

**Board of Education Agenda**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**March 6, 2023 - 6 p.m.**  
**Wichita High School North Lecture Hall**  
**1437 Rochester - Wichita KS**



Wichita Public Schools will be the district of choice in our region,  
where all students and staff are empowered to dream, believe and achieve.

**I. Roll Call**

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Jardine Middle School JROTC Cadets

**II. Reports**

- A. Report – Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC)  
Presenters: Israel Torres and Eli Eustache, Northwest High School
- B. Report – Good News

1. Magnet Schools of America Merit Awards

Contact(s): Jesse Milne

Every year, Magnet Schools of America (MSA) selects a handful of schools from hundreds of applicants to receive their Merit Award of Distinction. WPS had six buildings receive that honor this year: Brooks, Price-Harris, and Hyde all won for the first time, Earhart won for a second time, Allison for a third time, and Jardine won for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight time.

In addition to the Merit Award of Distinction which is the second highest honor from MSA, They also give out a Merit Award of Excellence to a very exclusive and elite class of magnet schools. Through almost ten years of applying for these MSA honors, no WPS school has ever won a Merit Award of Excellence until this year. Mayberry has become our district’s first nationally recognized Magnet School of Excellence.

2. Wichita Business Journal and HR Magazine Recognition

Contact(s): Wendy Johnson

On March 6, 2023, the National Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) will release its Spring 2023 HR Magazine issue. With a circulation of more than 300,000, HR Magazine is the most widely read and respected human resources publication in the world. Published quarterly by the world's largest professional association devoted to human resource management, HR Magazine provides up-to-date news, features and analysis of topics of interest to HR professionals at all career levels, and highlights HR's essential, strategic role. In this spring 2023 issue, WPS' CHRO, Sean Hudspeth is featured in the member spotlight section as a member of National SHRM since 1996. Sean was also the Kansas HR Professional of the Year in 2021 receiving the George Trombold Award and has been a board member with the state and local chapters since 2013. On February 14, 2023, Sean was inducted into the Wichita Business Journal HR Hall of Fame by the journal editors.

C. Report – Service Employees International

D. Report – United Teachers of Wichita

**III. Public Communications**

A member of the public (speaker) may address the Board during the Public Communications section of the BOE Agenda. Comments by public speakers made during the Public Communications will be limited to items on the BOE Agenda or items within the jurisdiction of the Board. The number of speakers who speak during Public Communications will not exceed ten. A speaker, in lieu of speaking during Public Communications, may speak during an agenda item. Comments during an agenda item will be limited to the topic of the agenda item. Speakers may register to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board at 973-4553 by noon on the day of the BOE meeting, or they may register at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. When registering to speak, a speaker will identify the topic the speaker wishes to address. A speaker's comments at a meeting will not exceed 3 minutes, will be limited to the registered topic, and will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students. Speakers will provide twelve (12) copies of any handouts to the Clerk of the Board's table for distribution at the Board table. For more information and restrictions, please see BOE Policy 0200 - BOE Agendas and Meetings.

**IV. Education**

A. 2023 Summer Programming

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Dee Dee Stroot, Michelle Cuda, Loren Hatfield

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Tonight's presentation is an overview of the 2023 summer programs for Wichita Public Schools' PreK-12 students.

Recommendation: This presentation is for the Board's information.

B. Esports in Wichita Public Schools

Contact(s): Rob Dickson  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Wichita Public Schools took the front seat in developing both an esports program and tying academic future problem solving through introducing the Gaming Concepts course in the 2020-21 school year. Esports in the Wichita Public Schools allows students to develop valuable skills like communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and critical thinking. We have encouraged esports like activity at the elementary level through Minecraft, through esports clubs at the middle school level, and competitive play at the high school level. By playing in organized, competitive teams, even younger students can learn about healthy competition and social skills. As we expand the esports educational benefits, students will be exposed to game design and coding, and additional pathways will be created to meet the growing future jobs in the Wichita community, not to mention the scholarship opportunities already there. Additionally, we are working with Wichita State to research the mental health benefits, reducing stress and helping to improve focus and concentration. Using esports to increase technological literacy among students, helping increase their comfort level with media and technology, are all huge wins for our students that now navigate this new high technology society.

Recommendation: This presentation is for the Board’s information.

V. Consent

A. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: January 2023

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Monthly Finance Report: January 2023

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Susan Willis  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: This is a monthly report to the Board on the budget and finances of the district.

Recommendation: The report is provided for the Board’s information. No action is requested.

B. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 4

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. APS3000 – Tire Changer	\$31,949.00	Amanda Kingrey
2. Food Safety Health Inspection License Renewals	\$32,475.00	Fabian Armendariz
3. Digital Repeaters – Correction	\$0.00	Terri Moses

2. Code Compliance Upgrades – Caldwell Elementary School

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay  
2022-23 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay budget includes monies for Code Compliance Upgrades at Caldwell Elementary School. The scope of this project will bring fire-rated wall, door, and frame assemblies throughout the building up to current code. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Hutton Corporation.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Hutton Corporation for Code Compliance Upgrades at Caldwell Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$161,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.

3. Facility and Program Expansion – Future Ready Center (Change Order)

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay  
2022-23 Budget

Purpose: On April 11, 2022 the District approved a contract with Cherokee Construction for Facility and Program Expansion at the Future Ready Center to provide spaces needed to accommodate expanded opportunities for students in automation, robotics, sheet metal, and composite parts fabrication programs housed in the facility.

Supplemental funds are now required to facilitate additional mechanical and plumbing connections to support recently added program equipment that was not identified during the planning and design phase of the project.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve a contract change order with Cherokee Construction in the amount of \$50,000 for the Facility and Program Expansion – Future Ready Center project. This will bring the amount contracted with Cherokee Construction to a total not to exceed \$925,948.

4. Pre-K Bathroom Addition – Isely Elementary School

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay  
2022-23 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay budget includes monies for the Pre-K Bathroom Addition at Isely Elementary School. The scope of this project is to remodel two (2) existing rooms to provide a teacher workroom and two (2) Pre-K bathrooms. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Icon Structures Inc.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Icon Structures Inc for the Pre-K Bathroom Addition at Isely Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$145,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.

5. Wall Carpet Removal – Gammon Elementary

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay  
2022-23 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay budget includes monies for Wall Carpet Removal at Gammon Elementary School. The scope of this project includes: removal of carpet from walls and replacing with ½” drywall; relocating power, data and other electrical devices; paint match affected walls; and repair floors, cabinets and ceiling as needed. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Cherokee Construction Inc.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Cherokee Construction Inc for Wall Carpet Removal at Gammon Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$87,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.

C. Programs/Grants

1. Heggerty Explicit Phonemic Awareness Curriculum

Appendix 5

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Amanda Sharshel  
Funding Source: Federal Funds (ESSER)  
2022-23 Budget

Purpose: Heggerty is an explicit phonemic awareness curriculum. This is a curriculum currently being used by kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers. The 2022 version of this curriculum is now available and includes critical updates for teaching staff including updates to teacher notes, videos of master teachers using the curriculum and clarity around the scope and sequence of skills. There is now a 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> version for daily core instruction in phonemic awareness as well as an intervention resource, Bridge the Gap, designed to be used as an intervention for students who have not mastered foundational phonological awareness skills.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Heggerty Kindergarten Curriculum 2022, Heggerty Primary Curriculum (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades) 2022, Heggerty Primary Extension (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades) 2022 and Bridge the Gap: Intervention Lessons materials from Heggerty in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

D. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2023

Appendix 6

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2023 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. BOE Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2023

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2023 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

3. BOE Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2023 Appendix 8  
Contact(s): Patrick Greene  
Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2023 are attached in the Appendix.  
Recommendation: Board approval
4. BOE Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2023 Appendix 9  
Contact(s): Patrick Greene  
Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2023 are attached in the Appendix.  
Recommendation: Board approval
5. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goosing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA  
Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence  
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund – Special Liability, 52 Fund – Worker’s Compensation Reserve Fund  
2022-23 Budget  
Purpose: Fleeson, Goosing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for January 2023 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$15,652.22 and a January 2022 for the same services in the amount of \$9,153.50.  
McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for January 2023 legal services and expenses for Worker’s Compensation in the amount of \$6,749.35 and a January 2022 statement for the same services in the amount of \$9,314.53.  
This brings the 2022-23 fiscal year-to-date total to \$103,849.08 for Civil Litigation services and \$42,663.99 for Worker’s Compensation services.  
Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Worker’s Compensation under the school district’s self-insured programs for January 2023 in the amount of \$15,652.22 and for January 2022 in the amount of \$9,153.50 to Fleeson, Goosing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$6,749.35 for January 2023 and the amount of \$9,314.53 for January 2022 to McDonald Tinker PA.
6. Lawsuit Against the Manufacturers, Distributors and Retailers of JUUL, E-Cigarettes, and Vaping Devices Appendix 10  
Contact(s): Dan Lawrence  
Funding Source: NA  
Purpose: The district has received a settlement offer for the class action lawsuit against JUUL and other vaping product and e-cigarette manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.  
Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the acceptance of the settlement of the case and the signing of necessary paperwork to effect the settlement.

7. Peoplesoft to Linux

Contact(s): Rob Dickson  
Funding Source: Supplemental General, Capital Outlay  
2022-23 Budget

Purpose: Moving Peoplesoft from Windows to Linux with auto patching benefits our district. Linux is known for stability, security, and cost-effectiveness compared to Windows regarding licensing in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. With auto patching, the system can be updated automatically, ensuring that it is always up to date with the latest security patches and bug fixes. This helps reduce the risk of security breaches and minimizes downtime caused by manual updates. Additionally, Linux is less resource heavy and provides better response with resources. This can lead to improved performance, scalability, and cost savings, making it the right choice for our district to optimize our Peoplesoft investment.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve a payment to Astute not to exceed \$50,000 to support the Peoplesoft move from Windows to Linux.

8. Security Improvements Projects – Construction Manager at Risk: Various GMP

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay  
2022-23 Budget

Purpose: The 2022-23 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for construction projects at various district sites. On November 7, 2022, the Board of Education approved Resolution “2022-23 Security Improvement Projects – Construction Manager at Risk”. Subsequently, on January 23, 2023, the Board approved entering into a contract with Hutton Corporation to provide Construction Manager at Risk services for the Security Improvements Projects to address construction work for secure entry, teacher locks, elevator access and intercom communications at various district sites. The scope of work and pricing will be established in multiple phases as design documents become available to package and bid. This first Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for award is to establish not to exceed pricing for the construction of new controlled access entrances at eleven (11) sites.

Recommendation: It is recommended that The Board approve entering into an agreement with Hutton Corporation in the amount of \$2,500,000 for Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #1.

9. Water Damage Repairs – Beech Elementary

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer, Luke Newman, Randy Scott, Douglas Mumma  
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self-Funded Insurance Reserve  
2022-23 Budget

Purpose: On January 2, 2023, a coil froze at Beech Elementary. A pipe burst allowing water to leak into the gym, surrounding rooms, and tunnels beneath. Necessary repairs include replacing the coil, replacing tile in the storage room, rewaxing the gym floor, dehumidifying the walls, personal property damage to staff, and district supply damage. SGA was retained to appraise the damage and reports a need for \$31,859.73 in reserves for building repairs. The content damages and insurance expenses amounted to approximately \$7,089.63.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve a reserve in insurance funds of \$38,949.36 to allow the purchase of replacement content items, cleaning of contents, and for Reconstruction Services, LLC to complete building repairs.

10. WPS Band Performance – Disney World Imagination Campus

Contact(s): Amanda Kingrey, Brandon Johnson

Funding Source: High School Instructional Funds (pass-through for student-paid fees)  
2022-23 Budget

Purpose: This agenda item requests the Board to approve payments for the out-of-state field trip March 10, 2023, for orchestra students from East, Northwest, and Northeast High Schools to perform at Disney World in Orlando, FL as part of their Imagination Campus program. Families are responsible for paying the school for the trip. Monies go into a pass-through account, and the district pays invoices. The trip expenditures will not exceed \$86,400.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve field trip not to exceed \$86,400.

**VI. Finance**

A. Budget Report

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Administration will update the Board on the budget.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board's information and discussion.

**VII. Miscellaneous**

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Board of Education Report/Requests

C. New Business

D. Executive Session

A motion should be adopted that the Board of Education recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding:

1. Matters relating to employer-employee negotiations.
2. Matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student.

The open meeting will resume at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ in this room.

E. Reconvene

1. Appeal Hearing: Case #4

Purpose: On Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at noon an appeal hearing was held regarding an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student from Mayberry Middle School.

Recommendation: A recommendation will be presented at the Board table.

F. Adjournment