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

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 May 8, 2023, with President Sheril Logan presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, and Kathy Bond. Absent: Hazel Stabler
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 Curtis Middle School JROTC Cadets.
Public Hearing on Republication of the General Fund and the At Risk Funds in the 2022-23 Budget Appendix 1	A Public Hearing is required for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds. Adoption of the republished budget was scheduled for later in the meeting. After an opportunity for public comment was offered by Ms. Logan, and after no members of the public offered comment, Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Stabler absent.
Adoption of the Amended 2022-23 Budget for General Fund and At Risk Fund, and Budget Report Appendix 2	Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board adopt the amended 2022-23 budget for General Fund and At Risk Fund, and its related budget report. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Stabler absent.
Reports	
Report – Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC)	Reporters: Ja'Bron Bennett, Chester Lewis Learning Center; Makenzie Buyno, Heights High School; and Salene Tran and Alexis Jungman, Northeast Magnet High School. Topic: Appreciation for WPS teachers; student progress and achievement.
Reports – Good News	Class of 2023 Scholarship Recognition Contact(s): Amanda Kingrey Several graduating seniors in the Class of 2023 have been rewarded with scholarships for higher education. The top scholarship recipients of each high school are recognized this evening. The Wichita Public Schools Class of 2023 comprises 2,719 graduates. Of these, 826 have been offered scholarships totaling $55,609,595.

Reports – Good News *(continued)*	2022 Challenge Award Recipients Contact(s): Wendy Johnson Thirteen Wichita Public Schools have been named 2022 Challenge Award winners. The Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force annually recognizes schools for outstanding achievement and uncommon accomplishment based on Kansas math and reading assessment results and other qualifying factors, specifically the sample size, ethnicity, and social-economic status of those taking the test. In addition, graduation rates when calculating high school results, and chronic absenteeism rates for middle and elementary schools, are factored into consideration. <u>Elementary Schools</u> Cleaveland Traditional Magnet Elementary School Earhart Elementary School Griffith Elementary School Kensler Elementary School McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary School Minneha Core Knowledge Magnet Elementary School Ortiz Elementary School Price-Harris Communications Magnet Elementary School <u>K-8 Schools</u> Horace Mann K-8 Dual Language Magnet <u>Middle Schools</u> Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School Pleasant Valley Middle School Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet Middle School Wilbur Middle School Representing the Kansas State Board of Education at the meeting were Betty Arnold from District 8 and Jim McNiece from District 10.

Reports – Good News *(continued)*	2023 Excellence in Public Service Award Contact(s): Wendy Johnson The Excellence in Public Service Award Program honors three public service employees each year whose work performance and community activities transcend the ordinary. Through this program, the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and Wichita Public Schools also acknowledge the contributions of thousands of other dedicated public servants who, day after day, perform the tasks that make our community a great place to live and work. Tim Elsen, a science teacher at Wilbur Middle School, received the 2023 Excellence in Public Service Award from the Wichita Public Schools. His community work includes being actively involved in Science Olympiad as well as the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science, where he was past president and served on the executive board and as a regional representative. He has been instrumental in creating regional conferences at no cost for teachers, which provided opportunities for networking, hands-on science experiences and fun activities for attendees. Tim is one of the main facilitators of the regional Science Olympiad competition where middle schools from around the region compete to get to the state competition. He has served as the regional coordinator for two years and as a coach for 11 years. At Wilbur, he is the head of the school's recycling program and serves as an AVID coach. He has also been a mentor for second-year science teachers in the district and his classroom has been used as a model classroom by WPS' new teacher induction team. Tim was named an Outstanding Teacher of Science by the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science in Spring 2022, received the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science Region IV Science Teacher of Excellence Award in Spring 2013, and received the district's Good Apple Award three times. Tim will be honored, along with the Excellence in Public Service Award winners from Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita, at a reception at Botanica on May 11.
Report – Services Employees International (SEIU)	Esau Freeman, SEIU business manager. Topic: Teacher and staff questions and concerns.
Report – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, UTW president. Topic: Thanks to Dr. Thompson; Teacher Appreciation Week and teacher workload survey.
Public Communications	1. Jesse Borosky, 1053 N. Estelle, Wichita, KS 67214. Topic: Kansas Women's Bill of Rights 2. Mary Drury, 1416 FM 2407, Rule, TX 79547. Topic: International student exchange. 3. Kareema Williams, 2605 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67220. Topic: Thanks to Dr. Thompson for supporting JAG-KS program.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Hedrick (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Stabler absent.
Human Resources Report Appendix 3	Board approval.

Treasury Warrants: March 2023 Appendix 4	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: March 2023 Appendix 5	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 6	Board approval.

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Combination Oven – Correction	$200.00	Fabian Armendariz
2. Freshservice – IST Helpdesk Solution/Device Asset Manager	$115,000.00	Rob Dickson
3. Generation eSports	$29,700.00	Rob Dickson
4. PBX and Wide Area Network Backbone Maintenance & Support – Annual	$600,000.00	Rob Dickson
5. Bobcat Box Blade Kit	$22,536.96	Luke Newman
6. Cisco Networking Equipment, Security, & Services – Annual	$5,200,000.00	Rob Dickson
7. Copy Machines – Annual	$650,000.00	Rob Dickson
8. HEPA Air Purifiers and Filters for Health Rooms	$90,000.00	Vince Evans/ Kimber Kasitz
9. Hustler Mowers	$41,017.00	Luke Newman
10. Nutrition Services Enterprise Resource Planning Software – Annual	$150,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
11. Smart Sense Food Thermometers Annual Monitoring – Annual	$25,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
12. Storage Area Network (SAN) Products & Support Services	$800,000.00	Rob Dickson
13. Welch Allyn Macroview Plus LED Otoscopes	$55,425.00	Vince Evans/Kimber Kasitz
14. AESOP Substitute Placement Program – Annual	$57,000.00	Rob Dickson
15. Facility Management Software	$203,000.00	Luke Newman/Rob Dickson
16. Fiber, Internet, Local Access & Telecom Services – Annual	$1,500,000.00	Rob Dickson
17. Hall Pass – Annual	$45,000.00	Rob Dickson
18. Microsoft Premier Support – Annual	$150,000.00	Rob Dickson
19. My Learning Plan Maintenance & Support – Annual	$101,000.00	Rob Dickson
20. Onesource Software – Annual	$45,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
21. SeeSaw Learning	$125,000.00	Rob Dickson
22. UPS Replacement at Data Center	$190,000.00	Rob Dickson
23. Food - March 2023	$507,477.05	Fabian Armendariz
24. Fuel – January, February, March 2023	$826,787,40	Fabian Armendariz
25. Supply Warehouse Stock – March 2023	$63,432.44	Fabian Armendariz

New Teacher Center – Professional Learning and Support for New Teacher Induction	Approve the purchase of New Teacher Center Professional Learning and Consultation services to support New Teacher Induction in an amount not to exceed $140,000.
BOE Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2023 Appendix 7	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 March 2023 in the amount of $20,864.00 and for March 2022 in the amount of $10,312.80 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $8,579.13 for March 2023 and the amount of $12,794.80 for March 2022 to McDonald Tinker PA.
2023-24 Building Crisis Plan Template (Annual)	Approve the 2023-24 Building Crisis Plan Template.
Addendum and Amendment to Superintendent's Contract of Employment for Dr. Alicia Thompson Appendix 8	Approve the amendment.
Addendum and Amendment to Superintendent's Contract of Employment for Kelly Bielefeld Appendix 9	Approve the amendment.
Behavioral Threat Case Management System	Approve contracting with Public Consulting Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $55,854 (as listed in the contract for year two) for annual licensing, support, and maintenance for the 2023-24 school year.
DreamBox Learning Online Math Program Appendix 10	Authorize the purchase of DreamBox Learning for K-5th grades, as well as for middle and high school newcomer students, in an amount not to exceed $450,000.
High School Literacy Intervention Program (Renewal) Appendix 11	Authorize the purchase of HMH Read 180/System 44 materials and online licenses from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in amount not to exceed $100,000.
K-8 Tier 2 and 3 Literacy Intervention Program (Renewal) Appendix 12	Authorize the purchase of Lexia Core5 and Lexia Powerup professional development and online licenses from Lexia in amount not to exceed $350,000.

Kansas Gas Service Easement – South High School Appendix 13	Approve the new easement with Kansas Gas Service for South High School.
Kitchen Remodels (Various Sites) – Professional Design Services	At Board member Kathy Bond's request, this item was pulled for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 6 of these minutes.
Library Connecting Roof – East High School	Enter into a contract with Reconstruction Services LLC for the necessary roof replacement and temporary repairs as detailed above, in an amount not to exceed $132,000, with funding split between capital and 47 funds.
Middle School Literacy Intervention Program (Renewal) Appendix 14	Authorize the purchase of ReadingPlus professional development and online licenses from DreamBox Learning in amount not to exceed $275,000.
Nutrition Services Expansion – Construction Manager at Risk Services	Enter into a contract with Hutton Corporation, contingent upon an agreeable contract, to provide Construction Manager at Risk services on the Nutrition Services Expansion project. Final construction scope and costs will be established in future GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) packages for approval by the Board of Education.
Playground Equipment – Various	Enter into a contract with ABCreative for playground equipment at Horace Mann K-8 Dual Language Magnet, Enders Elementary School, Gardiner Elementary School, and Buckner Elementary School in an amount not to exceed $600,000.
Pool Exterior Wall Repair – Northwest High School	Enter into a contract with Reconstruction Services LLC for pool exterior wall repair at Northwest High School, in an amount not to exceed $200,000, with funding to be split between capital and 47 funds
Purchase of Introduction to Health Science Resources	Approve purchase of Introduction to Health Science and teacher resources be approved in an amount not to exceed $100,000. This will fund new textbooks, replacement textbooks and materials for additional schools in support of the Health Science Pathway. This program is currently being used at Northeast Magnet and West High School. In the 2023-24 school year, it will be expanded to include the other high schools to address the growing need in the workforce.
Water and Electrical Repairs – East High School	Approve a reserve in insurance funds of $107,052.70 for the repair and replacement of damages.
Purchase of Working with Young Children Resources	Approve purchase of Working with Young Children and related teacher resources in an amount not to exceed $80,000 be approved. This will update textbooks to the most up to date version as it becomes available, replacement textbooks, and materials for additional schools as needed. This textbook will be used in two different classes and replaces the previous version. Each school has a class set and a small supply of books that can be checked out.
Window and Roof Replacements, Various – Professional Design Services	Enter into a contract with Schaefer Architecture for professional design services on the window and roof replacement projects at various district sites, in an amount not to exceed $315,000.

Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Kitchen Remodels (Various Sites) – Professional Design Services	At Ms. Bond's request, Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance & Facilities, briefed the Board. Capital Outlay and Nutrition Services funding have been allocated for Kitchen Remodel projects at East High School, Caldwell Elementary School, College Hill Elementary School, and Stanley Elementary School. The scope includes kitchen remodels and/or expansion for improved serving line operations and optimal use of kitchen space. The selection committee has recommended Schaefer Architecture as the design firm for these projects. Mrs. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board enter into a contract with Schaefer Architecture for professional design services on the Kitchen Remodel projects at East High School, Caldwell Elementary School, College Hill Elementary School, and Stanley Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed $400,000. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Stabler absent.
Policy	
Second Review: Proposed Update of Student Records and Enrollment Services Policy P5505	The Board had their second review of updates to BOE Policy P5505 – Resident Enrollment and Partial Student Enrollment Admissions. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved the Board adopt the proposed revisions. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Stabler absent.
Finance	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, and Addi Lowell, Director of Budgeting, briefed the Board. The Board received information on federal ESSER funds received by the district and future plans related to these funds. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	Dr. Thompson noted this is her final Board meeting as Superintendent. She thanked the Board for trusting her with the responsibility of being superintendent and recognized district staff, parents, and students for their collaboration. She notes that after her remaining district obligations and a period of rest she will continue to serve the community in a part-time role. Following Dr. Thompson's final report, she was treated to an extended standing ovation by Board members and all those present.

Board of Education Reports/Requests	Kathy Bond - Attended STEALTH night at Exploration Place. - Attended JROTC National Awards in her capacity as a Board member and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. - Attended the SuperSAC meeting at Riverfont Stadium and participated in breakout groups with district students. - Took part in Tim Elsen's Excellence in Public Service recognition at Sedgwick County Zoo. - Went to Reading Opens the World book fair at Cloud Elementary. - Attended Wilbur Middle School principal Mitch Linn's retirement party. - Attended Assistance League of Wichita's luncheon and awards ceremony for district students. - Volunteered with the Pando Initiative at Wilbur for the YouReality program. - Recognized Terri Moses, Director of Safety & Environmental Services, for her thoroughness in her role as demonstrated in a recent District Crisis Team meeting. - Attended Fight Fentanyl Festival and viewed a film story starring district students. - Requested information on district policy regarding student cell phones in classrooms. - Thanked Dr. Thompson for her service as Superintendent and notes the word that best describes Dr. Thompson is "beloved". Julie Hedrick - Notes the best part of being a Board member is seeing scholarship recipients, school recognition, and all the spring graduations. - Thanked Dr. Thompson for her many years of service as Superintendent and other roles for the district, and notes she is sorry to see her go. Diane Albert - Also attended JROTC National Awards ceremony, SuperSAC, and Reading Opens the World event at Cloud Elementary. - Attended the Wichita Business Journal's 2023 40 Under 40 dinner and recognized Patrick Greene, Clerk of the Board, for being one of this year's awardees. - Visited Heights High School and reviewed new initiatives within the athletic department educating student athletes on opportunities after high school. - Also visited Adams Elementary and Northeast Magnet High School. - Thanked Dr. Thompson for all her initiatives and noted it has been an honor serving with Dr. Thompson and a pleasure getting to know her professionally and personally.

Board of Education Reports/Requests *(continued)*	Ernestine Krehbiel - Recognized a grant from the American Federation of Teachers providing books for district students. - Also attended the Assistance League luncheon and ceremony. - Noted recent national surveys showing a deficiency in civics knowledge among Americans and encouraged district leaders to emphasize this in curriculum. - Thanked Dr. Thompson for her leadership and conscience. Notes she began teaching in the district in the 1970s and Dr. Thompson has been the most qualified. Stan Reeser - Recognized Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked all teachers for the outstanding job they do. - Congratulated graduating seniors and noted the district's increasing graduation rate. - Thanked Dr. Thompson and her family as well for the sacrifices they have made on behalf of the district. Noted the lessons he has learned from her and how Dr. Thompson has been an outstanding role model for district students. Sheril Logan - Was at the district's KESA accreditation meeting and left impressed with the district's direction. - Notes she is looking forward to graduation ceremonies especially since several of her grandchildren are graduating. - Also recognized Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked teachers for the job they do. - Remarked she began teaching in the district in 1969 and has served with several superintendents. Some superintendents stayed a long time while others did not stay very long, and she said Dr. Thompson did not stay long enough and she is the best superintendent she has ever worked with. Notes Dr. Thompson leaves the district stronger than when she began.
New Business	None submitted.
Executive Session #1: Negotiations	At approximately 8:40 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss pending negotiations between the BOE and the United Teachers of Wichita pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Stabler Absent. At approximately 9:10 p.m., President Logan reconvened the meeting. At approximately 9:10 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved to extend the Executive Session by another 30 minutes. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Albert, Mrs. Bond, Ms. Logan, and Mr. Reeser voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:45 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.

Executive Session #2: Attorney-client	At approximately 9:45 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board recess into an executive session recess into executive session to discuss with the Board's legal counsel a matter involving a contract to which the Board is a party, pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under the Kansas Open Meetings Act The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Albert, Mrs. Bond, Ms. Logan, and Mr. Reeser voting. At approximately 10:05 p.m., President Logan reconvened the meeting. Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved to extend the executive session by 20 minutes. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Albert, Mrs. Bond, Ms. Logan, and Mr. Reeser voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 10:25 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.
Adjournment	Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Albert, Mrs. Bond, Ms. Logan, and Mr. Reeser voting. At approximately 10:25 p.m., the meeting adjourned.