

Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
June 29, 2023 - 12:00 p.m.
Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center - Room 813
903 S. Edgemoor - 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

II. Public Communications

At special BOE meetings, public comment shall be allowed only during Public Communications on topics that pertain to agenda items. A speaker may request to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board's office at 316-973-4553 by **9 a.m.** on the day of the special meeting, or a speaker may register to speak at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. The number of speakers at special BOE meetings shall be limited to ten. When registering to speak, a speaker shall identify the topic the speaker wishes to address. A speaker's comments at a meeting shall not exceed 3 minutes, shall be limited to the registered topic, and shall not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students. Speakers shall provide 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.

III. Reports

- A. Report – Service Employees International (SEIU)
- B. Report – United Teachers of Wichita

IV. Consent

A. Finance

- 1. Treasury Warrants for June 2023

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

- 2. Report of Balances for Period Ending June 30, 2023

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

3. Investment Purchases, Investment Maturities, and Investment Income for period ending June 30, 2023 Appendix 3
Contact(s): Susan Willis
Purpose: Reports submitted for informational purposes.
Recommendation: No action required.

4. Fund Balances, Tax Levy and Outstanding Indebtedness for period ending June 30, 2023 Appendix 4
Contact(s): Susan Willis
Purpose: This report is submitted for informational purposes.
Recommendation: No action required.

5. Safekeeping Collateral Report Appendix 5
Contact(s): Susan Willis
Purpose: This report is submitted for informational purposes.
Recommendation: No action required.

6. Monthly Finance Report: May 2023 Appendix 6
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 7

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Audio Visual Equipment, Printers, Accessories, & Software	\$900,000.00	Rob Dickson
2. Box, Dinner, 3-Compartment	\$55,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
3. Corwin Professional Development	\$500,000.00	Dee Dee Stroot
4. Everyday Math	\$45,000.00	Gil Alvarez/Amanda Sharshal
5. Bulk Technology Hardware Devices & Accessories for Staff and Students	\$5,200,000.00	Rob Dickson
6. CNC Router	\$32,575.00	Gil Alvarez
7. Meal Kits	\$440,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
8. Plastic Bowl, 3" Square, 5 oz.	\$101,990.00	Fabian Armendariz
9. Plastic Bowl, 12 oz.	\$20,931.00	Fabian Armendariz
10. Plastic Fork	\$28,750.00	Fabian Armendariz
11. Plastic Spoon	\$21,563.00	Fabian Armendariz
12. Slide Seal Deli Bag	\$106,020.00	Fabian Armendariz
13. Towel, Wiping, Disposable	\$64,572.00	Fabian Armendariz
14. Tray, Food, 3# Rectangular	\$35,430.00	Fabian Armendariz
15. Custodial Services	\$800,000.00	Luke Newman
16. Copier Lease Payment – Canon	\$90,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
17. School, Office Supplies, & Furniture	\$3,000,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
18. Microsoft School Service Agreement – Annual	\$1,341,000.00	Rob Dickson
19. Adobe Creative Cloud Licenses - Annual	\$26,827.50	Kelly Bielefeld/Shawn Chastain
20. News -2You Unique Learning System - Annual	\$140,997.00	Vince Evans/ Justin Hawpe
21. YMCA Child Development Centers - Annual	\$218,000.00	Kelly Bielefeld/ Loren Hatfield
22. Food – May 2023	\$637,484.97	Fabian Armendariz
23. Supply – May 2023	\$202,427.13	Fabian Armendariz

C. Programs/Grants

1. Arts Partners (Summer School)

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

Funding Source: Federal Funds (ESSER)

2022-23 Budget

Purpose: Arts Partners has provided summer school programming for elementary students at the 17 summer schools sites, for grades Kindergarten – 5th grade. Due to the distribution of enrollment Arts Partners needed to hire additional artists to fulfill their commitment to programming. In addition, this year there was a program change from the previous year that increased costs. Students engaging in hands on activities expanded from two days to four days, which increased the number of needed supplies.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an increase of payment in the amount of \$28,500 for the 2022-23 school year. The original agreed upon cost was in the sum of \$186,471.00, with the increase the total sum of services will be \$214,971.00.

2. Goodwill Industries (Renewal)

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Vince Evans, Justin Hawpe
Funding Source: Special Education
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: In order to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and with the state guidelines, K.S.A. 72-3403, for mandated services, USD 259 proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc., to provide vocational educational programs for the 2023-24 school year. Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc., agrees to provide a program for up to six (6) full-time and/or part-time students selected by the district for a maximum contract cost not to exceed \$50,000, to be funded by Special Education. This contact runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. [Appendix 8](#) provides a description of this agency's services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc., during the 2023-24 school year to provide special education services for up to six (6) full-time and/or part-time students, not to exceed a cost of \$50,000, to be funded by Special Education.

3. Verizon Innovative Learning Lab – Marshall Middle School

Appendix 9

Contact(s): Rob Dickson, Pancho Bustos
Funding Source:
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: The Verizon Innovative Learning Lab Grant aligns perfectly with our mission to provide students with equitable access to technology and empower them with the skills needed for success in the digital age. By establishing a dynamic and inclusive learning environment, we aim to bridge the digital divide and ensure that all students have equal opportunities to thrive and excel.

With the support of this grant, we plan to equip our students with cutting-edge technology tools and resources, foster digital literacy, and ignite a passion for STEM fields. By offering state-of-the-art equipment and engaging learning experiences, we will inspire our students' curiosity, enhance their critical thinking skills, and nurture their creativity. Marshall Middle School was offered the opportunity to apply for the grant through Arizona State University and met all the criteria needed for its success. The room that has been chosen for the transformation and construction is Room 113 on the 1st floor.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the MOU for the Verizon Innovative Learning Lab at Marshall Middle School.

4. Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Extension MOU

Appendix 10

Contact(s): Rob Dickson
Funding Source:
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: The mission of Wichita Public Schools is to prepare all students to achieve college, career, and life readiness through an innovative and rigorous educational experience. With innovation in mind, we would like to continue with the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools initiative with our twelve identified Middle Schools to empower our students with the skills and opportunities necessary to thrive in the digital age. By collaborating with Verizon and participating in this innovative program, we are committed to providing our students with access to cutting-edge technology, personalized learning experiences, and enhanced digital literacy skills.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board extend the Verizon Innovative Learning Grant through years 3 & 4. (2023-24 & 2024-25 school years)

D. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2023

Appendix 11

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2023 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goong, 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, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for May 2023 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$14,540.61.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for May 2023 legal services and expenses for Worker’s Compensation in the amount of \$7,498.92.

This brings the 2022-23 fiscal year-to-date total to \$164,792.02 for Civil Litigation services and \$74,690.04 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 May 2023 in the amount of \$14,540.61 to Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$7,498.92 to McDonald Tinker PA.

3. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goings, 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, Goings, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for February 2023 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$9,050.50 and a February 2022 for the same services in the amount of \$30,251.30.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for February 2023 legal services and expenses for Worker’s Compensation in the amount of \$7,280.94 + \$32.38 an outstanding amount that was due for December 2022 services bringing the total amount to \$7,313.22 and a February 2022 statement for the same services in the amount of \$6,083.62.

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 February 2023 in the amount of \$9,050.50 and for February 2022 in the amount of \$30,251.30 to Fleeson, Goings, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$7,280.94 for February 2023 and the amount of \$6,083.62 for February 2022 to McDonald Tinker PA.

4. Loan of Artwork to Kansas State University’s Beach Museum of Art

Contact(s): Shawn Chastain, Dan Lawrence, Luis Mendoza

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: On March 8, 2023, the District received a request from the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University for the District to loan 11 artworks to the Beach Museum for their “To the Stars Through Art” exhibition from July 2023 through May 2024. The works will play important parts in sections of the exhibition devoted to the early history of art collecting by public schools in Kansas (the WPS collection is one that will be highlighted); the relationship between schools and the Kansas New Deal art projects; and continued collecting by Kansas schools. The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the loan agreement for the loan of the artworks to the Beach Museum.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the loan agreement.

5. Certifying Special Education Teachers

Appendix 12

Contact(s): Vince Evans, Justin Hawpe
Funding Source: Special Education
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: To meet the growing demand for highly qualified Special Education teachers, in 1999 a committee comprised of Special Education and Human Resources staff developed a plan of financial support for certifying Special Education teachers. The plan will continue to provide financial support for up to 70 individuals with general education certification who wish to pursue a Special Education endorsement and/or licensure. The funds will be allocated to teachers employed by the district in the most difficult to fill positions as determined annually by the forgivable loan committee.

The estimated cost impact from Special Education funds for 2023-24 is not to exceed \$250,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to continue to pay for 2023-24 school year tuition and book expenses for up to 70 teacher/staff members to become certified in Special Education. Costs are not to exceed \$250,000 and will be funded by the Special Education budget.

V. Operations

A. Second Review: Board of Education Meetings Calendar

Appendix 13

Contact(s): Board of Education
Funding: NA

Purpose: BOE Policy 0200 – Board of Education Agendas and Meetings stipulates a 12-month calendar of the Board meetings be adopted in July. In addition, K.S.A. 72-1138 requires the Board to adopt a resolution during July of each year specifying its schedule of regular meetings. The proposed 2023-24 BOE Meeting Calendar is included in the Appendix.

Recommendation: This is the Board's first review of the meeting calendar.

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. Adjournment