Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
October 3, 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 October 3, 2022, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel*, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond. *Ms. Krehbiel entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.
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 Southeast High School JROTC Cadets.
Reports	
Reports – Good News	GFOA Certificate of Achievement and ASBO Certificate of Excellence Contact(s): Susan Willis The district's Financial Services department has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This recognition is awarded for the district's annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The report was judged by a GFOA panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" clearly communicating the district's financial story and motivating potential users and user groups to read the report. Additionally, the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) awarded the district a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. Per ASBO, this certificate reflects the district's commitment to informing stakeholders about the financial and economic state of the district, building trust, and engaging with the school community. By achieving this recognition, the district is acknowledged as demonstrating commitment to financial transparency to a high degree.
Reports – Service Employees International (SEIU)	Esau Freeman, SEIU Business Manager. Topic: Overcrowding and student behavior.
Reports – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, UTW President. Topic: Pre-K program, North High incident, and conditions at Southeast High.

Public Communications	1. Joanna Farmer, 4741 N. Glendale, Bel Aire, KS 67220. Topic: Overcrowding. 2. Andrew Le, 1629 S. Todd Ct., Wichita, KS 67207. Topic: School Safety. 3. Chrissy Cline, 656 S. Volutsia, Wichita, KS 67207. Topic: Student Behavior. 4. Michael Harris, 9426 W. Thurman Ct., Wichita, KS 67212. Topic: SE High Presentation. 5. Allen Parker, 943 S. Waverly St., Wichita, KS 67218. Topic: Student & Staff Safety.
Education	
Southeast High Enrollment Update	Fabián Armendáriz, District Director of Operations, and Amanda Kingrey, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools, briefed the Board. As the area in the southeast portion of the Wichita Public Schools' boundary continues to grow and expand, district administration has been working to address overcrowding concerns at Southeast High School. This presentation updated the Board on both short-term and long-term options to address capacity concerns. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
LETRS: Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling Professional Learning	Michele Ingenthron, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, and Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, briefed the Board. LETRS is a professional development course which provides knowledge, tools, and application for participants to use for evidence-based literacy instruction. Tonight's presentation will highlight what LETRS is and is not and the plan to provide this learning for elementary teachers. This professional learning is aligned with Goal #2 to increase 3rd grade reading proficiency. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
Executive Session: Attorney-Client	At approximately 8:20 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board recess into an executive session for the purposes of consulting with the Board's attorney to provide advice concerning the application of law as it applies to the district. The motion passed 7-0.
Reconvene	At approximately 8:42 p.m., President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Mr. Reeser (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: August 2022 Appendix 2	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.

Concrete Bus Drive – Isely Traditional Magnet Elementary School Appendix 3	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 3 of these minutes.
Turf Field Replacement – Southeast High School	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4 of these minutes.
Friends University Tuition for Early College Academy	Approve payments to Friends University not to exceed $140,000.
BOE Meeting Minutes for September 12, 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 August 2022 in the amount of $10,265.40 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $8,134.08 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Exterior Restoration: North High School – Phase Three Change Order Appendix 5	Approve a contract change order with Martin K. Eby in the amount of $115,960 for Exterior Restoration: North High School - Phase Three Change Order. This will bring the amount contracted with Martin K. Eby to a total not to exceed $509,960.
Workers’ Compensation Settlement: A.M.	Approve this agreed upon award for A.M.’s 2019 work injury in the total amount of $60,000.
Professional Design Services: Caldwell – Fire Related Corridor Renovations and Comprehensive Fire/Egress Code Analysis	Approve a total amount not to exceed $30,000 with Schaefer, Johnson, Cox and Frey Architecture for professional design services for fire rated corridor renovations and comprehensive fire/egress code analysis.
Right of Entry Agreement – Dunlap Transition Campus at Chisholm Appendix 6	Approve the right of entry agreement with Evergy. The agreement has been approved by the Board of Education General Counsel.
Settlement Agreement – Due Process Proceeding	Approve the settlement agreement in the amount of $284,108.32.

Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Concrete Bus Drive – Isely Traditional Magnet Elementary School Appendix 3	At Mrs. Bond's request, Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, briefed the Board. The 2022-23 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for concrete repair and/or replacement. Isely Elementary School is in need of site work improvements in order to alleviate traffic flow issues. The scope of this project includes adding a Pre-K bus and parent drop off lane on the north end of the parking lot with seven stalls for parent parking for the Pre-K program. This project is slated to begin construction in October 2022 with completion targeted for Spring 2023. Bids were received on September 14, 2022, according to plans and specifications prepared. The low base bid was submitted by Elite Concrete Inc, in the amount of $63,900. Mrs. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board approve an amount not to exceed $71,000, which includes the above base bid and a contingency amount of $7,100, with Elite Concrete Inc. for the Concrete Bus Drive at Isely Elementary School. The motion passed 7-0.
Turf Field Replacement – Southeast High School	At Mrs. Bond's request, Luke Newman briefed the Board. The 2022-23 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for Turf Field Replacement(s). The Southeast High School turf field has reached the end of its life and requires immediate replacement. The field will be replaced with the Hellas turf and underlayment padding system, which carries a 10-year life expectancy. There are concerns that the existing subsurface base and drainage system may require re-work prior to installation, but that will not be fully known until the existing turf has been removed entirely. For that reason, a higher than typical contingency rate of 22% ($170,720) is recommended to be carried. This project is slated to begin construction in October 2022 and complete prior to Spring 2023 sports season. The purchase of turf materials is through Hellas via purchasing cooperative (Greenbush/AEPA Contract #016-G). The turf replacement installation scope was competitively bid separately. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve an amount not to exceed $950,000, which includes the above base bid and a contingency amount of $170,720, with Hellas Construction for the Turf Field Replacement at Southeast High School. The motion passed 6-1, with Mrs. Bond voting no.

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<tr><td>Second Review: Proposed Consolidation of Board of Education Policies

Appendix 7</td><td>As part of an ongoing effort to consolidate BOE policies, Administration proposed the following consolidation of the Board’s policies:
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<tr><th>Current</th><th>Proposed</th><th>Title</th><th>Notes</th></tr>
<tr><td>0200</td><td>N/A</td><td>Board of Education Agendas & Meetings</td><td>Clarify intent and conform to existing meeting practices</td></tr>
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This was the Board’s second review of the above policies.

Ms. Logan (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board adopt the proposed policy updates.

The motion passed 7-0.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Finance</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund Update</td><td>Addi Lowell, Director of Budgeting, and Dee Dee Stroot, Director of Innovation and Implementation, briefed the Board. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed three stimulus bills in 2020 and 2021 that provided nearly $190.50 billion to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund for K-12 schools across the nation. States received funds based on the same proportion that each state receives under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title IA, and the district received an allocation from each of the three federal aid packages based on the same criteria. The total allocation of federal relief funds from the three packages is almost $262 million, not including the non-public portion of the first package under the CARES Act. The district’s first two aid packages have been spent, and the remaining $169 million from the third package is being planned and implemented in response to COVID-19 impacts.

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<tr><td>Miscellaneous</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Superintendent’s Report</td><td>None submitted.</td></tr>
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- Requested that Superintendent Thompson engage appropriate staff to review and evaluate all BOE policies that pertain to student behavior—including support and consequences—in order to determine whether revisions should be made to provide the safest possible learning environment for students and protection of our staff with the ultimate goal of tightening up these policies.</td></tr>
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Board of Education Reports/Requests (continued)	Ernestine Krehbiel - Attended East High's "Big Do" event featuring all student activities and organizations. - Attended a talk by Newberry Prize-winning author Kwame Alexander at Mead Middle School sponsored by Watermark Books and the Kansas African American Museum. Noted that the author left a good impression on students. - Requested a report for the Board on what helps in USD 259 for our students who come from other countries and who do not speak English, what services are provided, and where funding for these programs and services come from. Julie Hedrick - Attended CTE Pathways to Success on September 20, and commended district programs for providing so many opportunities for students. Kathy Bond - Visited Adult Learning Center at Towne East. Thanked Superintendent and program director for programs provided and efforts to safeguard area. - Attended annual See You at the Pole event at Benton Elementary. - Attended the homecoming parade and football game at Northwest High. Sheril Logan - Also attended CTE Pathways to Success and is impressed by choices offered for students and parents and is also thankful for community support. Hazel Stabler - Attended Sedgwick County Commission meeting where district staff were present for the proclamation of Hispanic Heritage Month. - Also attended performance by Horace Mann dance team for Hispanic Heritage Month. - Also attended Heights vs. North football game. - Attended WPS Arts in Education celebration at the Wichita Art Museum. - Also attended CTE Pathways to Success event - Noted that October 10 is Indigenous Peoples Day.
New Business	None submitted.
Adjournment	Ms. Krehbiel (Ms. Logan) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 10:06 p.m., the meeting adjourned.