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Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
August 22, 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 August 22, 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 Pleasant Valley Middle School JROTC.
Reports	
Reports – Good News	My WPS Story Contact(s): Wendy Johnson Our stories connect us to each other and to the work we do. In this series, new stories are shared beginning the third Thursday of the month celebrating our employees, alumni and students. The public is invited to proudly share stories showing the value of public education and the district's impact on the greater Wichita community by visiting www.usd259.org/mywpsstory. CTE Pathways to Success Showcase Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld On September 20, community and business leaders are invited, as well as staff, parents, and students, to attend a Pathways to Success event showcasing the college and career readiness opportunities available to all high school students. Anyone may attend if they are interested in learning more about our Career & Technical Education pathways, college credit opportunities, application-based academic programs, and the other market-value asset options our students have to help them achieve college, career and life readiness. The event is at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center Room 813 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Reports – Service Employees International (SEIU)	Esau Freeman, SEIU Business Manager. Topic: School safety measures, building readiness, and BOE election format.
Reports – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Brent Lewis, UTW President. Topic: Start of 2022-23 academic year and BOE election format.

Public Communications	1) Oletha Faust-Goudeau, 1130 N. Parkwood Ln., Wichita, KS 67208. Topic: Redistricting 2) Sandra Rankin, 2466 N. Fountain, Wichita, KS 67220. Topic: Redistricting 3) Connie Dietz, 8310 Greenbriar, Wichita, KS 67226. Topic: BOE Election Process 4) Larry Burks, 1131 N. Glenmoor Ct., Wichita, KS 67206. Topic: School District Voting 5) Lawanda DeShazer, 2707 N. Terrace, Wichita, KS 67220. Topic: BOE Election Process 6) Carole Neal, 1314 N. Sheridan, Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: BOE Election Format 7) Lori Horsch, 7721 W. 2nd, Wichita, KS 67212. Topic: BOE Voting Method 8) Fred Pinaire, 8652 E. Mt. Vernon Ct., Wichita, KS 67207. Topic: Ballot Question **9)** Carolyn Fugate, 1635 El Pico, Wichita, KS 67218. Topic: Changing Voting Districts
Finance	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, delivered a brief budget update. Information regarding mill levies, budget outlays, and effective tax rates was presented to the Board. 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	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.
Monthly Finance Report: July 2022 Appendix 2	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this agenda item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 3 of these minutes.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 3	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this agenda item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 3 of these minutes.
Prime Fit (Renewal)	Board member Diane Albert pulled this agenda item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 3 of these minutes.
BOE Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2022 Appendix 4	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 July 2022 in the amount of $12,222.40 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $14,325.17 to McDonald Tinker PA.

Expansion of Origami Risk Software Services	Approve an amount not to exceed $85,000 to expand the services of Origami Risk software beginning with the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This expansion includes both Property and Casualty claims and Workers' Compensation prescription drug management. Origami's annual renewal is due December 2022 and will be presented to the Board accordingly. Any charges incurred for the expansion prior to contract renewal will be prorated.
Greater Wichita YMCA Middle School After-School Program Director	Board member Ernestine Krehbiel pulled this agenda item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 4 of these minutes.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: J.A.	Approve this agreed-upon award for JA's 2019 work injury in the total amount of $21,500.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	At Mrs. Bond's request, Sean Hudspeth, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, detailed conditions of employment for retired teachers as well as volunteering. Mrs. Bond (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve the Human Resources Report. The motion passed 7-0.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 3	At Ms. Stabler's request, Rob Dickson, Chief Information Officer, confirmed funding sources for the district's Securly purchase. Ms. Stabler (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve the Purchasing Consent. The motion passed 7-0.
Prime Fit (Renewal)	At Ms. Albert's request, Dee Dee Stroot, Director of Innovation and Implementation, briefed the Board on the agenda item. Prime Fit Youth Foundation Mentoring will provide mentoring and support services to at-risk youth identified by school staff as needing individual, school-based mentoring. Approximately up to 440 students will meet regularly with mentors to focus on improving academic achievement, behavior, and attendance as well as increased school connectedness, self-efficacy, and self-regulation strategies. Schools served will be Adams, Allen, Bryant, Buckner, Chisholm Trail, Colvin, Enders, Franklin, Gardiner, GPA, Jefferson, Kelly, Kensler, Linwood, Mueller, OK, PVE, Robinson, Spaght, Stanley, Washington, and White. Ms. Albert (Ms. Stabler) moved the Board authorize the district to enter in an agreement with Prime Fit for the 2022-23 school year to provide mentoring services in an amount not to exceed $247,500 beginning September 1, 2022 and ending May 31, 2023. The motion passed 7-0.

Action on Pulled Consent Items *(continued)*	
Greater Wichita YMCA Middle School After-School Program Director	At Ms. Krehbiel's request, Amanda Kingrey, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools, and Tyrone Baker, YMCA Program Director, briefed the Board on this agenda item. USD 259 and the Greater Wichita YMCA have entered into a joint agreement to fund an individual to direct the Middle School After School Program in 16 Wichita middle schools. The school district will pay the Greater Wichita YMCA an amount of $20,000 to pay a portion of the salary and benefits of the Program Director. The Program Director is responsible for coordinating the program with the school principal and site coordinator of each of the 16 schools. The Program Director communicates with parents about the program and coordinates the program between the schools and the Greater Wichita YMCA. The Program Director coordinates all bus transportation to and from YMCA branches for each school's After School Program. As in previous school years, each middle school will operate its own YMCA Middle School After School Program separately from the other middle schools. Students from one school do not come into contact with students from other middle schools during the program. Ms. Krehbiel (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board authorize the district to enter into a joint agreement with the Greater Wichita YMCA to fund the Program Director of the Middle School After School Program in an amount not to exceed $20,000 per year beginning September 15, 2022 and ending May 15, 2023. The motion passed 7-0.

Operations	
Board of Education Election Format Appendix 5	Public Comment: LaVonta Williams, 3928 Vesta Dr., Wichita, KS 67208 Carl Nelson, 8811 E. Woodcrest Cir., Wichita, KS 67206 Titus James, 2708 N. Grove, Wichita, KS 67219 Wakeelah Martinez, 825 N. Erie, Wichita, KS 67214 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, and general elections are held district-wide for all seats. On November 8, 1994, a majority of electors within district boundaries approved Voting Plan B as specified in K.S.A. 72-1083. A new ballot question giving electors within district boundaries the option of another voting plan must be approved by Board resolution and submitted to the Sedgwick County Election Office. This must happen no later than September 1, 2022 in order to be placed on the November 2022 ballot. Mrs. Bond (Ms. Stabler) moved the Board delay placing any question relating to a change of voting plans until such time the community understands completely the ballot title and question. The motion failed 3-4, with Ms. Krehbiel, Mr. Reeser, Ms. Hedrick, and Ms. Logan voting no. Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board adopt Resolution 2022-12 as presented at tonight's meeting, and approve the ballot language reviewed at the table that would be placed on the November 8, 2022, general election ballot for Wichita Public Schools voters. Both the resolution and ballot language will give Wichita Public Schools voters the ability to determine whether our community should change how Board of Education members are elected. The motion passed 4-3, with Ms. Albert, Mrs. Bond, and Ms. Stabler voting no.
Kansas Association of School Boards – Delegate Assembly #1 and #2 (Annual)	The 105th Annual Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita on November 11-13, 2022. The KASB Delegate Assembly #1 to vote on the 2022 KASB President-Elect will be held on November 12. Delegate Assembly #2 for approval of the 2022 KASB Legislative Recommendations will be held later in conjunction with the annual KASB Advocacy in Action Event. Ms. Logan (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board appoint Ms. Hedrick to Assembly #1 and Ms. Krehbiel to Assembly #2. The motion passed 7-0.

Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	- Reminded public about the Pathways to Success events on September 19 and 20. - Reported the district's Homework Hotline and Revolution Now online tutoring services begin on August 29 and September 7 for students. More information can be found at www.usd259.org/homework. - Thanked parents, students, and staff for efforts in beginning 2022-23 school year.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Hazel Stabler - Participated in activities at many schools in her district this summer. - Welcomed students back to school at Pleasant Valley Elementary, North High, Riverside, and Irving. Sheril Logan - Noted school is off to a wonderful start this year after visiting parents and staff members. Kathy Bond - Welcomed students back to school at Kensler. - Has coordinated with principals in District 5 to spend time reading with third graders at schools in the district. - Looks forward to attending Northwest High football games. - Requests information on the 21 Days of Equity Challenge. - Requests to know whether district dress codes are implemented by building principals. Julie Hedrick - Echoed comments about the new school year and thanked staff and administrators for their efforts. Stan Reeser - Expressed appreciation to WPS staff for getting school started. - Noted it is wonderful to see students returning. - Excited for My WPS Story program. Dr. Alicia Thompson - Thanked custodians and noted buildings look fabulous. - Thanked clerical staff for their efforts during student enrollment. Ernestine Krehbiel - Notes students and teachers are excited to come back to school. - Stated buildings are gleaming and custodians are doing a good job. - Plans to visit East High to see new main entrance. Diane Albert - Withdrew her August 8 requests on 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 and on policy language regarding parental authority. - Toured Isely Elementary recently with Dr. Thompson. - Participated in community listening event at the Atwood Neighborhood Center regarding district voting plans. - Notes many individuals are responsible for successful back to school efforts. - Thanked Transportation and Strategic Communications for their work on behalf of the district.

Adjournment	Ms. Logan (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 8:59 p.m., the meeting adjourned.