# Board of Education Minutes
# Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
# Wichita, Kansas
# August 8, 2022

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| **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 August 8, 2022, with President Stan Reeser presiding.<br><br>Present: Diane Albert, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond.<br><br>Participating by conference call: Julie Hedrick. |
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| **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 Heights High School JROTC Cadets. |
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| **Reports** | |
| Reports – Good News | Northwest High School National Business Professionals of America<br>Contact(s): Eric Hofer-Holdeman, Shane Munro<br><br>Two teams from Northwest High recently achieved recognition at the National Business Professionals of America (BPA) national competition held recently in Houston, TX. Northwest's Video Production team captured first place, while the Broadcast News team won third in their category.<br><br>Video Production team: Elijah Gegen and Hasel Nguyen<br>Broadcast News team: Leo Larson, Stephen Villa, and Owen Mills. |
| Report – UTW | Brent Lewis, UTW President. Topic: Board elections and back to school preparations. |
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| **Public Communications** | Brandon Johnson, 1124 N. Parkwood Ln., Wichita, KS 67208.<br>Topic: Redistricting and District Voting<br>Sandra Rankin, 2466 N. Fountain, Wichita, KS 67220.<br>Topic: District Voting<br>Titus James, 2708 N. Grove, Wichita, KS 67219.<br>Topic: District Elections<br>Lavonta Williams, 3928 Vesta Dr., Wichita, KS 67208.<br>Topic: Redistricting Maps and Elections<br>Mark Richey, 4700 W 13th St., Wichita, KS 67212.<br>Topic: District Elections |
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| **Consent: Disposal of Routine Business** | Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.<br><br>The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Hedrick voting remotely. |
| Treasury Warrants: July 2022<br><br>Appendix 1 | Board approval. |
| Purchasing Consent<br><br>Appendix 2 | Board approval. |

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| East High School Science Wing Project – SJCF Contract Change Order<br>Appendix 3 | Approve a design and engineering contract change order with Schafer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture in the amount of $119,669 (which represents 5.5% of the additional construction costs) for the East High School Science Wing Project. The approval of this change order would bring the revised not to exceed total on this contract to $669,669. |
| HVAC Audit Services – Various Sites Change Order<br>Appendix 4 | Approve a contract change order with Professional Engineering Consultants in the amount of $191,500 for HVAC audits on the remaining twenty-nine (29) buildings. This will bring the amount contracted with Professional Engineering Consultants for HVAC audit services to a total of $524,560. |
| Interactive Flat Panels – Phase 2 | Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 3 of these minutes. |
| Acceleration Academies, Student Realignment Services (Renewal) | Board member Ernestine Krehbiel pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 3 of these minutes. |
| Amazon: Lifeline Brands – Elementary Social Studies 4th Grade Textbooks | Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 3 of these minutes. |
| Mental Health Intervention Team<br>Appendix 5 | Approve the contract for mental health services between Sedgwick County and the district, as provided in Appendix 5. |
| Really Great Reading Company – Tier 3 Elementary Curriculum Literacy Pilot | Approve the purchase of Tier 3 Curriculum Literacy materials from Really Great Reading Company for the pilot program at Caldwell, Cleaveland and Mueller elementary schools in an amount not to exceed $50,000. |
| Restorative Practices with Rob Simon | Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 3 of these minutes. |
| Revolution Prep Online Tutoring Service (Renewal) | Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Revolution Prep for the 2022-23 school year to provide online tutoring services staffed with professional educators. This contract shall not exceed $500,000, funded through federal ESSER funds. |
| BOE Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2022<br>Appendix 6 | Board approval. |
| BOE Workshop Minutes for August 3, 2022<br>Appendix 7 | Board approval. |

| **Action on Pulled Consent Items** | Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda. |
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| Interactive Flat Panels – Phase 2 | At Ms. Stabler's request, Rob Dickson, Chief Information Officer, briefed the Board on this item. The district experienced an unplanned and rapid move to online learning in the last two years during the pandemic. In a future of uncertainty, a new hybrid model of classroom education is emerging. With this evolution being top of mind, administration proposes interactive flat panels shifting the district to a flexible learning environment both physically and in experience.<br><br>The interactive flat panel allows students to share their digital work in a way that promotes collaboration and peer teaching. Additionally, an interactive flat panel allows the teacher to project class materials, thus reducing the risk of transmission by not physically sharing materials. Teachers do not have to switch between devices while teaching, saving time for the instructor. Screen share and whiteboard can be sent to student devices for accessibility purposes.<br><br>Teachers will have the capability to teach from and display a lesson on a video conferencing platform allowing students to actively participate without being physically in the classroom. The interactive panels have built-in cloud-based assessment tools allowing teachers to facilitate learning for students to complete work within the classroom and remotely.<br><br>This request is for Phase Two of the interactive flat panel implementation for 750 classroom installations.<br><br>Ms. Stabler (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve an agreement not to exceed $2,950,000 to include equipment and installation of interactive flat panels. Per BOE Policy 3304, it is reported payment will be made via State of Kansas Contract #42603 to Kansas City Audio-Visual.<br><br>The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Hedrick voting remotely. |
| Acceleration Academies, Student Realignment Services (Renewal) | At Ms. Krehbiel's request, Dr. Thompson briefed the Board on this item. Acceleration Academies, under an agreement with Wichita Public Schools, will provide personalized in-person and online learning services to remedy learning loss incurred during COVID-19 pandemic and re-engage high school students and young adults (age 16-21) toward graduation.<br><br>Ms. Krehbiel (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve the contract with Acceleration Academies for 2022-23 school year to provide student re-engagement services. This contract shall not exceed $1,350,000, funded through federal ESSER funds.<br><br>The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Hedrick voting remotely. |
| Amazon: Lifeline Brands – Elementary Social Studies 4th Grade Textbooks | Mrs. Bond pulled this item and noted the high quality of Geography books procured through this purchase.<br><br>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve the purchase of the 5-book set of Social Studies textbooks for each 4th grade student and teacher from the Lifeline Brands in an amount not to exceed $125,000.<br><br>The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Hedrick voting remotely. |

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| **Action on Pulled Consent Items** *(continued)* | |
| Restorative Practices with Rob Simon | At Mrs. Bond's request, Dr. Thompson briefed the Board on this item. The purpose of the Restorative Practices with Rob Simon is to provide training philosophies, foundation, and strategies to change the culture of a school to meet the need of teachers and students and to create inclusive learning environments for all. Restorative Practices is an effective approach to a positive school climate, providing highly relevant philosophies and strategies for schools to improve positive outcomes for students. Based on the need for increased implementation of restorative practices in our schools and building culture and climate for students, staff and families, the purpose of this request is to ask the Board's approval in the amount of $30,000.<br><br>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve an agreement with Rob Simon to provide Restorative Practices in an amount not to exceed $30,000 beginning August 1, 2022 and ending July 31, 2023.<br><br>The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Hedrick voting remotely. |
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| **Policy** | |
| Second Review: Proposed Revision to Facilities and Building Program Policies Appendix 8 | Approve the below revisions. |

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

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| **Operations** | |
| Board of Education Election Format | Public Comment<br><br>1. Lavonta Williams, 3928 Vesta Dr., Wichita, KS 67208.<br>Topic: Redistricting Maps and Elections.<br><br>The Wichita Public Schools Board of Education consists of seven members elected to four-year terms. Six of the Board members must live in six specific geographic districts, while the seventh can live anywhere in the district at large. Primary elections for district seats are held by district, but general elections are held district-wide for all seats.<br><br>On November 8, 1994, a majority of electors within district boundaries approved Voting Plan B as specified in K.S.A. 72-1083. The purpose of this agenda item is to review the Board's current voting plan.<br><br>This item was for the Board's discussion. |

| **Finance** | |
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| 2022-23 Budget: Authorization to Publish Notice of Hearing<br><br>Appendix 9 | Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, shared the proposed 2022-23 district budget priorities and proposed budget with the Board. The 2022-23 Notice of Hearing is provided in Appendix 9.<br><br>The 2022-23 budget is based on a new post-COVID baseline enrollment. A 3% increase in base aid per student is largely offset by the 4.8% base enrollment loss from FY21 used as the base for the FY23 budget.<br><br>The budget also uses the full 33% supplemental general fund authority to balance the budget and provide maximum flexibility, while also reflecting a decrease in the overall mill levy of 1.038 mills.<br><br>Finally, all federal relief funds for COVID Recovery (ESSER) budgeted for 2022-23 are included. The district will work on COVID academic recovery, safety, and mental health issues. Unspent funds will be carried over to the 2023-24 budget.<br><br>At approximately 8:02 p.m., Mr. Reeser left the Board table.<br><br>At approximately 8:05 p.m., Mr. Reeser returned to the Board table.<br><br>The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.<br><br>Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve the publication of the 2022-23 notice of hearing and set the annual budget hearing on August 22, 2022.<br><br>The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Hedrick voting remotely. |
| **Miscellaneous** | |
| Superintendent's Report | - Congratulated Cami Abraham of East High for starring as Dorothy in Music Theater of Wichita's production of "The Wizard of Oz".<br>- Will finish visiting administrative assistants at all district schools this week to observe back to school preparations.<br>- Welcomed 400 new teachers at Northwest High School for new staff orientation.<br>- Reported the district is continuing to work with First Student to recruit more school bus drivers in order to alleviate the current student transportation staffing shortage.<br>- Invites all Board members and student families to district schools to celebrate the start of the 2022-23 school year. |
| Board of Education Reports/Requests | Ernestine Krehbiel<br>- Requests student success numbers associated with Acceleration Academies, to be delivered sometime in early Spring 2023.<br>- Encouraged members of the public to volunteer to read with district third grade students through the district's Read to Succeed program.<br>- Also encourages interested members of the public to apply with First Student and work as paid school bus drivers. |

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| Board of Education Reports/Requests *(continued)* | Diane Albert<br>- Requests a presentation at the next Board meeting for the Safe Spaces, Safe Zones, and/or Sensitivity Training that was taught to the teachers at East High during this year's teacher in-service on Friday, August 5.<br>- Requests Board policy and statement that directly addresses parental authority.<br><br>Stan Reeser<br>- Visited several district schools and thanked staff for doing an excellent job enrolling students for the school year. Also thanked parents for their patience and understanding.<br><br>Kathy Bond<br>- Visited Woodland Elementary and learned about their Youth Education Summer Socialization (YESS) Ability Point program. Notes the program is in its 34th year and provides an excellent service for students.<br>- Announced that framed posters displaying the national motto "In God We Trust" are available for district classrooms. A letter will be sent to district principals informing them they may pick up these posters from the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center.<br><br>Sheril Logan<br>- Visited several buildings in the last weeks and notes the positive energy among teachers and staff. Notes everyone is looking forward to the 2022-23 school year and welcoming students back to schools.<br><br>Hazel Stabler<br>- Has no reports or requests but notes she is looking forward to a great 2022-23 school year. |
| New Business | None submitted. |
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| **Executive Session** | At approximately 9:42 p.m., Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship.<br><br>The motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Hedrick voting remotely. |
| **Reconvene Meeting** | At approximately 9:03 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting. |
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| **Adjournment** | Ms. Logan (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn.<br><br>The motion passed 5-0, with Ms. Albert, Mr. Reeser, Mrs. Bond, Ms. Logan, and Ms. Stabler voting.<br><br>At approximately 9:04 p.m., the meeting adjourned. |