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Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
September 11, 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 September 11, 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 Pleasant Valley Middle School JROTC Cadets.</p>
Reports	
Report – Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC)	<p>Reporters: Maha Almaliky, Heights High School, and Marissa Esparaza, North High School. <u>Topic</u>: Building safety, transition to high school, and graduation requirements.</p>
Report – Good News	<p>Chester I. Lewis Academic Learning Center – Graduation Efforts</p> <p>Contact(s): Loren Hatfield</p> <p>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 recognized the intentional efforts of the Chester Lewis staff to increase the number of graduates from our alternative programs.</p>
Report – United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	<p>Katie Warren, UTW president. <u>Topic</u>: New school year.</p>
Public Communications	<p>Kendrell Holley, 1030 S. Breckenridge Ct., Wichita, KS 67207. <u>Topic</u>: Albuterol in schools.</p>

Finance	
2023-24 Budget Adoption	<p>Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board. The Board received 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. Ms. Albert (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board adopt Resolution 2023-11, authorizing the Local Option Percentage in an amount of 33% for the 2023-24 school year.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Ms. Albert (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board approve and adopt the 2023-2024 budget as proposed, and that as a part of this process it is noted the Board was included in the state assessments review and needs assessments review as follows:</p> <p>The needs assessments were provided to the Board,</p> <p>The needs assessments were evaluated by the Board, and</p> <p>The Board used the needs assessments as part of the process to approve the 2023-2024 budget.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
Education	
Strategic Plan: Revised Vision Statement	<p>Superintendent Bielefeld briefed the Board. 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 being future-ready within our greater community.</p> <p>A revised vision statement, noted below, was presented to the BOE tonight for review and adoption.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p> <p>Ms. Krehbiel (Ms. Stabler) moved the Board adopt the revised vision statement.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>

<p>Education <i>(continued)</i></p>	
<p>Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Goal #1 – Increase Graduation Rates</p>	<p>Loren Hatfield, Executive Director for Secondary Schools, briefed the Board. 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 highlighted 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.</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>Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Goal #3 – Increase Certifications and College Credit</p>	<p>Dr. Hatfield and Timothy Hamblin, Director of College and Career Readiness, briefed the Board. 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 highlighted the progress we have made in Goal #3 in our Volume 5 strategic plan.</p> <p>At approximately 7:47 p.m., Mr. Reeser left the table.</p> <p>At approximately 7:52 p.m., Mr. Reeser returned to the table.</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>Consent: Disposal of Routine Business</p>	<p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<p>Human Resources Report Appendix 2</p>	<p>Board approval.</p>
<p>Treasury Warrants: August 2023 Appendix 3</p>	<p>Board approval.</p>
<p>Purchasing Consent Appendix 4</p>	<p>Board approval.</p>
<p>Controls – Woodman Elementary School</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Roof Reconfiguration – Information Services and Technologies (IST)</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual) Appendix 5</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Prime Fit (Renewal) Appendix 6</p>	<p>Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4 of these minutes.</p>

<p>BOE Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2023</p> <p>Appendix 7</p>	<p>Board approval.</p>
<p>Class Action Lawsuit Against the Manufacturers, Distributors, and Retailers of JUUL, e-Cigarettes, and Vaping Devices</p> <p>Appendix 8</p>	<p>Acceptance of the settlement of the case and the signing of necessary paperwork to effect the settlement.</p>
<p>Appointment of ESI Complaint Investigators</p> <p>Appendix 9</p>	<p>Appoint the District's Chief Human Resources Officer and General Counsel to serve as ESI complaint investigators.</p>
<p>Resolution 2023-12: Supporting Efforts to Initiate New Litigation Against the Owners and Operators of Various Harmful Social Media Platforms</p> <p>Appendix 10</p>	<p>Adopt Resolution 2022-12.</p>
<p>Action on Pulled Consent Items</p>	<p>Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.</p>
<p>Prime Fit (Renewal)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>At Mrs. Bond's request, the Board reviewed whether additional schools may be included in the program and the actions necessary for doing so.</p> <p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Krehbiel) moved 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).</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>

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<p>First Review: Proposed Updates of Transportation Policies</p>	<p>As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposed the following update(s) of Transportation policies.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Current Policy</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Proposed</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Title</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">7300</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NA</td> <td>Transportation of Students</td> <td>Updates to AIPs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">7303</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NA</td> <td>Transportation of Special Education Students</td> <td>Revise title and updates to AIPs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">7320</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NA</td> <td>Transporting Non-Reimbursable Students</td> <td>Revise title and updates to AIPs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">7325</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Delete</td> <td>Late Run Buses and Pass Card Buses</td> <td>Delete policy to conform to existing practice; content is in P7300.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This was the Board's first review of the proposed changes.</p>	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.
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<p>Superintendent's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognized Patriot Day and reports he met with cadets from the South High JROTC who demonstrated the proper way to fold an American flag. - Hosted Deputy Secretary of Education Cindy Marten from Washington, D.C. The deputy secretary visited the Future Ready Center and Jackson Elementary School. - Reports fall sports in the district are underway, and that he attended the Titan Soccer Classic at South High. - Also visited Caldwell, Black, Dodge, and OK Elementary Schools. - Notes the district celebrates National Arts in Education Week this Saturday, September 16, at the Wichita Art Museum with student musicians performing. - Announced that listening sessions for forming the district's new strategic plan will begin in approximately two weeks. - Also announced the district is looking for feedback about the district website and has a splash notice posted. 																				
<p>Board of Education Reports/Requests</p>	<p>Kathy Bond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Northwest High vs. Bishop Carroll football game. - Asked the district to lift up the family of Linda Gregory, a longtime photographer of Northwest High football games who passed away recently. - Volunteered at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. <p>Hazel Stabler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Patriot Day celebration at the Kansas Firefighter Museum in Wichita. Reports the color guard was provided by Hamilton Middle School's JROTC Cadets, and the Hamilton choir performed as well. 																				

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<p>New Business</p>	<p>None submitted.</p>
<p>Executive Session: Personnel matters.</p>	<p>At approximately 8:37 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss an employee's performance evaluation pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act exception regarding matters relating to non-elected personnel.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<p>Reconvene Meeting</p>	<p>At approximately 9:00 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Logan) moved the meeting adjourn.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Krehbiel not voting.</p> <p>At approximately 9:01 p.m., the meeting adjourned.</p>