

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
August 28, 2023 - 6 p.m.
Wichita High School North Lecture Hall
1437 Rochester - 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

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Heights High School JROTC Cadets

II. Reports

A. Report – Good News

1. Community Event Book Distribution

Contact(s): Suzy Finn

Under the direction of Strategic Communications Division, the #WSProud Community Involvement Team distributed more than 2,200 books, purchased with ESSER funds by Library Media Services, to kids from preschool through high school as part of our presence at seven community events from May through August. Team members with us tonight volunteered at three or more of those events: Alma Castro, Bridgette Warren, Gil Alvarez, Kowonia Bowen, Loren Hatfield, Maria Kury, Stacie Denison, and Williams Graves.

2. First Student Transportation: Recognizing Employees with 25 Years of Service

Contact(s): Fabián Armendáriz, Lisa Riveros

Wichita Public Schools transportation services and First Student management recognize the following First Student employees for more than 25 years of service to Wichita Public Schools students and families: Brian Burdick (30 years), Pamela Miller (25 years), and Stormi Funk (25 years).

B. Report – Service Employees International

C. Report – United Teachers of Wichita

III. **Public Hearing on the 2023-24 Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and Proposed Budget**

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Addi Lowell
Funding Source: NA
2023-24 Budget

State statute requires the Board to hold a public hearing on both the proposed 2023-24 Budget and the intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. The purpose of the hearing is to hear and answer objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget, for purposes of considering amendments to the proposed budget and to hear and answer objections of taxpayers relating to the tax rate in mills in the proposed budget which exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate provided by the Sedgwick County Clerk. The proposed budget documents and the Budget at a Glance are available for review online and at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center at 903 S. Edgemoor in Wichita. Members of the public who have registered to speak in accordance with requirements published in tonight's agenda may address the Board. Following receiving of statements by the public, the Board President will close the public hearing. The Board will have the opportunity to ask questions, if necessary, during the Finance presentation. The Board will not be asked to adopt the 2023-24 Budget following the public hearing, but a resolution authorizing a levy of property taxes to finance the 2023-24 budget exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate is required after the public hearing under K.S.A. 79-2988. Recommendation to approve the required resolution will be made as part of the Finance presentation.

Recommendation: No action will be taken during the Public Hearing.

Speakers who want to address the Board during the **Public Hearing on the Budget and Revenue Neutral Rate** may register to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board at 973-4553 by noon on the day of the BOE meeting, or they may register at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. A speaker's comments will be limited to the budget, will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students, and will not exceed 3 minutes. Speakers will provide twelve (12) copies of any handouts to the Clerk of the Board's table for distribution at the Board table.

Speakers for Public Hearing only:

IV. **Public Communications**

A member of the public (speaker) may address the Board during the Public Communications section of the BOE Agenda. Comments by public speakers made during the Public Communications will be limited to items on the BOE Agenda or items within the jurisdiction of the Board. The number of speakers who speak during Public Communications will not exceed ten. A speaker, in lieu of speaking during Public Communications, may speak during an agenda item. Comments during an agenda item will be limited to the topic of the agenda item. Speakers may register to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board at 973-4553 by noon on the day of the BOE meeting, or they may register at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. When registering to speak, a speaker will identify the topic the speaker wishes to address. A speaker's comments at a meeting will not exceed 3 minutes, will be limited to the registered topic, and will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students. Speakers will provide twelve (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.

1. Pandora Freeman, 601 N. Terrace Dr., Wichita, KS 67208. Topic: Metal detectors.

V. Finance

A. 2023-24 Budget

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Addi Lowell
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Administration will present information related to the mill levies proposed exceeding the revenue neutral rate in the 2023-24 budget and answer any questions arising from the public hearing.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 2023-10 entitled “A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of USD 259 (Wichita) Sedgwick County, Kansas, with respect to the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for financing the annual budget for 2023-24”. The resolution is provided in [Appendix 1](#).

VI. Education

A. 2024-29 Strategic Plan Development: Shared Beliefs, Vision, and Mission Review and Approval

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Gil Alvarez
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: To build on the success of the 2018-23 strategic plan, as well as the goals yet achieved, Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld began his tenure as Wichita Public Schools superintendent with a charge by the BOE to create a new five-year strategic plan. Listening and learning from a 60-member community stakeholder Strategic Planning Team assembled by the superintendent, the work has commenced with team review of current WPS shared beliefs, vision, and mission. Following careful review and active dialogue, this item allows Superintendent Bielefeld to bring forward a recommendation to the Board for adjustment of all three key elements, which will in turn shape the goals to be identified later this fall.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Wichita BOE adopt the adjustments in our WPS shared beliefs, vision, and mission.

VII. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. 2023-2024 Salary Schedule for Administrators; 2023-2024 Employment Agreement with United Teachers of Wichita; 2023-2024 Salary Schedule for Wichita Association of Technical/Supervisory Personnel

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Chris Wendt, Dan Lawrence
Funding Source: All Funds
2023-24 and 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to obtain Board approval to set the salary schedule of the meet-and-confer group for Administrators and Wichita Association of Technical/Supervisory Personnel and the tentative agreement reached between representatives of United Teachers of Wichita and the Board of Education.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the salary schedules and agreements as presented for the meet-and-confer group for Administrators and Wichita Association of Technical/Supervisory Personnel and the tentative agreement reached between United Teachers of Wichita for 2023-2024 and the 2024-2025 budget years.

2. Human Resources Report

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Note: The Human Resources report is not published on the district's Web site. The report is available from the Clerk of the Board's office before noon on Board meeting dates, or in the display rack outside the North High Lecture Hall before Board meetings.

B. Finance

1. Monthly Finance Report: July 2023

Appendix 4

Contact(s): Susan Willis

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.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 5

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Boardmaker Licenses	\$30,000.00	Vince Evans
2. CTE Promo Videos	\$55,000.00	Loren Hatfield
3. Food – July 2023	\$1,594,078.40	Fabian Armendariz
4. Supply – July 2023	\$90,634.73	Fabian Armendariz

D. Programs/Grants

1. Arts Partners (Annual)

Appendix 6

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Shawn Chastain

Funding Source: General Funds

2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Arts Partners is available districtwide to provide programs for students and professional development for teachers at self-selected partnership schools that have chosen to be more involved in arts integration. On average, the number of schools served by Arts Partners visiting artists is 45 over the course of the academic year. In addition, Arts Partners will provide programs and professional development to eight elementary schools supported by the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve payment to Arts Partners in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the 2023-24 school year.

2. Nutrition Services Menu and Production Software

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Fabián Armendáriz, David Paul
Funding Source: Nutrition Services – Fund 24
2023-24 and 24-25 Budget

Purpose: To remain efficient, our Nutrition Services Department needs to replace its obsolete menu planning, production, and warehouse (Back-of-the-House) software. After an extensive search, the recommended supplier identified as the best option to meet our complex needs is Cybersoft Technologies, d.b.a. Primero Edge.

This replacement Back-of-the-House software will offer a much more effective and user-friendly option for the approximately 380 Nutrition Services daily users, as well as approximately 130 satellite kitchens, school-based cashiers. In addition, this software provides us with the ability to integrate with digital menu boards in the schools and online platforms so we can publish menu changes immediately, making them accessible to parents and students in real time.

Nutrition Services anticipates spending \$112,090 in 2023-24, \$85,540 in 2024-25 and \$85,540 in 2025-26.

Expected outcomes include increased productivity, greater accuracy in reporting and improved communication to staff, parents, and students, as well as the potential for improved compliance with Federal and State rules and regulations.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Nutrition Services to replace its Food Service Management Software with Cybersoft Technologies, d.b.a. Primero Edge in the amount of \$283,170 over a three-year period.

3. Pando Initiative

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Dee Dee Stroot, Denise Lawson
Funding Source: Federal Funds and At-Risk Funds
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: The Pando Initiative helps at-risk youth to successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life by connecting those students with needed community resources. The Pando Initiative staff and district support staff form a multi-disciplinary team to offer at-risk students and their families access to services needed to address social, educational, health, and emotional challenges impeding student success.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve contract services and enter into an agreement with The Pando Initiative providing services at 16 district schools in an amount of \$475,000.

E. Policy

1. Proposed Policy Revisions

Appendix 9

Purpose: As permitted by BOE Policy 0100 – Organization and Functions of the Board, (AIP 3a): Proposed minor revisions to policies may include, but not be limited to, revisions involving policy number, position titles, district office names, and system alignment items. In addition, minor revisions may include combining similar content among policies, deleting obsolete policies, and moving policy content to procedural handbooks if appropriate. This consent item may also include revisions to existing policy as a result of federal, state, or local law or regulation.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Policy	Title	Person Responsible
1213	Closing of Attendance Centers	Kelly Bielefeld
5116	Emergency Safety Interventions	Vince Evans
7170	Disposal of Surplus Real Property	Luke Newman

F. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2023

Appendix 10

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2023 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. – Nursing Services

Appendix 11

Contact(s): Fabián Armendáriz, Vince Evans, Lisa Riveros, Kimber Kasitz
Funding Source: Special Education Funds
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: In order to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and K.S.A. 72-3403 for mandated services, USD 259 proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., to provide Health Services as a Special Education Related Service for students who cannot attend school or be transported safely without the support of nursing services. This is a required service for select students. The amount is not to exceed \$125,000 annually. This contract runs from August 30, 2023 through August 29, 2024.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., during the 2023-24 school year to provide Special Education Health Services, not to exceed a cost of \$125,000, to be funded by Special Education.

VIII. Policy

A. Second Review: Proposed Updates of Learning Services Policies

Appendix 12

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Loren Hatfield, Michele Ingenthron
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of an ongoing effort to update BOE policies, Administration proposes the following policy updates:

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
P1806	NA	Report to Parents on Student Progress	Revisions to reporting schedule and grading metrics.
P7350	NA	Schools Trips & Student Transportation in Private Vehicles	Revise eligibility standards for field trip attendance.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board adopt the proposed changes.

IX. Miscellaneous

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Board of Education Report/Requests
- C. New Business
- D. Adjournment