

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
August 28, 2023

Roll Call	<p>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 p.m., on August 28, 2023, with President Sheril Logan presiding.</p> <p>Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond.</p>
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	<p>The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the Heights High School JROTC Cadets.</p>
Reports	
<p>Reports – Good News</p>	<p>Community Event Book Distribution</p> <p>Contact(s): Suzy Finn</p> <p>Under the direction of Strategic Communications Division, the #WPS Proud 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.</p> <p>First Student Transportation: Recognizing Employees with 25 Years of Service</p> <p>Contact(s): Fabián Armendáriz, Lisa Riveros</p> <p>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).</p>
<p>Reports – Service Employees International (SEIU)</p>	<p>Esau Freeman, SEIU business manager. <u>Topic</u>: New school year.</p>
<p>Reports – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)</p>	<p>Katie Warren, UTW president. <u>Topic</u>: New school year.</p>

<p>Public Hearing on the 2023-24 Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and Proposed Budget</p>	<p>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 registered to speak in accordance with requirements published in tonight's agenda addressed the Board. Following receiving of statements by the public, the Board President closed the public hearing. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions, if necessary, during the Finance presentation. The Board was not 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 was required after the public hearing under K.S.A. 79-2988. Recommendation to approve the required resolution was be made as part of the Finance presentation.</p> <p><u>Speakers for public hearing only:</u> Jerry Collins, 5800 N. Sullivan, Wichita, KS 67204 John Lichlyter, 2742 S. Greenwood, Wichita, KS 67216</p>
<p>Public Communications</p>	<p>Pandora Freeman, 601 N. Terrace Dr., Wichita, KS 67208. Topic: Metal detectors</p>
<p>Finance</p>	
<p>2023-24 Budget Appendix 1</p>	<p>Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, and Addi Lowell, Director of Budgeting, briefed the Board. Information was presented related to the mill levies proposed exceeding the revenue neutral rate in the 2023-24 budget.</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> <p>Ms. Albert (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education 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.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<p>Recess</p>	<p>At approximately 7:25 p.m., the Board took a brief recess.</p> <p>At approximately 7:30 p.m., Board president Logan reconvened the meeting.</p>

Education	
2024-2029 Strategic Plan Development: Shared Beliefs, Vision, and Mission Review and Approval	<p>Kelly Bielefeld and Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, briefed the Board. To build on the success of the 2018-23 strategic plan, as well as the goals yet achieved, Superintendent 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-plus 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.</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> <p>Ms. Krehbiel (Ms. Logan) moved the Board of Education instruct administration to revise the proposed new district vision statement and bring a new statement to the Board for review at the September 11, 2023, regular meeting.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Ms. Hedrick (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board of Education adopt the proposed new district mission statement: "Wichita Public Schools prepares each student to achieve readiness for life, college, and career through an innovative and impactful educational experience."</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education adopt the proposed new shared beliefs for the district.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	<p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<p>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</p> <p>Appendix 2</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Human Resources Report</p> <p>Appendix 3</p>	<p>Board approval.</p>
<p>Monthly Finance Report: July 2023</p> <p>Appendix 4</p>	<p>Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.</p>

Purchasing Consent Appendix 5	Board approval <table border="1" data-bbox="586 254 1227 510"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description of products/services</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Responsible Party</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Boardmaker Licenses</td> <td>\$30,000.00</td> <td>Vince Evans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. CTE Promo Videos</td> <td>\$55,000.00</td> <td>Loren Hatfield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Food – July 2023</td> <td>\$1,594,078.40</td> <td>Fabian Armendariz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Supply – July 2023</td> <td>\$90,634.73</td> <td>Fabian Armendariz</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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
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Arts Partners (Annual) Appendix 6	Approve payment to Arts Partners in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the 2023-24 school year.															
Nutrition Services Menu and Production Software Appendix 7	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.															
Pando Initiative Appendix 8	Approve contract services and enter into an agreement with The Pando Initiative providing services at 16 district schools in an amount of \$475,000.															
Proposed Policy Revisions by Consent Appendix 9	<table border="1" data-bbox="586 825 1417 940"> <thead> <tr> <th>Policy</th> <th>Title</th> <th>Person Responsible</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1213</td> <td>Closing of Attendance Centers</td> <td>Kelly Bielefeld</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5116</td> <td>Emergency Safety Interventions</td> <td>Vince Evans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7170</td> <td>Disposal of Surplus Property</td> <td>Luke Newman</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Board approval.</p>	Policy	Title	Person Responsible	1213	Closing of Attendance Centers	Kelly Bielefeld	5116	Emergency Safety Interventions	Vince Evans	7170	Disposal of Surplus Property	Luke Newman			
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BOE Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2023 Appendix 10	Board approval.															
Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. – Nursing Services Appendix 11	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.															
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Second Review: Proposed Updates of Learning Services Policies Appendix 12	As part of an ongoing effort to update BOE policies, Administration proposes the following policy updates: <table border="1" data-bbox="586 1388 1398 1696"> <thead> <tr> <th>Current Policy</th> <th>Proposed</th> <th>Title</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P1806</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Report to Parents on Student Progress</td> <td>Revisions to reporting schedule and grading metrics.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P7350</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Schools Trips & Student Transportation in Private Vehicles</td> <td>Revise eligibility standards for field trip attendance.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Mr. Reeser (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board of Education approve the recommended policy updates. The motion passed 7-0.</p>	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.			
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Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notes he has been Superintendent for 38 days and has visited 36 district buildings. - Attended the back-to-school pep rally at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center earlier in the day. - Thanked Facilities for repairing HVAC systems last week during hot weather. - Notes that August 29 is the annual district lockdown drill and that all K-5 students receive a Winnie the Pooh-themed school safety guide. - States that East High School is the most recent high school to receive metal detectors, and while the building layout is challenging for foot traffic district staff is troubleshooting. - Was at West High School the previous week and says building screeners are doing a good job. - Notes that next Tuesday is district inservice with keynote speakers for secondary teachers. - Recognized Susan Willis for receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. - Announced that Deputy Secretary of Education Cindy Marten is visiting Wichita to tour the Future Ready Center and Jackson Elementary School.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	<p>Ernestine Krehbiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visited buildings during the first week of school and reported many smiles from students and teachers. - Suggested that Superintendent Bielefeld report to the Council of Great City Schools about the exciting new changes in the district. <p>Stan Reeser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanked all employees for the team effort as school starts. - Also thanked public for providing feedback to him via email. - Noted the importance of critical thinking as good citizenship in education. <p>Diane Albert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Went to new teacher orientation and met 400 new teachers in the district. - Participated in clap-ins welcoming students to their first day of school. - Toured WSU Innovation Campus.

<p>Board of Education Reports/Requests <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>Hazel Stabler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toured Empower Wichita offices. - Also toured WSU Innovation Campus. - Attended Habitat for Humanity’s Legislative Build. - Was at Hadley Middle School for sixth grade orientation and Pleasant Valley Elementary for the first day of school. - Attended reception for new Heroes Academy director. - Participated in a South-Central Kansas Workforce Alliance roundtable with Superintendent Bielefeld and Ms. Albert, which was hosted by Sen. Roger Marshall. - Met with new McKinney-Vento director Denise Lawson. - Met new Ortiz Elementary principal James Quillen. - Took part in a Pachyderm Club luncheon keynoted by Superintendent Bielefeld. <p>Julie Hedrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanked staff for supporting students returning to school this year. <p>Kathy Bond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Library Services and learned about material acquisition criteria. - Visited buildings in her district and reports the new office area at Benton Elementary is impressive. - Also attended Habitat for Humanity’s Legislative Build. - Also attended sixth grade orientation at Hadley Middle School. - Also attended Pachyderm Club luncheon keynoted by Superintendent Bielefeld. Reports positive community feedback for the direction the Superintendent is leading the district in. - Participated in Wichita Crime Commission luncheon hosted by District Attorney Marc Bennett. - Attended District Crisis Team meeting. - Visited Gammon Elementary and reports the new entrance is impressive. - Attended open house at Northwest High School and neighborhood meeting regarding possible relocation of a Wichita police substation to the area. <p>Sheril Logan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports people are happy in every building she has visited to begin the school year.
<p>New Business</p>	<p>At Board member Ernestine Krehbiel’s suggestion, the Board stood and applauded all district parents and employees for their efforts.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>At approximately 8:44 p.m., the meeting adjourned.</p>