

**Board of Education Agenda**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**September 11, 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 – Pleasant Valley Middle School JROTC Cadets

**II. Reports**

- A. Report – Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC)

Reporters: Maha Almaliky, Heights High School, and Marissa Esparaza, North High School.

- B. Report – Good News

- 1. Chester I. Lewis Academic Learning Center – Graduation Efforts

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Chester I. Lewis Academic Learning Center is home to three alternative school options for students in the Wichita Public School system: Wichita Alternative High School, Wichita Adult Learning Center, and Wichita Transitions Learning Center. These schools serve students whose situations, goals, and pursuits were such that a traditional school setting could not effectively meet their needs. Many would become part of the district’s drop-out rate if these options were not available, so providing education in a form that allows access while students take on challenges is a win for all. Tonight, we recognize the intentional efforts of the Chester Lewis staff to increase the number of graduates from our alternative programs.

- C. Report – Service Employees International
- D. Report – United Teachers of Wichita

### III. 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. Kendrell Holley, 1030 S. Breckenridge Ct., Wichita, KS 67207. Topic: Albuterol in schools

### IV. Finance

#### A. 2023-24 Budget Adoption

Appendix 1

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

Purpose: Administration will provide a final presentation of the proposed 2023-24 budget, including information relating to the annual Needs Assessment and State Assessment evaluation and use in the budget approval process.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board adopt the local option budget (LOB) via Resolution 2023-11 and the 2023-24 budget.

### V. Education

#### A. Strategic Plan Vision Item

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld  
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, adjusted language was presented on August 28 for BOE review and approval. The BOE approved the shared beliefs and mission as presented and asked Superintendent Bielefeld to work with the planning team to acknowledge the importance of beginning future-ready within our greater community.

A revised vision statement, noted below, is being presented to the BOE tonight for review and adoption.

**Wichita Public Schools will be the premier district of choice, and inspire each student and staff member to thrive and become future-ready within the greater community.**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Wichita BOE adopt the revised WPS Vision statement as presented to the BOE.

- B. Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan:  
Goal #1 – Increase Graduation Rates

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Our district strategic plan focuses on four long-term goals. Goal #1 is designed to increase high school graduation rate from 74% to 80% by 2025. Tonight’s presentation will highlight the progress we have made in Goal #1 in our Volume 5 strategic plan. We will also provide a review and update of the 2023 high school summer school programming data.

Recommendation: This presentation is for the Board’s information.

- C. Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan:  
Goal #3 – Increase Certifications and College Credit

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Timothy Hamblin  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Our district strategic plan focuses on four long-term goals. Goal #3 is designed to increase the number of students that earn certifications and college credits. By 2025, we want at least 70% of seniors to graduate with a diploma and one or more market value assets. Tonight’s presentation will highlight the progress we have made in Goal #3 in our Volume 5 strategic plan.

Recommendation: This presentation is for the Board’s information.

**VI. Consent**

- A. Human Resources

- 1. Human Resources Report Appendix 2

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. Treasury Warrants: August 2023 Appendix 3

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

- C. Bids

- 1. Purchasing Consent Appendix 4

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Insulated Tray and Sheet Pan Cabinet	\$36,200.00	Fabian Armendariz
2. Hot Food Pan Carrier, 12 pan	\$42,700.00	Fabian Armendariz
3. Hot Food Pan Carrier, 16 pan	\$310,505.00	Fabian Armendariz

2. Controls – Woodman Elementary School

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for Controls at Woodman Elementary School. The scope of this project includes installation of Siemens controls, valves and actuators for HVAC system at the Woodman Elementary School. The recommended proposal was submitted by Building Controls & Services, Inc.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Building Controls & Services, Inc., for Controls at Woodman Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$1,098,452.25, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.

3. Roof Reconfiguration – Information Services and Technologies (IST)

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for roof reconfiguration of Information Services and Technology (IST). The scope of this project includes installation of a new roof and reconfiguration at Information Services and Technology (IST). The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Harman Huffman.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Harman Huffman, for Roof Reconfiguration at Information Services and Technology (IST), in an amount not to exceed \$320,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.

D. Programs/Grants

1. ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual)

Appendix 5

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Shannon Benoit, Kristina Bowyer  
Funding Source: English for Speakers of Other Languages Funds  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Wichita State University, Kansas State University and Newman University provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher licensure endorsement programs, available to all Wichita Public Schools teachers working directly with English Language Learners (ELL). ESOL program courses are available through WSU, KSU, and NU in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024. The Wichita Public Schools ESOL Instructional Services Department provides WPS teachers with the opportunity to acquire ESOL endorsements, making them highly qualified ESOL teachers.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize payment to Wichita State University, Kansas State University, and Newman University for providing ESOL programming to Wichita Public Schools teachers in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

2. Prime Fit (Renewal)

Appendix 6

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Dee Dee Stroot, Denise Fuoco  
Funding Source: Title I  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Prime Fit Youth Foundation Mentoring will provide mentoring and support services to at-risk youth identified by school staff as needing individual, school-based mentoring. Approximately up to 260 students will meet regularly with mentors to focus on goal setting, character skills, academics, and behaviors. The schools served are: Allen, Clark, Colvin, Kelly, Spaght, Stanley, Washington, Greiffenstein, Lawrence, Linwood, Mueller, Jefferson, and Pleasant Valley Elementary.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter in an agreement with Prime Fit for the 2023-24 school year to provide tutoring services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 beginning August 15, 2023, through May 24, 2024 (with the possibility of summer school in June).

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2023

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2023 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Class Action Lawsuit Against the Manufacturers, Distributors, and Retailers of JUUL, e-Cigarettes, and Vaping Devices

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The district has received a settlement offer for its remaining claims in the multi-district litigation (MDL) against Altria Group, Inc. and co-defendants concerning vaping and e-cigarette products.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the acceptance of the settlement of the case and the signing of necessary paperwork to effect the settlement.

3. Appointment of ESI Complaint Investigators

Appendix 9

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Education to appoint staff to investigate complaints concerning the use of emergency safety interventions (ESI).

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board appoint the District's Chief Human Resources Officer and General Counsel to serve as ESI complaint investigators.

4. Resolution 2023-12: Supporting Efforts to Initiate New Litigation Against the Owners and Operators of Various Harmful Social Media Platforms Appendix 10

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The resolution will authorize the district to join the ongoing multi-district litigation against various social media companies that own and operate platforms such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, and TikTok. That litigation seeks retroactive and prospective relief in the form of damages and equitable remedies. A copy of the resolution is in the Appendix for the Board's review.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2022-12.

**VII. Policy**

- A. First Review: Proposed Updates of Transportation Policies Appendix 11

Contact(s): Fabián Armendáriz  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposes the following update(s) of Transportation policies.

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
7300	NA	Transportation of Students	Updates to AIPs.
7303	NA	Transportation of Special Education Students	Revise title and updates to AIPs.
7320	NA	Transporting Non-Reimbursable Students	Revise title and updates to AIPs.
7325	Delete	Late Run Buses and Pass Card Buses	Delete policy to conform to existing practice; content is in P7300.

Recommendation: This item provides for the Board's first review of the above policies.

**VIII. Miscellaneous**

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

A motion should be adopted that the Board of Education recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding:

- 1. Personnel matters for non-elected personnel.

The open meeting will resume at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ in this room.

- E. Reconvene
- F. Adjournment