

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
July 31, 2023

Roll Call	<p>The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in regular session in Room 813 of the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 6 p.m., on July 31, 2023 with Vice President Diane Albert presiding.</p> <p>Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond.</p> <p>Absent: Sheril Logan</p>
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 Hamilton Middle School JROTC Cadets.
Reports	
Report – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, UTW President. <u>Topic:</u>
Public Communications	None submitted.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	<p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Logan absent.</p>
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: June 2023 Appendix 2	Provided for the Board’s information. No action is requested.
Adjustment of Petty Cash Funds for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year (Annual) Appendix 3	Board approval.
Financial Resolutions (Annual) Appendix 4	<p>Approve the following resolutions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Resolution – Designation of Depositories 2) Resolution – Municipal Investment Pool 3) Resolution – Activity Funds 4) Resolution – Credit Card Authorization 5) Resolution – Commerce Bank Credit Card Accounts 6) Resolution – Authorization to Transfer 7) Resolution – Certification of Authorization to Transfer 8) Resolution – Home Rule No 1 – Donations 9) Resolution – Information Management
Purchasing Consent Appendix 5	Board approval.
EveryDay Labs (Initial)	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4 of these minutes.

Lexia Learning Systems LLC – LETRS Volume 1 and 2 Materials & Professional Development Appendix 6	Authorize the purchase of LETRS Volume 1 and 2 and Early Childhood materials, licenses, renewals and professional development from Lexia Learning Systems LLC in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
Elementary Reading Intervention Pilot Appendix 7	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4 of these minutes.
Mental Health Intervention Team Program	Approve the contract for mental health services between Sedgwick County and the district, as provided in Appendix 8 .
Safe and Civil Schools Climate Survey (Annual)	Authorize the district to fund Safe and Civil Schools Climate Surveys in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 from Assessments and Research funds.
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2023 BOE Workshop Appendix 8	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2023 BOE Special Meeting Appendix 9	Board approval.
Designate School Attendance Officers (Annual)	Authorize the Administration to designate principals, and/or designee, as school attendance officers responsible for monitoring and reporting student attendance to proper district authorities and authorize the Assistant Superintendents of Elementary and Secondary Schools to report attendance information for the district to the Secretary of the Kansas Department for Children and Families, and/or the Eighteenth Judicial District, District Attorney, and/or to the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate.
Freedom of Information Officer Appointment (Annual)	Appoint Patrick Greene, Clerk of the Board, as the district’s Freedom of Information Officer to serve for the fiscal year 2023-24 or until further order of the Board.
Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker P.A.	Authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Worker’s Compensation under the school district’s self-insured programs for June 2023 in the amount of \$15,153.91 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$8,040.45 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Capitol Strategies Agreement (Renewal)	Approve renewal of the contract for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscal years with Capitol Strategies for government relations not to exceed \$74,000 per year with and overall cost to not exceed \$148,000 for the two-year contract.
Reappointment of McDonald Tinker, P.A. as Special Legal Counsel	Reappoint the law firm of McDonald Tinker, P.A., as special counsel to represent Unified School District 259 of Sedgwick County, Kansas in legal matters for the school district’s self-funded workers’ compensation program for the 2023-24 fiscal year or until further order of the Board, whichever comes first, and authorize payment of fees not to exceed \$150 per hour for Directors/Partners, plus expenses, \$120 per hour for Associates of the firm, plus expenses, and payment of fees not to exceed \$90 per hour for legal assistants.
Reappointment of Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson, and Kitch, LLC as Special Legal Counsel	Reappoint the law firm of Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson, and Kitch, LLC as special counsel to represent Unified School District 259 of Sedgwick County, Kansas in legal matters for self-insured retention and employment matters for the 2023-24 fiscal year or until further order of the Board, whichever comes first, and authorize payment of fees not to exceed \$160 per hour for lawyers, plus expenses, and payment of fees not to exceed \$80 per hour for legal assistants.
Continued Loan of Artwork to Wichita Art Museum Appendix 10	Board member Ernestine Krehbiel pulled this item for further discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4 of these minutes.

Schools for Fair Funding	Authorizes the payment of the 2023-24 Schools For Fair Funding assessment in the amount of \$49,404.19.
Resolution: Alignment of BOE Policies (Renewal) Appendix 11	Approve Resolution: Alignment of BOE Policies, as provided in the Appendix.
Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI)	Authorize the district to purchase materials, certified trainers' training, and annual memberships for district trainers to Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. The maximum cost for this expenditure is \$100,000 and will be funded by Special Education.
Cross Country Staffing, Inc. – Nursing Services	Enter into an agreement with Cross Country Staffing, Inc., dba Medical Staffing Network., during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year(s) to provide Special Education Health Services, not to exceed a cost of \$125,000 per year, to be funded by Special Education.
EdView Consulting (Renewal)	Approve the contract with EdView Consulting for the 2023-24 school year at a cost not to exceed \$52,000.
EverDriven Appendix 12	Extend the Agreement with EverDriven for various required and requested student transportation services (e.g., regular education, required special education, ADA-504, McKinney-Vento [homeless services]) from various funding sources, not to exceed the amount of \$1,000,000.
Interim Healthcare of Wichita (Annual) Appendix 13	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Interim Healthcare of Wichita, Inc., during the 2023-24 school year to provide Special Education Health Services, not to exceed a cost of \$250,000, to be funded by Special Education.
Wichita Metro Transit Authority Appendix 14	Board member Stan Reeser pulled this item for further discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 4 of these minutes.
Vandalism – Heights High School	Approve \$35,901.52 for remediation, contents, and appraisal expenses.
Auditorium Sewer Line Repair – East High School	Enter into a contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC for Auditorium Sewer Line Repair at East High School, in an amount not to exceed \$420,000, with funding to be split between capital and 47 funds.
Chimney Repair – Stanley Elementary School	Enter into a contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC for Chimney Repair at Stanley Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$43,500, with funding to be split between capital and 47 funds.
HVAC Preventive Maintenance Services – Various	Approve BASiq Automation, LLC as an approved vendor for preventive maintenance services in addition to P1 Group, Inc.; Kruse Corporation; Jerrod Max Turner (316 Mechanical, LLC); Dean E. Norris, Inc.; Trane US, Inc.; Building Controls & Services, Inc.; Five Star Mechanical, Inc.; Daikin TMI, LLC.; and J.M. O'Connor, Inc. that were previously approved. The total maximum amount of \$2,000,000 for HVAC preventive maintenance services will remain.
Structural Floor Temporary Shoring – North High School	Enter into a contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC for Structural Floor Temporary Shoring at North High School, in an amount not to exceed \$255,000, with funding to be split between capital and 47 funds.
Structural Repairs – Construction Manager At Risk Delivery Method – North and Northwest High Schools	Authorize approval to proceed with the Construction Manager At-Risk Delivery Method for structural floor repairs in the C hall and commons areas at North High School, and structural wall repairs in the pool area at Northwest High School.
Structural Repairs - Design Professional – North and Northwest High Schools	Enter into a contract with Schaefer Architecture for professional design services on the repairs at North and Northwest High Schools, in an amount not to exceed \$440,000.

<p>Action on Pulled Consent Items</p>	<p>Pulled items are presented in the order in which they were discussed.</p>
<p>Continued Loan of Artwork to Wichita Art Museum Appendix 10</p>	<p>At Ms. Krehbiel’s request, Shawn Chastain, Director of Fine Arts, briefed the Board. Since 1978, the district has loaned approximately 30 works of art to the Wichita Art Museum for display. The agreement is being amended and renewed at this time. The amendments concern insurance provisions and the loaning of artwork to other museums or exhibitions. The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the loan agreement for the loan of the artworks to the Wichita Art Museum.</p> <p>Ms. Krehbiel (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board approve the loan agreement.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Logan absent.</p>
<p>Wichita Metro Transit Authority Appendix 14</p>	<p>Mr. Reeser pulled this item to highlight services provided. During the 2022-23 school year, the Wichita Metro Transit Authority provided transportation services to the following high schools: East, North, South, Southeast, and West.</p> <p>Mr. Reeser (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve the continued use of Wichita Metro Transit Authority for additional transportation services for the 2023-24 school year in the amount not to exceed \$370,000.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Logan absent.</p>
<p>EveryDay Labs (Initial)</p>	<p>At Mrs. Bond’s request, Dee Dee Stroot, Director of Innovation & Implementation, briefed the Board. EveryDay Labs, under the agreement with Wichita Public Schools, will provide a targeted scientific approach to address our district’s Chronic Absenteeism. EveryDay Labs researched based solutions include EveryDay-Intervention which engages families as partners in overcoming barriers to their student’s attendance and align supports to keep students on track and empower families to take action. EveryDay-Pro makes it easy for teachers to understand and act on attendance. By providing all the necessary data and is presented in easy understanding dashboards from the district level down to the individual student. EveryDay-Learning brings teams together with tailored professional learning and multi-tiered systems of support to meet each student’s specific attendance goals. At this time there are a total of 13 schools being served: White, Hamilton, Payne, Hadley, Truesdell, Curtis, North, Cessna, Linwood, Stanley, Coleman, Benton and Mead.</p> <p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with EveryDay Labs for the 2023-24 school year to provide software to address chronic absenteeism. This contract shall not exceed \$70,000 funded through federal Title I funds.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Logan absent.</p>
<p>Elementary Reading Intervention Pilot Appendix 7</p>	<p>At Mrs. Bond’s request, Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Instructional Support, briefed the Board. Really Great Reading and S.P.I.R.E are Tier 3 Reading Intervention curriculums that are being piloted in 7 elementary schools. This is an extension year for this pilot with the goal of selecting one comprehensive intervention curriculum aligned to the Science of Reading that will replace multiple curriculums currently being used to address Tier 3 needs on the Elementary Literacy Protocol.</p> <p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board authorize the purchase of Really Great Reading and S.P.I.R.E/Sound Sensible materials in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Logan absent.</p>

Policy													
First Review: Proposed Updates of Administration Policies	<p>As part of an ongoing effort to update BOE policies, Administration proposed the following policy updates:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Current Policy</th> <th>Proposed</th> <th>Title</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1400</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Athletics</td> <td>Updates to participation guidelines.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1425</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Selection of Students for Participation in Student Activities in which the Selective Process is Competitive</td> <td>Updates to participation guidelines.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This was the Board's first review of the above policies.</p>	Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes	1400	NA	Athletics	Updates to participation guidelines.	1425	NA	Selection of Students for Participation in Student Activities in which the Selective Process is Competitive	Updates to participation guidelines.
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Resolution: Board of Education Meetings Calendar Appendix 16	<p>Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve the 2023-24 Board meeting calendar.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Logan absent.</p>												
Facility Planning and Capital Forecasting	<p>Luke Newman, Director of Facilities, and Randy Scott, Director of Design & Construction, briefed the Board. The purpose of this presentation is to inform the Board of the district's current status regarding facility conditions, needs, and forecasting.</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>												
Finance													
Budget Report	<p>Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, and Addi Lowell, Budgeting Director, briefed the Board. Building needs assessments requirements under K.S.A. 72-1163 (HB 2567) are mostly complete to date. The revenue neutral rate (RNR) form is filed and provided to the Board, with the estimated mill levy coming in lower than the RNR. Finally, budget estimated will be provided with a proposed final budget by the August 10, 2023 notice of hearing meeting.</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"> - Noted two weeks from July 31 is the first day back for teachers and students. - Will attend National Night Out activities on August 8 at the Urban League and August 11 in Bel Aire. - Continues to post a blog entry every Friday along with a "Three Questions for Kelly" video on YouTube. - Emphasized that many student support positions such as school counselors that were funded with ESSER funds are now built in to the district's regular budget, and restorative practices training is ongoing. - Provided the Board with an update on the Department of Justice investigation. Notes the district has fully complied and that the process benefits district systems and outcomes. 												

<p>Board of Education Reports/Requests</p>	<p>Kathy Bond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notes appreciation for Mr. Bielefeld's efforts so far. - Attended her husband's 47th Southeast High School reunion. - Took part in Building Needs Assessment presentation. - Also attended rate increase hearing from Evergy and notes utility costs are increasing. - Commented on ongoing efforts to keep schools safe and secure and looks forward to possible improvements at Northwest High and Wilbur Middle School. <p>Diane Albert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosted an open house with Mr. Bielefeld at the Future Ready Center. - Toured school construction sites at East High, Gammon Elementary, and Jefferson Elementary. - Also attended Building Needs Assessments. - Took part in Community Conversation series with the Wichita Beacon. - Toured PBS TV facility and notes studio tours and field trips are open to the public and free of charge. <p>Stan Reeser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlights additional security guards and ESSER-funded social workers and school counselors are now part of the district's operating budget. - States that all Board members receive phone calls regarding when schools are open and what supplies are needed, and that all this information can be found on the district's website and social media. <p>Ernestine Krehbiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Took part in neighborhood meeting presentations and is happy to tell people about the district's CTE program. <p>Hazel Stabler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toured the headquarters of Hutton Construction in Delano. - Also attended school construction tours. - Met summer school teachers and students at Isely Elementary. - Attended second annual Native American Graduation Powwow. Reports about 200 members of the public attended. - Observed Spanish-language centralized enrollment at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center. Various community partners were present, and approximately 1,600 students enrolled.
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None submitted.</p>
<p>Executive Session: Attorney-client matters</p>	<p>At approximately 8:04 p.m., Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss a settlement offer 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 6-0, with Ms. Logan absent.</p>
<p>Reconvene</p>	<p>At approximately 8:15 p.m., Ms. Albert reconvened the meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the meeting adjourn.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0.</p> <p>At approximately 8:16 p.m., the meeting adjourned.</p>