Appendix 7

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Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
January 23, 2023

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 January 23, 2023, 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 Hadley Middle School JROTC Cadets.
2023 School Board Recognition Month	In honor of School Board Recognition Month, district administration presented each Board member with a framed photo from their member district high school(s). Framing services were provided by the Wichita Art Museum.
Reports	
Reports – Good News	2022 Turkey Drive – United Methodist Church Open Door Benefit Contact(s): Patty Stuever The 32nd Annual Turkey Drive benefitting United Methodist Open Door was held Friday, November 18, 2022, at the Wichita Waterwalk. This was the 16th year that WPS participated in this community event. Of the 434 turkeys that were collected throughout the community, 391 came through WPS; of the $44,024.61 collected, $32,132.61 came through WPS; and of the 43,234 side items came through WPS. Because of this district-wide service event that WPS participates in, UMOD was able to serve 5,850 individuals comprising 2,344 households in our community. Every year WPS has a "friendly" competition among schools and sites in donating for this drive. The winners this year are: South High, Northeast Magnet, East High, Pleasant Valley Middle School, Allison Magnet Middle School, Horace Mann Academy, Wilbur Middle School, Earhart Magnet Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Clark Elementary, Dunlap Transition campus, IST, and the School Service Center.
Report – Service Employees International (SEIU)	Esau Freeman, SEIU Business Manager. Topic: Gratitude for district Employee Benefits services.
Report – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, UTW President. Topic: Behavior work group and negotiations.
Public Communications	None Submitted.

Education	
Superintendent Search: Stakeholder Research and Superintendent Profile	Wendy Johnson, Director of Strategic Communications, and Sean Hudspeth, Chief Human Resources Officer, briefed the Board. The Board of Education retained Ray & Associates, a national superintendent search firm, to conduct the search for the district's next superintendent following the announced resignation of Dr. Alicia Thompson at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Following extensive stakeholder engagement, Ray & Associates is presenting the stakeholder observations, as well as the Superintendent Profile which will be the basis of the job posting for the next WPS superintendent. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Logan) moved the Board adopt the Superintendent Profile presented by Ray & Associates. The motion passed 4-3, with Ms. Albert, Mrs. Bond, and Ms. Stabler voting no.
Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Schools are Trusted as Safe Places	Dr. Thompson and district leadership briefed the Board. Schools around the country are responding to new safety and behavior challenges, and Wichita is no exception. The district recognizes these challenges and has responded with new solutions in student discipline, employee support, and community resources. This presentation reviewed the district's many responses in support of students, teachers, and the Wichita community. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
Elementary Math Curriculum	Amanda Sharshel, Elementary Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Holly Ingram, Secondary Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, briefed the Board on the history and data for elementary math core resources, the curriculum adoption process, and the elementary math core curricula being piloted for consideration for adoption currently. At approximately 8:30 p.m., Mr. Reeser left the table. At approximately 8:40 p.m., Mr. Reeser returned to the table. At approximately 8:45 p.m., Ms. Hedrick left the table. At approximately 8:50 p.m., Ms. Hedrick returned to 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.
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.
2023-24 District Calendar Appendix 2	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 4 of these minutes.
Treasury Warrants: November 2022 Appendix 3	Board approval.

Monthly Finance Report: November 2022 Appendix 4	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 5	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled "Custodial Services – Vendor Change" and Board member Kathy Bond pulled "Athletic Uniforms" from this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 4 of these minutes. The Board approved all other Purchasing Consent items.
Boiler Replacement – Jardine Middle School	Approve an amount not to exceed $718,000.00, which includes a contingency amount of $65,467.00, with The Waldinger Corporation for the Boiler Replacement at Jardine Middle School.
Roof Replacement – Various Sites	Approve amounts, not to exceed, with each contractor for roof replacements at each location as follows: • $63,000 with Buckley Roofing Company, Inc, which includes a contingency amount of $6,900, at Allison Middle School • $1,074,000 with Mahaney, a Tecta American Company, LLC., which includes a contingency amount of $115,600, at Curtis Middle School and Marshall Middle School • $3,250,000 with Wray Roofing, Inc., which includes a contingency amount of $349,400, at AMAC, Black Elementary School, Cleaveland Elementary School, Kensler Elementary School, West High School, and White Elementary School.
Security Improvement Projects – Construction Manager at Risk	Board member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 4 of these minutes.
Modern Classroom Project Appendix 6	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 5 of these minutes.
LETRS Volume 1 and 2 Materials & Professional Development (Lexia Learning Systems LLC) Appendix 7	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 5 of these minutes.
Varsity Tutors Online Tutoring Service (Renewal)	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Varsity Tutors for the 2022-23 school year to provide online tutoring services at the following schools: Adams, Cloud, Dodge, Gammon, Spaght, and Washington. This contract shall not exceed $144,000.00, funded through federal ESSER funds.
YMCA Child Development Centers Contract Extension Appendix 8	Approve the contract extension and associated cost of $217,137 to extend the five-year contract with the YMCA one additional year, through the 2023-24 school year.
BOE Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2022 Appendix 9	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 November 2022 in the amount of $12,828.00 and for December 2022 in the amount of $22,697.97 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $5,448.99 for November 2022 and the amount of $2,957.32 for December 2022 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremonies	Approve payments to Wichita State University and Century II for the class of 2023 Graduations not to exceed $45,000.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
2023-24 District Calendar Appendix 2	At Ms. Stabler's request, Sean Hudspeth, Chief Human Resources Officer, briefed the Board on the different between in-service and non-teaching duty days. Ms. Stabler (Ms. Logan) moved the Board adopt the proposed district calendar with August 15, 2023, as the first day of school, and May 23, 2024, as the last day of school. The motion passed 7-0.
Purchasing Consent (Athletic Uniforms) Appendix 5	At Mrs. Bond's request, Kaleb Stoppel, Director of Athletics, briefed the Board. This item is for using a purchasing cooperative to purchase new uniforms for district athletic teams. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Logan) moved the Board approve the $200,000 purchase of athletic uniforms via Omnia Partners. The motion passed 6-1, with Mrs. Bond voting no.
Purchasing Consent (Custodial Services) Appendix 5	At Ms. Stabler's request, Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, briefed the Board. This agreement is for switching vendors and using funds leftover from a previous agreement. Ms. Stabler (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve an agreement with City Wide of Wichita and authorize $525,000 for related custodial services. The motion passed 7-0.
Security Improvement Projects – Construction Manager at Risk	Ms. Hedrick pulled this item to note her approval of the work to be done. Ms. Hedrick (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board enter into a contract with Hutton Corporation, contingent upon an agreeable contract, to provide Construction Manager at Risk services on the Security Improvement Projects at Various Sites. Final construction scope and costs will be established in future GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) packages for approval by the Board of Education. The motion passed 7-0.

Modern Classroom Project Appendix 6	At Ms. Stabler's request, Branden Johnson, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, briefed the Board. The Modern Classroom Project provides differentiated professional learning for teachers so that they can have more skills and knowledge to meet each student where they are when they walk into their classroom. Modern Classroom Project will help teachers know how and when to create whole group, small group, and individual work based on the students wants and needs. This professional learning will also free up teachers to spend more one-on-one time with students and give specific feedback to each of them on where they are academically in a timely manner. This opportunity is optional for teachers, and the district will support them through coaching from Modern Classroom and a collaborative team within the district as well. Ms. Stabler (Ms. Logan) moved the Board authorize the district to fund the Modern Classroom Project in an amount not to exceed $300,000 from Federal ESSER funds. This would cover cost from June 2023 to May 2024. The motion passed 7-0.
LETRS Volume 1 and 2 Materials & Professional Development (Lexia Learning Systems LLC) Appendix 7	At Ms. Stabler's request, Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, briefed the Board. LETRS is professional development for literacy. It has earned accreditation through the International Dyslexia Association. LETRS is designed to provide our teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to plan for, instruct and assess literacy skill development. LETRS Facilitator training is a pathway for literacy leaders in our district to become trainers of LETRS. Ms. Stabler (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board authorize the purchase of LETRS Volume 1-2 materials and professional development from Lexia Learning Systems LLC in an amount not to exceed $100,000. The motion passed 7-0.
Operations	
Election of Officers (Board of Education)	In accordance with BOE Policy 0100 – Organization of the Board: "At the Board's first meeting on or after the second Monday in January of each year, the Board shall elect a president and vice president from its members, each of whom shall serve for one year or until his/her successor is elected." The election of officers shall be by open ballot. Board policy stipulates that each member may vote for any member of the Board and successive ballots shall be taken for each office until one member receives four votes. The newly elected president and vice-president shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected. President: Sheril Logan Ballot 1: Voting for Sheril Logan: Diane Albert, Ernestine Krehbiel, Stan Reeser, Julie Hedrick, Kathy Bond, Sheril Logan, and Hazel Stabler. Vice President: Diane Albert Ballot 2: Voting for Diane Albert: Diane Albert, Ernestine Krehbiel, Stan Reeser, Kathy Bond, Sheril Logan, and Hazel Stabler. Voting for Stan Reeser: Julie Hedrick

Appointment of Subcommittee to Review ESI Complaint Investigations (P5116) Appendix 10	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Logan) moved the Board appoint Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, and himself to a subcommittee to review findings and make recommendations, as necessary, regarding Emergency Safety Interventions incidents involving students. This subcommittee shall consist of the Board president and two other Board members selected by the Board. The motion passed 6-1, with Mrs. Bond voting no.
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	None submitted.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Diane Albert - Attended stakeholder listening sessions for the Superintendent search. - Met with the NAACP Youth Council and others regarding solutions to student behavior. - Attended Battle of the Books competition. - Attended Showcase of Choices and Opportunities at Century II Convention Center. Ernestine Krehbiel - Participated in KASB's Advocacy in Action in Topeka on January 17 and met with state legislators regarding education funding. Stan Reeser - Thanked the community for privilege of serving as Board president for the last two years. Julie Hedrick - Reported her husband successfully received an organ transplant and is back in Wichita recovering, and thanked community for their thoughts and prayers. - Also attended stakeholder listening sessions for the Superintendent search. Kathy Bond - Attended town hall hosted by the Wichita Police Department on the issue of fentanyl abuse. - Also attended stakeholder listening sessions for the Superintendent search. - Also attended Showcase of Choices and Opportunities at Century II Convention Center. - Requested the district look into distinctions between students being tardy to class versus being absent. - Asked district administrators to look into participate in hunger relief efforts sponsored by Heaven Sent ministries to send food to needy people in Ukraine.

Board of Education Reports/Requests *(continued)*	Sheril Logan - Also attended stakeholder listening sessions for the Superintendent search. - Thanked Mr. Reeser for his service as Board president for the last two years. - Also thanked Board members for unanimously electing her to serve as Board president. Hazel Stabler - Visited Pleasant Valley Elementary's Santa Workshop where students and teachers wrapped presents for Christmas and raised money for the Humane Society. - Attended Irving Elementary's year-end student awards ceremony. - Participated in Habitat for Humanity's community work day at Century II, and noted fellow Board member Diane Albert attended as well. - Also attended stakeholder listening sessions for the Superintendent search. - Also met with various groups regarding solutions to student behavior. - Also attended Showcase of Choices and Opportunities at Century II Convention Center. - Also attended Battle of the Books.
New Business	None submitted.
Executive Session #1: Employer-Employee Negotiations	At approximately 10:18 p.m., Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss preparation for upcoming negotiations between the BOE and United Teachers of Wichita pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The motion passed 7-0.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 10:32 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Adjournment	Mrs. Bond (Ms. Logan) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel not voting. At approximately 10:33 p.m., the meeting adjourned.