, on February 7, 2022, the Board approved entering into 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. On June 13, 2022, the Board approved an Early Bid Package for roofing and select HVAC equipment in order to mitigate supply chain issues and schedule delays in the amount of $989,287. Design documents have now been completed by Schaefer, Johnson, Cox, Frey Architecture, and a final GMP provided by McCown-Gordon to complete the entirety of scope. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and minutes. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve entering into an agreement with McCown-Gordon in the amount of $11,186,513 for Guaranteed Maximum Price #2. This will bring the amount contracted with McCown-Gordon for construction on the East High School Science Wing project to a total and final Guaranteed Maximum Price of $12,175,800. The motion passed, 7-0.

Adult ESOL Students (Renewal)	At Ms. Stabler's request, Vince Evans, Director of Student Support Services, briefed the Board. Orion, under an agreement with the Wichita Public Schools, will provide educational services for adult ESOL students to complete their high school diploma during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. The contract runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 at a cost of $900,000 per school year ($1,800,000 in total) during the terms of the contract. Ms. Krehbiel (Ms. Stabler) moved the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion, during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, for a diploma completion program for adult ESOL students who are completing their high school diplomas. For these services, Orion will be compensated $900,000 per school year ($1,800,000 in total). The motion passed, 7-0.
2022-23 Rainbows United, Inc. Appendix 8	At Ms. Stabler's request, Vince Evans, Director of Student Support Services, briefed the Board. To comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and with the state guidelines for mandated services (K.S.A. 72-3403), USD 259 proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Rainbows United, Inc., to serve community-based students and provide special education services under an Individualized Education Program or Individualized Family Services Plan. By this contract, Rainbows United, Inc. agrees to provide community-based instruction and training for students ages 3-5, selected by the district, at the cost of $200,000. Ms. Stabler (Ms. Logan) moved the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Rainbows United, Inc., during the 2022-23 school year to provide special education services for community-based children ages 3-5, selected by the district, at the cost of $200,000 to be funded by Special Education. The motion passed, 7-0.
Policy	
First Review: Proposed Revision to Facilities and Building Program Policies Appendix 13	

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
7080	NA	Participation in Public Improvement Projects	Revised Version per Facilities Division Leadership
7150	NA	Architectural and Engineering Design Services	Revised Version per Facilities Division Leadership

The Board had their first review of the above policy updates.

Operations	
Second Review: Updating Board of Education Boundaries Appendix 14	The Board of Education is revising the Board member districts to reflect changes in population based on the 2020 U.S. Census. The Board revises its districts every ten years in accordance with Kansas statutory requirements. On May 2, 2022, the Board requested staff to prepare boundary maps. These maps were generated by Sedgwick County Geographic Information Services (GIS). The Board had a first review of these maps at the July 11, 2022, special meeting. At this meeting, staff presented five maps with a recommendation to consider Plan 3 and Plan 5. Both maps place a high school in each district by moving Heights High and Northeast Magnet from District 6 to District 1, while East High is moved from District 1 to District 3. By consensus, the Board agreed to share all five plans with the community for input and comments. The five plans were posted on the district's Web site on July 12 and interested patrons have been given the opportunity to register their comments by completing a survey and/or making public comments at tonight's Board meeting. K.S.A. § 72-6769 provides it is necessary for the Board to adopt a resolution and publish the resolution when the Board changes its member district boundaries. This statute provides that the adoption of such a resolution should occur at a meeting of the Board anytime except during the 90-day period preceding a regular school board election. This statute goes on to provide that such a resolution shall be published one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the district, and the publication shall be made within two weeks after adoption of such resolution. This statute also provides that no action can be brought in any court to contest the location of the boundaries of any member district except within 60 days immediately following the publication of the resolution. Ms. Logan (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board approve Resolution 2022-10, which is provided in Appendix 14. The motion passed, 5-2, with Mrs. Bond and Ms. Stabler voting no.
Resolution: Board of Education Meetings Calendar Appendix 15	BOE Policy 0200 – Board of Education Agendas and Meetings stipulates a 12-month calendar of the Board meetings be adopted in July. In addition, K.S.A. 72-1138 requires the Board to adopt a resolution during July of each year specifying its schedule of regular meetings. The proposed 2022-23 BOE Meeting Calendar is included in the Appendix. Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve the 2022-23 Board meeting calendar and Resolution. The motion passed, 7-0.

Finance	
Budget Presentation	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, updated the Board on the 2023 Budget. The enrollment assumptions in the FY23 budget are based on revised post-COVID trends, with some increases to At Risk as the District returns to traditional Free/Reduced Meal status. The 3% increase in base aid per student is largely offset by the 4.8% base enrollment loss from FY21 used to build the FY23 budget. The FY23 Budget is built using full Supplemental General fund authority of 33% to balance the budget and provide maximum flexibility. While there is a slight increase in the Special Liability levy, it was offset by decreases in the Supplemental General fund and Bond and Interest mill levies. Capital Outlay will remain maxed at 8.000 mills as the District battles inflationary pressures while trying to keep up with the needs of aging buildings, technology and safety. ESSER spending plans are ongoing. The District will budget all of its ESSER III allocation as the District works on COVID academic recovery, safety and mental health initiatives. Unspent funds will be carried over to FY24 Budget. At approximately 10:01 p.m., Ms. Krehbiel stepped away from the 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	None submitted.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Board President Reeser moved to suspend Board Requests and New Business and to hold a Board workshop on Wednesday, August 3 for the purpose of reviewing Board policies 0200, 0275, and 0450. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel absent from the table.
New Business	
Executive Session #1: Topic: Attorney-Client	At approximately 10:03 p.m., Mr. Reeser (Ms. Logan) 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 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel absent from the table.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 10:20 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting. Ms. Stabler made a brief report regarding her recent visit to the School Service Center. Ms. Stabler notes the outstanding work performed by Service Center personnel and thanked them for their behind-the-scenes efforts.
Adjournment	Ms. Logan (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 5-0, with Ms. Albert, Mr. Reeser, Mrs. Bond, and Ms. Logan voting. At approximately 10:24 p.m., the meeting adjourned.