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Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
June 12, 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 6:03 p.m., on June 12, 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 North High School JROTC Cadets.
Reports	
Reports – Good News	My WPS Story Contact(s): Wendy Johnson Our stories connect us to each other and to the work we do. In this series, we share stories that celebrate our employees who embody WPS Pride. We would like to thank all of our participants in this year's My WPS Story series for sharing their amazing stories with us. Hamilton Education Program Online National Competition Contact(s): Kristina Murray, Kimberlee Hughes Mayberry Middle School students Ben Sackett, Lexa Horseman, and Irene Ruckle participated in the Hamilton Education Program Online National Competition in which they did primary source analysis over a person or topic of the Founding Era. This included creating a two-minute performance piece based on their research. Moreover, this was done during their lunch and recess time as well as outside of school hours. Their performance was selected by the Hamilton Program, which is organized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History. With this honor, they have won an all-expenses paid trip to New York City in April to see Hamilton on Broadway. This is the fourth year that Ms. Hughes has offered this opportunity to her students and the third time we have had a winner chosen. WPS Best Communities for Music Education Award Contact(s): Shawn Chastain The National Association of Music Merchants has recognized Wichita Public Schools with a Best Communities for Music Education Award. The award recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education. This is the seventh time in 10 years that Wichita Public Schools has received this award.

Report – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Michael Harris, UTW Vice President. Topic: Riverfest activities and student behavior.
Public Communications	Jesse Borosky, 1053 N. Estelle, Wichita, KS 67214. Topic: Spanish-speaking families' concerns.
Education	
Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA)	Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, briefed the Board to provide the board information on our KESA accreditation visit on Friday, April 28, 2023. The Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) is a systems approach to accreditation which began in the 2017-2018 school year. The Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) and the Kansans Can Vision give school systems the leverage to purposefully implement systemic improvement by identifying the underlying causes of academic and nonacademic challenges. The KESA model is a quality improvement process grounded in evidence-based practices. In KESA, third-party accountability is provided through the OVT. The Outside Visitation Team (OVT) is a group of education professionals charged with coaching, mentoring and supporting the system they are serving for the duration of the five-year accreditation cycle. Ultimately, the goal is to create a sustainable culture of improvement as evidenced by process and results. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
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 Repot Appendix 1	Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: May 2023 Appendix 2	Board approval.
2022-23 Budget Republication Appendix 4	Approval of June 29, 2023 as the public hearing for the republication of the 2022-23 Budget.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 5	Board approval.
Burner Assembly Replacement – Minneha Elementary School and Allison Middle School	Enter into a contract with The Waldinger Corporation for Burner Assembly Replacement, in an amount not to exceed $550,000.00, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.
ESSER Window Replacement – Various Sites Change Order	Approve a contract change order with Cherokee Construction in a total amount not to exceed $72,000 for the window replacement projects at Price-Harris Communications Magnet Elementary School, Bryant Opportunity Academy and Pleasant Valley Middle School. The approval of this additional contingency will bring the contracted total with Cherokee Construction to a cumulative amount not to exceed $2,197,000.

HVAC Upgrade and Office Restricted Building Access – Robinson Middle School	Board member Julie Hedrick pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 6 of these minutes.
LED Signs – Heights High School, Northeast High School, Southeast High School, West High School, South High School	Enter into a contract with Southwestern Electric Company for LED Signs at Heights High School, Northeast High School, Southeast High School, West High School and South High School in an amount not to exceed $420,450.00, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.
On-Call Concrete – Various	Enter into contracts with Encore Pavement LLC and Elite Concrete Inc for a not to exceed combined contract sum of $150,000, with the option to renew on an annual basis for up to three (3) subsequent years.
On-Call General – Various	Approve a contract renewal with Cherokee Construction Inc., in an amount not to exceed $250,000. This is the first of three possible renewals of this contract.
On-Call Electrical – Various	Approve a contract renewal with Southwestern Electrical Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $250,000. This is the first of three possible renewals of this contract.
On-Call Electrical – Various	Approve a contract renewal with Central Mechanical Wichita, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $500,000. This is the second of three possible renewals of this contract.
Storm Sewer Improvement – Minneha Elementary School	Enter into a contract with Utility Maintenance Contractors LLC for Storm Sewer Improvement at Minneha Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed $95,360, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.
Nutrition Services Meal Price Increase Appendix 6	Authorize the district to increase meal prices as follows beginning July 1, 2023: Elementary school student lunch price from $2.60 to $2.70; Middle school student lunch price from $2.75 to $2.85; High school student lunch price from $2.90 to $3.00; Adult lunch price from $4.35 to $4.80; and Adult breakfast price from $2.50 to $2.70. The Universal Free Breakfast Program will continue to be available for all students, regardless of household size and income for the 2023-24 school year
BOE Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2023 Appendix 7	Board approval.
Legal Services: The Law Office of Sarah J. Loquist	Authorize payment for legal services and expenses in the amount of $57,196.18 to the Law Office of Sarah J. Loquist.
Membership Dues: Council of Great City Schools	Approve annual membership in the Council of Great City Schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of $46,746.00.
Water Damage Repairs – Northwest High Schools	Approve an additional reserve of $6,619.12, bringing the total reserve for this project to $136,478.69.
FastBridge Learning Addendum: 2023-24 and 2024-25 School Years (Renewal)	Approve funding for FastBridge Learning in an amount not to exceed $424,000 for two school years of the agreement: 2023-24 and 2024-25.
Professional Learning Communities+ (PLC+) Renewal	Authorize the purchase of PLC+ contract for coaching in an amount not to exceed $200,000.

KSHSAA Membership and Insurance (Annual) Appendix 8	Authorize the district's respective schools to renew their membership in KSHSAA for the 2023-24 fiscal year and to authorize each high school to pay a fee of $500 and each middle school to pay a fee of $200 from the Athletic Activities Fund, 57 Fund, directly to KSHSAA. The total amount for insurance, as listed in the Appendix, is not to exceed $42,000 Should the total exceed the projected amount, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Flexible Spending Plan (Annual) Appendix 9	Approve renewal of the contract for the 2023-24 fiscal year with ASI, (Columbia, MO) for claim administration expenses for a fee of $3.00 per participating employee per month, not to exceed $100,000 per year. Should the total exceed the projected amount, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Supplemental Life Insurance (Annual)	Authorize the district to continue this voluntary contribution life insurance plan through Guardian Insurance Company for the 2023-24 fiscal year.
Group Term Life Insurance (Annual) Appendix 10	Approve the purchase of group term life insurance from Standard Insurance Company at a cost not to exceed $630,655 for premiums for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Should the total exceed the projected amount, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Employee Assistance Program (Annual)	Approve an amount not to exceed $160,000 to purchase employee assistance program services from ComPsych for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. An additional $85,000 in ESSER funds is requested again this year to cover the following services: 1) maintaining the 10-visit model; 2) CCBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) through MyStrength); and 3) a financial well-being package through WellthSource. ComPsych has agreed to lock in this rate through June 30, 2026. Should additional services be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Department of Transportation (DOT), Fitness for Duty, Post Offer Employment Tests (POETS), Reasonable Suspicion Testing and Hepatitis Shots (Annual)	Approve an amount not to exceed $190,000 for pre- and post-employment testing and Hepatitis B shots for employees in "at-risk" positions or after exposure for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Should additional quantities be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Special Liability Expenses Fund (Annual)	Authorize the Administration to pay liability judgments and direct and indirect expenses to any judgment that may arise during the 2023-24 fiscal year from Fund 42 in an aggregate amount not to exceed $1,000,000.
Self-Funded Insurance Reserve (Annual) Appendix 11	Authorize the Administration to fund an amount for self-funded insurance programs in the 47 Fund in an amount not to exceed $3,000,000 for the 2023-24 fiscal year. This does not include the Medical, Pharmacy, Vision, and Dental Benefit Plan item in this BOE Agenda.
Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund (Annual) Appendix 12	Authorize the Administration to expend up to $3,530,180 from the Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to pay workers' compensation claims and expenses, including Origami Risk software, necessary to administer the district's self-insured workers' compensation program to maintain compliance with the Kansas state law requirements for self-funded plans.

Medical, Pharmacy, Vision, and Dental Benefit Plan (Annual) Appendix 13	Authorize the current vendors being utilized: health plan carriers with UMR and Surest, pharmacy benefit through MaxorPlus and pharmacy review via RxResults, dental plans with Delta Dental of Kansas, vision plans through Surency Vision, stop-loss through Symetra Life Insurance, and benefit technology administration through Bswift (for continued tracking of MVP eligibility, COBRA administration, facilitation of health plan enrollment, and preparation and filing of IRS forms for the ACA. It is also recommended that the district continue to use IMA as the benefit broker on record, paid in quarterly installments of $125,000.
Property and Casualty Insurance (Annual) Appendix 14	Authorize the expenditure from the Supplemental General Fund an amount not to exceed $5,100,000 for the purchase of property and casualty insurance, IMA broker fees for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and any related services IMA may perform during the 2023-24 fiscal year.
Student Accident Insurance: Voluntary/Latchkey (Annual)	Authorize Student Assurance Services (Lawrence, KS) the right to provide voluntary student accident insurance, including sports coverage, for the fiscal year 2023-24 as well as providing the service to the district's School Age Program (Latchkey) at a cost of $2.00 per participant, which is built into the fees charged by the program.
NATSB National Screening Bureau (Annual)	Approve the district's use of NATSB for background screening checks in an amount not to exceed $100,000 for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Should additional quantities be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Equifax Workforce Solutions - Unemployment and Employment Verification Administration (Annual)	Authorize Human Resources to approve an amount not to exceed $42,000 to purchase services for the 2023-24 fiscal year from Equifax Workforce Solutions. Should additional quantities be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board
Master Teacher: ParaPD Now Testing (Annual)	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Master Teacher in an amount not to exceed $26,999 for the 2023-24 fiscal year for the temporary employee conversion process. Should additional quantities be required, the services shall be billed at the contracted price and shall not be returned to the Board.
Settlement Agreement – M.T. and G.T., et al v. Unified School District 259	Approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed $75,000.00 to obtain a release of claims by M.T. and G.T.
Amendment to Contact for Sale for Former Price Elementary	Approve and authorize the President to execute the amendment.
City of Wichita Revised Final Assessment for Sanitary Sewer Replacement – Hyde Elementary School Appendix 15	Approve the final Special Assessment cost of the Sanitary Sewer replacement at Hyde Elementary School of $67,973 in FY23.
FEMA Inspections and Preventative Maintenance – Various	Enter into a contract with Hutton Corporation for a total amount not to exceed $250,000 for the FEMA storm shelter inspection and preventive maintenance services at various District sites.
Fire Sprinkler Systems – Various	Enter into a contract with Black Water Fire Protection, LLC, for a total amount not to exceed $100,000 for the fire sprinkler system inspection, service and repairs at various District sites.

Sole Source – HVAC and Material (Various)	Approve a maximum amount of $2,000,000 for HVAC preventive maintenance services provided by: P1 Group Inc, Kruse Corporation, Jerrod Max Turner (316 Mechanical), Dean E Norris Inc, Trane US Inc, Building Controls & Services Inc, Five Star Mechanical Inc, Daikin TMI LLC, and JM O'Connor Inc, on an as-needed basis.
Sole Source – HVAC Preventive Maintenance Services	Approve a cumulative amount not to exceed $1,500,000 for HVAC - related labor, equipment, and material to be purchased from Sandifer Engineering & Controls, C&C Sales, Inc., Trane U.S., Inc., Johnson Controls, Daikin TMI LLC, and Building Controls Systems Inc.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
HVAC Upgrade and Office Restricted Building Access – Robinson Middle School	At Ms. Hedrick's request, Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance & Facilities, briefed the Board. The 2022-23 Capital Outlay Fund includes monies for HVAC Upgrades and Office Restricted Building Access at Robinson Middle School. On May 30, 2023, bids were received according to plans and specifications prepared by Integrated Consulting Engineers Inc and WDM Architects. The project includes replacement of aging mechanical systems which will improve the indoor air quality by providing higher quality ventilation and filtration. Equipment to be upgraded includes air handling units, chillers, classroom level HVAC equipment, and HVAC control systems. Lastly, a new addition to the building will provide an office restricted building access point. Construction is expected to start Summer 2023 and final project completion is anticipated at the conclusion of Summer 2025. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Icon Structures Inc. Ms. Hedrick (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board enter into a contract with Icon Structures Inc. for HVAC Upgrade at Robinson Middle School, in an amount not to exceed $11,500,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency. The motion passed 7-0.
Operations	
First Review: Board of Education Meetings Calendar Appendix 16	The Board had their first review of the meeting calendar.
Finance	
Budget Report	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board. The Board received a final look at anticipated revenues and fixed cost increases for Fiscal Year 2024 as well as a first look at the Revenue Neutral Rate data. Estimates will be refined, and staff will make formal RNR recommendations at the June 29 BOE meeting for submission to County by July 20, 2023. Ms. Willis also reminded the Board of the requirements of amendments to KSA 72-1163 necessary in order to adopt the budget. At approximately 8:30 p.m., Board member Stan Reeser left the table. He returned at 8:32 p.m. 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	- Hosted the Greater Wichita Partnership investor meeting district's Future Ready Center. - Continues to acclimate to the Superintendent's position and continues to coordinate with Dr. Thompson. - Notes he and Wendy Johnson, Director of Strategic Communications, are developing plans for the district's next strategic plan process. Initial listening session events are expected to occur between July and December. - Summer school and professional development opportunities are in full swing for district students and teachers. - The district recently hosted their summer Fine Arts camp, and Camp Hype will start soon at the Future Ready Center. Summer athletic camps are also ongoing. - Summer school graduation is June 22, and approximately 50 students will receive diplomas. - The district will distribute free books for the Juneteenth celebration at Riverfest..
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Kathy Bond - Attended Wilbur Middle School's 8th grade promotion, Benton Elementary's 5th grade promotion, and Northwest High School's graduation. - Attended the Admiral's Breakfast for Riverfest. - Attended a budget workshop hosted by the Kansas School Board Resource Center. - Attended Ballet in the Park hosted by the Metropolitan Ballet of Wichita and noted several WPS students performed. Julie Hedrick - Met in Topeka with the KASB Board of Directors to review the recent legislative session. Notes several positive legislative developments. Diane Albert - Attended Heights High School graduation. - Spoke at Wichita city councilman Brandon Johnson's district advisory committee breakfast. Sheril Logan - Also attended several graduations and notes summer is still a busy time for the district. - Also attended the Greater Wichita Partnership investor meeting and notes it is very positive for the district. Ernestine Krehbiel - Reports she has attended Friday Zoom meetings as part of the KASB Legislative Committee, and also notes several positive legislative developments. - Also attended several graduations, and states seeing young graduates gives her hope for the future.
New Business	None submitted.
Executive Session #1: Attorney-client	At approximately 8:48 p.m., Ms. Albert (Ms. Hedrick) 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 The motion passed 7-0.

Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:08 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.
Executive Session #2: Negotiations	At approximately 9:09 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) 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 4-0, with Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, Ms. Hedrick, and Mrs. Bond voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:27 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.
Adjournment	Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 4-0, with Mr. Reeser, Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, and Mrs. Bond. At approximately 9:28 p.m., the meeting adjourned.