

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
May 22, 2023

Roll Call	The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in regular session in Room 809 of the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, 903 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 6 p.m., on May 22, 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.
Reports	
Report – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, UTW President. <u>Topic</u> : Gratitude to teachers and classified staff.
Public Communications	None submitted.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Hedrick (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.
Treasury Warrants: April 2023 Appendix 1	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: April 2023 Appendix 2	Provided for the Board’s information. No action is requested.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 3	Board approval.
Sidewalk Project – Christa McAuliffe Academy	Board member Stan Reeser pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 2 of these minutes.
2023-24 Local Education Agency Assurances for IDEA Federal Funds Appendix 4	Approve the KSDE Local Education Agency (LEA) Application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Funds, as provided in Appendix 4 .
BOE Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2023 Appendix 5	Board approval.
Legal Services: Fleeson, Goong, 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 April 2023 in the amount of \$16,487.23 to Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$8,634.78 to McDonald Tinker PA.

Interactive Flat Panels – Phase Three	Approve an agreement not to exceed \$3 million to include equipment and installation of interactive flat panels. Per BOE Policy 3304, it is reported payment will be made via State of Kansas Contract #42603 to Kansas City Audio-Visual.
Interactive Flat Panel Installation, Phase Two – Wall and Ceiling Repair	Enter agreements with Cherokee Construction, Icon Structures Inc, City Wide Facility Solutions, and Hutton Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 each, equating to a total cumulative amount not to exceed \$600,000, for the Interactive Flat Panel Installation, Phase Two - Wall and Ceiling Repair at various sites.
Logan River Academy – Student Placement (Funding Change Only) Appendix 6	Approve an additional funding source for this previously approved item.
Nutrition Services Expansion – Construction Manager at Risk – Electrical Switchgear and Generators	Approve the purchase of electrical switchgear and generators from Hutton Corporation for the Nutrition Services Expansion project, in an amount not to exceed \$1 million.
Riverside Technologies – Summer Refresh	Approve a payment to Riverside Technologies, Inc (Omaha, NE), not to exceed \$961,000, to support the annual refresh of all student devices for two years.
Workers’ Compensation Settlement: D.O.	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” below.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Sidewalk Project – Christa McAuliffe Academy	<p>At Mr. Reeser’s request, Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, briefed the Board. The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for the addition of a sidewalk at Christa McAuliffe Academy. The scope of this project includes a sidewalk to connect the school to the adjacent neighborhood to provide a safe path for students to get to school. The addition of this sidewalk will limit the need for bus routes in this neighborhood. Encore Pavement was the low responsible bidder based on unit costs.</p> <p>Mr. Reeser (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board enter into a contract with Encore Pavement for the addition of a sidewalk at Christa McAuliffe Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, which includes the base bid and project contingency.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
Workers’ Compensation Settlement: D.O.	<p>At Mrs. Bond’s request, Sean Hudspeth, Chief Human Resources Office, briefed the Board. D.O. sustained a left knee injury during their employment with USD 259 on October 2nd, 2007. A settlement order has been issued for \$28,309.75 as the award for this litigated case. This will not close future medical on this case. This does not include a global release.</p> <p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve this agreed upon award for D.O.’s 2007 work injury in the total amount of \$28,309.75.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>

Operations	
Facility Planning and Capital Forecasting	<p>Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, and Randy Scott, Director of Design & Construction, briefed the Board on the district's facility planning and capital forecasting practices, and to report on the status of our current efforts.</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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanked Board members for attending district graduations. - Attended the district's Teacher Appreciation Day on May 21 at the Sedgwick County Zoo and thanked Strategic Communications for their event preparation. - Thanked teachers and staff for their incredible work during the 2022-23 school year. - Notes when summer begins in a few days it marks the beginning of summer school, summer camps, and new construction projects now that students are not in buildings. Invited Board members to visit buildings and activities with him this summer.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	<p>Kathy Bond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcomed Superintendent Bielefeld to the Board table. - Attended ribbon cutting ceremony for the Future Ready Center. - Gave thanks to substitute teachers for their hard work as well. <p>Julie Hedrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congratulated all graduates and is excited about the district's increasing graduation rate. - Thanked all teachers, staff, and parents for their hard work this year. <p>Hazel Stabler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Native American Indian Education Program's "School's Out!" powwow. - Attended Washington Elementary School's World Fair and shared part of her Native American culture. - Attended Earth Day at Earhart Environmental Magnet. - Toured art show at Riverside Elementary and notes the amazing community support for the school and how engaged teachers and students are there. - Went to Minneha Elementary's Family Night. - Attended spring meeting for Kansas Association of Native American Education and received updates on Indian education in Kansas schools. - Attended North High's graduation and notes these graduates are the first class with the nickname "RedHawks". - Also attended ribbon cutting ceremony for the Future Ready Center. - Also thanked teacher and notes there are no words to express gratitude for their commitment.

<p>Board of Education Reports/Requests <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>Diane Albert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended fentanyl awareness and flag raising event at Sedgwick County Courthouse. - Toured Dunlap Transition Campus and attended their graduation ceremony. - Attended WPS Retirement and Longevity Event at Botanica in Wichita. - Attended Northeast Magnet graduation ceremony. - Also attended ribbon cutting ceremony for the Future Ready Center. <p>Sheril Logan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notes it is always a thrill to attend graduation ceremonies. - Also notes summers are busy because that is when preparation for the next school year begins. <p>Stan Reeser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has enjoyed graduations and other end-of-the-year activities. - Participated in traditional walk with West High students from their school building to the Century II Convention Center. - Will attend his alma mater South High's graduation later in the evening, - Notes increasing graduation rate since he started as a Board member and further notes the extra money and effort that went into this. - Reports he and Board member Diane Albert recently served on the district's audit committee. Thanked Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, and Financial Services staff for producing a clean audit. <p>Ernestine Krehbiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended graduation ceremonies for the Chester Lewis Academic Learning Center and her alma mater East High. - Notes graduation rate has climbed significantly in the district since the 1970s and the future work force requires additional knowledge.
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None submitted.</p>
<p>Executive Session: Negotiations</p>	<p>At approximately 12:55 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.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<p>Reconvene Meeting</p>	<p>At approximately 1:30 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.</p>
<p>Executive Session: Attorney-client</p>	<p>At approximately 1:30 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss a settlement related to civil mediation with the Board's legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under the Kansas Open Meetings Act.</p> <p>The motion passed 4-0, with Mr. Reeser, Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, and Ms. Stabler voting.</p>
<p>Reconvene Meeting</p>	<p>At approximately 1:50 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.</p>

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Adjournment	Mrs. Bond (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 1:51 p.m., the meeting adjourned.
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