

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
March 6, 2023

Roll Call	<p>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 March 6, 2023, with President Sheril Logan presiding.</p> <p>Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond.</p>
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	<p>The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the Jardine Middle School JROTC Cadets.</p>
Recognition	<p>President Logan and Dr. Alicia Thompson presented Board member Stan Reeser with a plaque in recognition of his service as Board president from 2021-2022.</p>
Reports	
Reports – Good News	<p>Magnet Schools of America Merit Awards</p> <p>Contact(s): Jesse Milne</p> <p>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 5th straight time.</p> <p>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.</p>

<p>Reports – Good News <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>Wichita Business Journal and HR Magazine Recognition</p> <p>Contact(s): Wendy Johnson</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Reports – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)</p>	<p>Katie Warren, UTW President. <u>Topic</u>: AFT Reading Opens the World grant.</p>
<p>Public Communications</p>	<p>None submitted.</p>
<p>Education</p>	
<p>2023 Summer Programming</p>	<p>Dee Dee Stroot, Director of Innovation and Implementation, Michelle Cuda, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, and Loren Hatfield, Executive Director of Secondary schools, briefed the Board. The district offers a variety of summer programs for elementary and secondary students providing them with additional learning programs as well as providing opportunities allowing them to catch-up on learning.</p> <p>The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.</p>
<p>Esports in Wichita Public Schools</p>	<p>Rob Dickson, Chief Information Officer, briefed the Board. Esports is an emerging activity in public schools that is far more complex than commonly thought. College scholarships are available for students, and skills such as video editing, shoutcasting, graphic design, and event management are components of the district's gaming programs.</p> <p>The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.</p>
<p>Consent: Disposal of Routine Business</p>	<p>Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<p>Human Resources Report <i>Appendix</i></p>	<p>Board approval.</p>
<p>Treasury Warrants: January 2023 <i>Appendix</i></p>	<p>Board approval.</p>

Monthly Finance Report: January 2023 Appendix	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Purchasing Consent Appendix	Board approval.
Code Compliance Upgrades – Caldwell Elementary School	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.
Facility and Program Expansion – Future Ready Center (Change Order) Appendix	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.
Pre-K Bathroom Addition – Isely Elementary School	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.
Wall Carpet Removal – Gammon Elementary	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.
Heggerty Explicit Phonemic Awareness Curriculum Appendix	authorize the purchase of Heggerty Kindergarten Curriculum 2022, Heggerty Primary Curriculum (1 st and 2 nd Grades) 2022, Heggerty Primary Extension (3 rd -5 th Grades) 2022 and Bridge the Gap: Intervention Lessons materials from Heggerty in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.
BOE Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2023 Appendix	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2023 Appendix	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2023 Appendix	Board approval.
Legal Services: Fleeson, Goings, 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 January 2023 in the amount of \$15,652.22 and for January 2022 in the amount of \$9,153.50 to Fleeson, Goings, 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.
Class Action Lawsuit Against the Manufacturers, Distributors, and Retailers of JUUL, E-Cigarettes, and Vaping Devices	Authorize the acceptance of the settlement of the case and the signing of necessary paperwork to effect the settlement.
Peoplesoft to Linux	Approve a payment to Astute not to exceed \$50,000 to support the Peoplesoft move from Windows to Linux.
Security Improvements Projects – Construction Manager at Risk: Various GMP	Approve entering into an agreement with Hutton Corporation in the amount of \$2.5 million for Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #1.

Water Damage Repairs – Beech Elementary	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.
WPS Band Performance – Disney World Imagination Campus	Approve field trip not to exceed \$86,400.
Finance	
Budget Report	<p>Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board on the budget. Kansas state law allows school districts to levy local property tax for the purpose of funding capital outlay expenditures. Capital outlay is defined to include acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing, maintaining and equipping of buildings necessary for school district purposes. In 2013 this definition was expanded to include acquisition of computer software, acquisition of performance uniforms, architectural expenses, acquisition of building sites, and asbestos control projects.</p> <p>The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board’s information</p>
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent’s Report	None submitted.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	<p>Ernestine Krehbiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Wichita Assistance League breakfast. Notes the League provides assistance to district students in any school. <p>Stan Reeser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanked the Board for his plaque and further thanked his family for patience and understanding during his term as President. <p>Diane Albert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Also attended Wichita Assistance League breakfast. - Visited Gordon Parks Academy and notes substantial progress in academic achievement at the school and others in the district. <p>Kathy Bond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read to fourth graders at Bostic Elementary about Marquis de Lafayette in the American Revolution. - Attended Northwest High JROTC Ball. - Attended All-City Honors concerts. Notes the middle and high school students performed a joint number at the end of the program and it was outstanding. - Notes she is an ex-officio member of the Pando Initiative and reports the initiative provides help to the district. - Attended Kansas Teacher of the Year breakfast. - Excited about potential new partnership with district high schools and the Robert Dole VA Center.

<p>Board of Education Reports/Requests <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>Hazel Stabler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Also attended Wichita Assistance League breakfast. Reports a district family lacking a refrigerator was provided one by the League. - Visited Pleasant Valley Middle School to meet incoming 6th graders for 2023-24 school year. - Attended Family Game Night at Washington Elementary. - Also attended All-City Honors concerts. - Also attended Kansas Teacher of the Year breakfast. <p>Sheril Logan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notes good work done by the Assistance League and the clothing, money, and scholarships the League provides to the district. - Also attended Kansas Teacher of the Year breakfast. - Was on hand to recognize Distinguished Classroom Teacher awardees at different district buildings.
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None submitted.</p>
<p>Executive Session #1: Negotiations</p>	<p>At approximately 8:44 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss pending negotiations between the BOE and United Teachers of Wichita pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<p>Reconvene Meeting</p>	<p>At approximately 8:57 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.</p>
<p>Executive Session #2: Actions adversely or favorably affecting a student</p>	<p>At approximately 8:58 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board recess into an executive session discuss an appeal hearing pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under the Kansas Open Meetings Act.</p> <p>The motion passed 5-0, with Mr. Reeser and Ms. Hedrick absent.</p>
<p>Reconvene Meeting</p>	<p>At approximately 9:11 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.</p>
<p>Appeal Hearing: Case #3</p>	<p>On Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at noon an appeal hearing was held regarding an 8th grade student from Mayberry Middle School.</p> <p>Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Reeser) moved that the Board uphold the findings of the hearing officer.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Ms. Logan (Mr. Reeser) moved the meeting adjourn.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>At approximately 9:17 p.m., the meeting adjourned.</p>