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Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
November 7, 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 November 7, 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 Northwest High School JROTC Cadets.
Reports	
Reports – Good News	2022-23 Kansas World Languages Association Teacher of the Year Contact(s): Holly Ingram, Stephanie Wasko Annually, the Kansas World Languages Association (KWLA) recognizes a teacher of the year. This year's honoree is Alyssa Rumple of North High School. Mayor's Youth Council Contact(s): Patty Stuever, Madeline Horton The Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) was formed in 2008 by Mayor Carl Brewer to provide youth with the opportunity to weigh in on community issues and learn about their city government. In addition, MYC members develop leadership skills through coordinating projects focusing on local policy issues and engage with their community through public service at local events. In the past, MYC members have hosted town hall meetings, led drives for families in need, held park clean-ups, and discussed youth-relevant issues with their local and state legislators. The 2022-23 Mayor's Youth Council members are: Alonzo Dozal (Northwest), Ameera Gofur (East), Amya Williams (East), Anderson Tung (East), Andrew Le (Southeast), Daniel Hernandez-Rodriguez (North), Erin Liu (East), Esther Liu (East), Joyce Davis (South), Kate Halabi (East), Laskhmisree Kivakumar (East), Natalie Schafer (East), Nathan Balderas (East), Nazjai Dickson (Southeast), Tatiana Carter (Northeast Magnet), Tyllor Childers (Northwest), Zheyun Chan (East), and Zoe Washington (South). Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month Contact(s): Shannon Benoit Kansas Reads to Preschoolers is an annual event promoting reading to all Kansas children from birth to the age of five. This year's selected book is "Not a Box" by Antoinette Portis. The Board joins other local bodies in recognizing November as Read to Preschoolers month. This proclamation can be found in Appendix 00 of these minutes.

Reports – Good News *(continued)*	Wichita Public Schools Legacy Fund Golf Classic Contact(s): Holly Wilson The third annual Legacy Fund Golf Classic was held on October 8, 2022, at Crestview Country Club. Proceeds from the tournament support College and Career Readiness opportunities, including funding credentialing and certification for students in CTE pathways across the district. The district thanks Credit Union of America, Spirit AeroSystems, and Textron Aviation for their Top Tier sponsorship of the event.
Report – Service Employees International (SEIU)	Esau Freeman, SEIU Business Representative. Topic: Superintendent Thompson's retirement and education staffing.
Report – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, UTW President, and Mike Harris, UTW Vice President. Topic: Superintendent Thompson's retirement and educator supports.
Public Communications	None submitted.
Education	
Southeast High School Enrollment Update	Fabián Armendáriz, Director of Operations, and Amanda Kingrey, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools, briefed the Board. As enrollment in the southeast portion of the district's boundary continues to grow, district administration has been working to address overcrowding concerns at Southeast High School. This item is to provide the BOE an overview of the short-term solutions for the 2022-23 school year implemented by district administration. Additionally, the board will be presented an overview of the feedback received during the listening sessions conducted over the last month, as well as a recommendation for a boundary change that will provide the school longer term enrollment relief starting in the fall of 2023. Ms. Hedrick (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve the recommended boundary change for high school students in the identified area in the northwest portion of the current Southeast boundary to be assigned to Heights starting in the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed 7-0.
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.
Treasury Warrants: September 2022 Appendix 2	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: September 2022 Appendix 3	Provided for the Board's information. No action requested.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	Board approval.

Door and Hardware Replacement – Bryant Opportunity Academy	Approve an amount not to exceed $60,000 for the Door and Hardware Replacement at Bryant Opportunity Academy.
ESSER HVAC Upgrade – Cessna Elementary School Appendix 5	Approve an amount not to exceed $2,642,000 which includes the above base bid, and contingency amount of $240,194 with Dean Norris Inc for HVAC Upgrade at Cessna Elementary School.
ESSER HVAC Upgrade and Renovations – Cloud Elementary School	Approve an amount not to exceed $9,422,073, which includes the above base bid, alternate one (1) $329,855, alternate two (2) $42,218 and contingency amounts of $1,009,000 with Key Construction Inc for HVAC Upgrade at Cloud Elementary School.
ESSER HVAC Upgrade and Renovations – Jefferson Elementary School	Approve an amount not to exceed $4,216,000, which includes the above base bid, alternate one (1) $357,725, alternate five (5) $268,460, alternate nine (9) $161,490, alternate ten (10) $497,650 and contingency amounts of $542,540 with Central Consolidated Inc for HVAC Upgrade at Jefferson Elementary School.
Security Improvement Projects – Construction Manager at Risk	Board President Stan Reeser pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4 of these minutes.
Motion Picture Licensing Corporation - Umbrella Copyright License	Approve an agreement not to exceed $25,000 for districtwide copyright compliance with MPLC.
BOE Meeting Minutes for October 31, 2022 Appendix 6	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 September 2022 in the amount of $15,397.93 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $6,580.31 to McDonald Tinker PA
Buncee Contract Amendment	Approve the proposed amendment and the implementation of Pebble Go.
Groundwater Interim Remedial Measures Project	Retain Geosyntec Consultants, Inc to implement work plans for the School Service Center Interim Remedial Measures Project as required by KDHE in an amount not to exceed $206,200.
Water Damage and Concrete Repairs – Cleaveland Elementary	Approve a not-to-exceed number of $91,812.08 for Reconstruction Services, LLC to conduct water-damaged concrete repairs at Cleaveland Elementary.
Workers’ Compensation Settlement: A.S.	Approve this agreed upon award for A.S.’s 2019 work injury in the total amount of $29,304.05.

Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Security Improvement Projects – Construction Manager at Risk	At Mr. Reeser's request, Randy Scott, Director of Design & Construction, briefed the Board. K.S.A. 72-1152, et al., Kansas Unified School District Alternative Project Delivery Building Construction Procurement Act, enables school districts to retain a Construction At-Risk Manager on school construction projects. The district intends to design and construct various security improvement projects involving front entrance controlled access remodels, classroom teacher locks, door replacements, intercoms, and code compliance corrections as needed. The CM At-Risk Alternative Project Delivery Method offers some clear advantages on a project of this scope and size, as disclosed in the following state statute requirements for consideration: · Delivery method will save time and money by enabling construction to start sooner, more effectively stagger work/scope, better plan for lead times and material pricing fluctuations. · Design and construction phases can be overlapped in order to expedite less design-intensive scope, while completing and procuring larger scale scope. · This delivery method will enable us to accelerate the schedule in the interest of more quickly addressing top priority security improvements. · The scope will span across numerous buildings over multiple years. The phasing and coordination will be complex. Engaging both the design and construction team early on as collaborative partners in the development process will help ensure successful project completion. · This delivery method encourages fair competition amongst contractors and provides more bid transparency, while reducing project risk. A public hearing is required before a school board takes action on such a project. The district scheduled a legal notice for publication in The Derby Informer on October 31, 2022, which ran through November 6, 2022. This agenda item provides an opportunity for public comment prior to the Board taking any action. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board authorize approval to proceed with the Construction Manager At-Risk Delivery Method for security improvement projects at forty-eight (48) sites. The motion passed 7-0.
Policy	
First Review: Proposed Updates to Transportation Policies Appendix 7	The proposed changes to P7350 and Form 7350e are an effort to mitigate risk, strengthen driver verification processing, and enable valuable transportation while protecting our students. **Current Policy** / **Proposed** / **Title** / **Notes** P7350 / N/A / School Trips and Student Transportation in Private Vehicles / Updates to AIPs This was the Board's first review of the above-referenced policy.

Operations	
Superintendent Search	Wendy Johnson, Director of Strategic Communications, and Sean Hudspeth, Chief Human Resources Officer, briefed the Board. It was recommended the Board retain a search firm to conduct a comprehensive process and identify potential internal candidates for a new superintendent. At approximately 7:50 p.m., President Reeser left the table. At approximately 8:00 p.m., President Reeser returned to the table. Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve the recommended search timeline and direct Human Resources to retain Ray & Associates if possible as an executive search company. The motion passed 7-0.
2022-23 Enrollment Update	Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, and Fabián Armendáriz, Director of Operations, briefed the Board. Official enrollment for the 2022-23 school year occurred on September 20th. The Wichita Public Schools, like many school districts across the country, has experienced significant shifts in enrollment patterns during recent years due to COVID19 and other factors. This item is to provide the BOE a brief report on the latest enrollment trends and set the course for short-term and long-term planning. To make informed decisions for the foreseeable future, WPS leadership will begin the process of searching for a demography firm which will provide a complete demographic profile of all district boundaries and schools, as well as provide enrollment projections for future years. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved to authorize the district to retain a demographic consultant for the purposes of evaluating future population projections and community growth. The motion passed 7-0.
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	- Hosted the district-wide Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (Super SuperSAC) on November 2. - Also hosted Leadership Wichita visits to Adams Elementary and East High School. - Congratulated the Northwest High School football team on their victory of Junction City and advancing to the KSHSAA state football championships. - Noted that 40 staff attended training at AMAC for assisting post-graduation students with disabilities. - Thanked Wichita Rotary Club members for participating in Reading is Fundamental programs at the district's Title I schools. - Thanked Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas State Commissioner of Education, for visiting Coleman Middle School on November 7. - Reports annual United Methodist Church turkey and food drive begins November 18. - Reports the McCormick School Museum Holiday Open House is on December 2. - Reports the return of the Board's Good Apple Award celebration on December 5.

Board of Education Reports/Requests	Hazel Stabler - Attended the district's Indian Education parent meeting and notes November is Native American Heritage month. - Attended the Kansas Economic Outlook conference at Wichita State University. - Read about the district's girls volleyball team performances and attended large volleyball invitational in Derby. Was able to watch Northwest, South, and Southeast play. - Participated in National School Lunch week and had lunch with students at Mead Middle School. - Attended celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month at Cowley Community College; notes Northeast Magnet JROTC cadets provided a color guard. - Toured Wichita Learning Center at Towne East Mall. - Also attended SuperSuperSAC. - Attended high school football game between Northwest and West High at Riverfront Stadium. - Attended Family Fun Night at Riverside Elementary. Notes huge community support present. - Attended annual Band-O-Rama at South High, the Choral Invitational at Northeast Magnet, and the 4th Grade Choral presentation at Isely Elementary. - Also attended SuperSuperSAC hosted by Dr. Thompson. - Participated in "Eight-to-Great" seminar at North High led by Patty Stuever for district staff. - Traveled to Orlando, FL to attend Council of Great City Schools convention. Reports that Wichita Public Schools is highly respected and enjoys a positive reputation nationally. - Requests presentation at future Board meeting on E-Sports program in the district. Sheril Logan - Also attended National School Lunch week at Mead. - Commended staff for problem solving efforts at Southeast. - Invited community members to attend fall plays and performances at district schools. - Thanked Dr. Thompson for her service to the school district and notes her retirement announcement was received with regret. Kathy Bond - Toured Franklin, L'Ouverture, Spaght, Clark, and Kensler schools with district staff to see the PrimeFIt program in action. - Attended listening session at Southeast High with district staff. - Went to several district JROTC drill meets. Noted two JROTC cadets approached her about reinstating the program at Wilbur Middle School. - Attended Northwest High JROTC Battalion Barbecue. - Also attended Band-O-Rama at South High, Northwest football game at Riverfront Stadium, and SuperSuperSAC. - Attended District Crisis Team meeting led by Terri Moses, Director of Safety & Environmental Services. - Gave special thanks to district JROTC cadets for recent visits to veterans in area hospice care centers. - Requested presentation by Col. Robert Hester (ret.), Director of JRTOC, on program details. - Thanked Dr. Thompson for her service and notes she will be greatly missed.

	Julie Hedrick - Attended listening session at Southeast on overcrowding issues as well as orchestra concert at the building. - Notes election is on November 8 and encourages people to vote. Ernestine Krehbiel - Also attended Southeast listening session and notes how impressed she is with thoughtfulness of district students. - Encouraged community members to vote on November 8. Diane Albert - Also attended Kansas Economic Outlook Conference at Wichita State and National School Lunch week at Mead. - Attended listening sessions at Southeast, Heights, Coleman Middle School, and Adams Elementary. - Served on Honorary Cadet Board for middle school JROTC. Stan Reeser - Expressed gratitude for Board members' involvement in district activities. Notes Board has come together to work well.
New Business	None submitted.
Executive Session #1: Student matters	At approximately 8:44 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss student discipline appeals. The motion passed 7-0.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:00 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Appeal Hearing: Case #1	On Thursday, October 20, at 12:00 p.m., an appeal hearing was held regarding an 11th grade student from Southeast High School. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved that the Board uphold the discipline recommendation from staff. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel not voting.
Appeal Hearing: Case #2	On Wednesday, November 2 at 12:00 p.m., an appeal hearing was held regarding a 9th grade student from Southeast High School. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved that the Board uphold the discipline recommendation from staff. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel not voting.
Executive Session #2: Negotiations	At approximately 9:04 p.m., Mr. Reeser (Ms. Logan) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss pending negotiations between the Board and the United Teachers of Wichita. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel not voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:19 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Executive Session #3: Attorney-client	At approximately 9:20 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board recess into an executive session to consult with the Board's attorney to discuss the application of law as it applies to the district. The motion passed 5-0, with Ms. Krehbiel and Ms. Stabler not voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:39 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.

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Adjournment	Ms. Hedrick (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel not voting. At approximately 9:39 p.m., the meeting adjourned.