Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
April 10, 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 April 10, 2023, with President Sheril Logan 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 Marshall Middle School JROTC Cadets.
Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC)	Reporter: Israel Torres, Northeast Magnet. Topic: Transition from middle school to high school.
Reports	
Reports – Good News	2023 Distinguished Classroom Teacher Awards Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Branden Johnson, Michelle Cuda, Chris Wendt The Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award program recognizes outstanding teachers who reflect the quality of education in Wichita Public Schools. Each year, awards are given in eight categories. A selection committee made up of teachers, teaching specialists, school and district-level administrators, and members of the United Teachers of Wichita reviews the nominations and makes the final selections. This year's honorees are: Jamie Lansang, third-grade, Seltzer Elementary School – New Teacher, Elementary Kiara Suarez-Sosa, English, East High School – New Teacher, Secondary Maribel Benedict, kindergarten, Allen Elementary School – Primary (Grades Pre-K – 2) Mario Flores, third-grade, Gammon Elementary School– Intermediate (Grades 3 – 5) Erik Stone, vocal music, Gordon Parks Academy – Middle School Stacy Chestnut, English, East High School – High School Patrick Loganbill, physical education, Linwood Elementary – Support Teacher, Elementary Kristina Matthaei, instructional coach, Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center – Support Teacher, Secondary

Reports – Good News *(continued)*	Aspiring Building Leaders: Cohort Two Contact(s): Chris Wendt, Amanda Kingrey As part of our desire as a district to increase the number of highly qualified building leaders serving our students and staff, we are proud to present to you tonight our second cohort of WPS Aspiring Building Leaders. These outstanding staff members participated in a semester-long professional development program aimed at increasing their skills, knowledge, and readiness for building leadership. USD 259 values the positive effect high-quality school leadership provides to our students and staff. Our student outcomes and goals listed in the strategic plan will be supported by creating a systemic methodology for the recruitment, development, and ongoing job training for administrators. As we look to the future we have determined that a pipeline developing teacher leaders into building leaders will provide the desired outcome of ensuring that all students and staff are led by a highly proficient and successful building administrator. This second cohort will proudly serve our district and our stakeholders for years to come: Ashley Mills (Truesdell), Baxter Schmidt (Riverside), Charlotte (Charlie) Bartsch (Northwest), Christina Swedberg (McAuliffe), Eric Torres (Curtis), Jane Bunn (Coleman), Janet Houk (Cloud), Jennifer Gilstrap (Horace Mann), Jennifer Wright (L'Ouverture), Jose Martinez (West), Katherine Skinner (CMA), Lauren Coston (Robinson), Quan Nguyen (Dodge),Shamela Jackson (Spaght), Zachiary Sims (Stucky) We want to publicly acknowledge these outstanding leaders and the work and dedication they have put into growing themselves so they may also grow others.
Report – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, UTW president. Topic: Reading Opens the World event and AFT Health & Safety visit.
Public Communications	Erin Downey Howerton, 711 W. 2nd St., Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: Summer reading.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Hedrick (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.
Financial Resolutions for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year – Updated for New President and Controller Appendix 2	Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: February 2023 Appendix 3	Board approval.

Monthly Finance Report: February 2023 Appendix 4	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
2022-23 Budget Republication Appendix 5	This item was pulled by Board member Stan Reeser for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 5 of these minutes.
Resolution 2023-15: Adopting Amendment to Deferred Compensation 457(b) Plan Appendix 6	Adopt Resolution 2023-15 provided in Appendix 6.
Resolution 2023-16: Adopting Amendment to Deferred Compensation 457(b) Plan Appendix 7	Adopt Resolution 2023-16 provided in Appendix 7.
Resolution 2023-17: Adopting Amendment to Deferred Compensation 457(b) Plan Appendix 8	Adopt Resolution 2023-17 provided in Appendix 8.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 9	Board approval.

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Forklift, Clark NPX20	$47,050.00	Fabian Armendariz
2. Support & Maintenance for Peoplesoft Additional	$36,450.00	Rob Dickson
3. Consumable Food – Annual	$15,000,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
4. Augmented Biomedical Curriculum	$77,500.00	Amanda Kingrey
5. Weight Room Equipment	$43,835.62	Amanda Kingrey
6. WEBCRD Support & Maintenance – Annual	$22,711.25	Fabian Armendariz
7. Food – February 2023	$426,524.60	Fabian Armendariz
8. Supply – February 2023	$289,681.77	Fabian Armendariz

Academic Life Skills Classroom Renovations – Northeast Magnet High School	Enter into a contract with Icon Structures Inc for Academic Life Skills Classroom Renovations at Northeast Magnet High School, in an amount not to exceed $322,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.
Athletic Field Irrigation – Southeast High School	Enter into a contract with Martin K Eby Construction Company Inc for Athletic Field Improvement at Southeast High School, in an amount not to exceed $139,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.

Floor Replacement – Various	Enter into a contract with Star Lumber & Supply Co Inc for floor replacements at eight (8) district sites in an amount not to exceed $221,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.
Kitchen Expansion – Christa McAuliffe Academy	Enter into a contract with Icon Structures Inc for the Kitchen Expansion at Christa McAuliffe Academy, in an amount not to exceed $360,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.
Light Pole Replacements – Seltzer Elementary School	Approve an amount not to exceed $38,000 with Consolidated Electrical Distributor, Inc. for light poles replacements at Seltzer Elementary School.
Regrading and Storm Sewer Improvement – Southeast High School Appendix 10	Enter into a contract with Pearson Construction LLC for Regrading & Storm Sewer Improvement Adjacent to Football Field at Southeast High School, in an amount not to exceed $296,160, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.
Capturing Kids' Hearts Appendix 11	Approve Capturing Kids' Hearts contract with the Flippen Group in an amount not to exceed $130,000, for training at Greiffenstein-Wells, Education Imagine Academy, Hamilton, Gordon Parks, Chester Lewis, and Hadley.
Jobs for America's Graduates – Kansas (JAG-K) Appendix 12	Approve JAG-K contract in an amount not to exceed $266,880 for programs at North, Northwest, South, Southeast (2), and West (2).
Wichita Acceleration Academy (WAA)	Approve the contract with Acceleration Academies for the 2023-2024 school year to provide student re-engagement services. This contract shall not exceed $2,000,000, funded through federal ESSER funds.
Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Fees Appendix 13	Approve the payment of Advanced Placement Exam invoices in an amount not to exceed $85,000.
VEX Worlds Robotics Competition Appendix 14	This item was pulled by Board member Hazel Stabler for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 5 of these minutes.
BOE Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2023 Appendix 15	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2023 Appendix 16	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2023 Appendix 17	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2023 Appendix 18	Board approval.
Benefit Administration System Vendor Renewal	Approve early renewal of the contract with bswift for 2023-2024, given the 5% fee reduction and $10,000 credit offered. The estimated savings are anticipated to be approximately $33,250 when considering the $10,000 credit. The total estimated cost of bswift services for 2023-2024 is anticipated to be $441,750. Because this is invoiced based on employee count monthly, if approved this would only be returned to BOE if additional services were considered.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Program Promotion	Approve a total amount of $20,754.10 to be paid to Barker Advertising Specialty. This amount will be recouped to the district through reduced administration fees in upcoming UMR health carrier bills as part of wellness credit dollars.
Floor Sanding, Finish, and Refinish – Various	Enter into a contract with Creative Floors Coating & Design, for athletic floor resurfacing and refinishing, in an amount not to exceed $275,000.
Harvard School Turnaround Program Appendix 19	Authorize an amount not to exceed $65,000 for the Harvard School Turnaround Leaders program to support the improvement of fifteen designated intensive support intervention (ISI) and compressive support intervention (CSI) schools.
Membership Dues: Kansas Association of School Boards	Approve annual membership in the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of $33,273.47.
Standardization of Construction Specifications	Enter into a contract with Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture for the review and standardization of construction specifications for the District, in an amount not to exceed $120,000.
Water Damage Repairs – Northwest High School	Approve a reserve in insurance funds of $129,859.57 for the repair and replacement of water damaged materials and contents.
Water Damage Repairs – South High School	Approve an insurance reserve of $107,289.56 for water damage remediation.
Water Damage Repairs – Truesdell Middle School	Approve a reserve in insurance funds of $55,795.02 to be paid to Reconstruction Services, LLC upon project completion.
We Build It Better – Manufacturing Course Materials Appendix 20	Authorize the purchase of the We Build It Better Curriculum kit for the 2023-24 school year in an amount not to exceed $226,392.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
2022-23 Budget Republication Appendix 5	At Mr. Reeser's request, Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board. The number of students applying for free and reduced school lunch exceeds the district's original estimate. Additional federal funds are available contingent on republication of the budget. 160 other school districts in Kansas are going through the same process. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board approve May 8, 2023 as the public hearing for the republication of the 2022-23 Budget. The motion passed 7-0.
VEX Worlds Robotics Competition Appendix 14	Ms. Stabler pulled this item to recognize students and teachers at Gordon Parks Academy and Allison Middle School who are participating in this competition. Ms. Stabler (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board approve the field trip not to exceed $24,000. The motion passed 7-0.

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<tr><td>First Review: Proposed Consolidation of Student Records and Enrollment Services Policy

Appendix 21</td><td>The Board had their first review of the proposed changes:
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<tr><th>Current Policy</th><th>Proposed</th><th>Title</th><th>Notes</th></tr>
<tr><td>5505</td><td>NA</td><td>Resident Enrollment and Partial Enrollment Admissions</td><td>Updated language regarding part-time enrollment and revise title.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Superintendent’s Contract</td><td>On March 10, 2023, the Board of Education appointed Kelly Bielefeld to be the Superintendent of Schools for Unified School District No. 259 starting July 1, 2023, pending the negotiation of an employment contract.

Ms. Logan (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve the Superintendent’s Contract of Employment for Kelly Bielefeld.

The motion passed 7-0.

The signed contract is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Finance</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Budget Presentation</td><td>Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board on the budget. Planning for the 2023-24 features positive outlooks along with challenges.

The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board’s information</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Miscellaneous</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Board of Education Reports/Requests</td><td>Diane Albert
- Attended the North High RedHawks mascot reveal and directed the public to the district website for video of the event.
- Also attended Behavior Work Group meeting.
- Also attended Spring Signing Day event hosted by Human Resources for incoming teachers.
- Also attended BOE Good Apple Awards with the rest of the Board.</td></tr>
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Board of Education Reports/Requests *(continued)*	Hazel Stabler - Participated in KASB roundtable in Topeka regarding events in other school districts around the state. - Delivered keynote address at 100th annual Scholastic Art Awards at Mark Arts. Noted she is proud of how many WPS students were represented at the event. - Also attended the Spring Signing Day event and congratulated and welcomed new teachers to the district. - Also attended BOE Good Apple Awards. - Attended the district's Spring Fling Drive-Thru rewarding first-year teachers. Noted this event was cosponsored by Credit Union of America and United Teachers of Wichita. - Reports attending a presentation regarding Kansas HB 2498 on wearing tribal regalia at public events such as graduation ceremonies. - Toured McKinney-Vento program office and requests a presentation to the Board on this department's services. - Invites public to attend the Indian education program's School's Out powwow on April 15 at the Mid-America All Indian Center.
New Business	None submitted.
Adjournment	Ms. Krehbiel (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 7:50 p.m., the meeting adjourned.