

**Board of Education Agenda  
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259  
October 2, 2023 - 6 p.m.  
Wichita High School North Lecture Hall  
1437 Rochester - Wichita KS**



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.

**I. Roll Call**

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

**II. Student Success**

A. Report – Good News

- 1. Recognition of Legacy Fund Golf Classic Sponsors

Contact(s): Holly Wilson

The Legacy Fund Golf Classic will be held on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, with proceeds going towards all facets of our Graduation+ initiative including Early College Academy, Credentialing and Certifications and Workplace Learning. This year's tournament is sold out and has raised over \$105K. Tonight we recognize the following sponsors:

Presenting Sponsor \$20,000: Credit Union of America.

Believer Sponsors \$5,000: Basis Consulting Engineers, NWI Aerostructures, Professional Engineering Consultants, Spirit AeroSystems, Trane.

Achiever Sponsors \$3,000: Elite Concrete, Friends University, McCownGordon, WSU Tech.

Golf Cart Sponsor \$2,300: Hutton.

Golf Ball Sponsor \$1,800: Hellas Construction.

Hole in One Contest Sponsors \$1,800: Wesley Healthcare, Icon Structures, Incite Design Studio, Shaefer Architecture.

Putting Contest Sponsor \$1,800: Commerce Bank.

Food Sponsors: Building Controls & Services (\$1,000), Ascension Via Christi (\$1,000 in kind), Cargill (\$500), N'Credibly Sweet (\$1,000 in kind).

Prize Sponsors: RSM (\$900), Allen, Gibbs & Houlik (\$500), Johnson Controls (\$500).

Beverage Sponsors (In Kind): Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC, Hiland Dairy.

### III. Public Communications

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1. Rachael Mejia, 607 S. Pattie, Wichita, KS 67211. Topic: Gangs in schools.
2. Kendrell Holley, 1030 S. Breckenridge Ct., Wichita, KS 67207. Topic: Albuterol in schools.
3. Esau Freeman, 601 N. Terrace Dr., Wichita, KS 67208. Topic: Student behavior.
4. Mike Harris, 9426 W. Thurman, Wichita, KS 67212. Topic: Special education.

### IV. Education

- A. Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan: Goal #2 – Increase 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Proficiency

Contact(s): Michele Ingenthron, Amanda Sharshel, Chris Wendt  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Our Every Student Future Ready plan focuses on four long-term goals. Goal #2 is designed to increase 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading proficiency. Tonight's presentation will highlight our progress on literacy improvement in Volume 5 of Wichita Public Schools' Strategic Plan.

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

- B. Outcomes of Summer 2023 Learning Opportunities

Contact(s): Michele Ingenthron, Loren Hatfield, Dee Dee Stroot  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: In March, we shared with the Board details of our plans for summer programs. Tonight's presentation will focus on a review of data from the 2023 summer learning opportunities in Wichita Public Schools.

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

### V. Consent

- A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

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.

2. 2023-25 Employment Agreement with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 513, Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers Appendix 2

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth  
 Funding Source: All Funds  
 2023-24 Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to obtain Board approval of the tentative agreement reached between representatives of SEIU, Local 513, Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the tentative agreement for two years, 2023-2025, with the SEIU, Local 513, Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers, and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement as presented.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: September 2023 Appendix 3

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Monthly Finance Report: August 2023 Appendix 4

Contact(s): Susan Willis  
 Funding Source: NA

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. Milk Merchandiser	\$61,490.00	Fabian Armendariz
2. Microsoft School Service Agreement – Addition	\$38,400.00	Rob Dickson
3. Food – August 2023	\$435,441.39	Fabian Armendariz
4. Supply Stock Warehouse – August 2023	\$405,717.31	Fabian Armendariz

2. Facilities Master Planning Services – Various Sites

Appendix 6

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

Purpose: Proposals were received from, and interviews conducted with, four candidates who responded to the District's RFQ/P for master planning services. The selection committee has recommended the partnership of Cooperative Strategies and Alloy Architecture for this work, which will utilize the district's strategic plan, facility assessments, demography study, and other data points to build a holistic long-range facilities plan.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with the partnership of Cooperative Strategies and Alloy Architecture for Facilities Master Planning Services for the District, in an amount not to exceed \$435,000.

3. Sewer Line Repair – Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 47 Fund – Self-Funded Insurance Reserve  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: On August 14, 2023, a sewer backup event occurred in a tunnel under the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center (AMAC). Upon further investigation with sewer camera, an emergency need was identified because of a collapse of the building main sewer line. Remediation included removal and replacement of the no longer viable section of sewer line below grade.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC for Sewer Line Repair at AMAC, in an amount not to exceed \$404,732.58, with funding to be split between capital and 47 funds.

D. Programs/Grants

1. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant External Evaluators – STEALTH After-School Programs (Renewal)

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Holly Wilson, Dee Dee Stroot  
Funding Source: 21CCLC Grants, Federal Funds (ESSER)  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: It is a requirement of the federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant to acquire the services of external grant evaluators. The evaluators will be contracted to provide assistance in determining what progress nine sites are making in implementation of the grant, funded August 1, 2023 through August 30, 2024, of the project and to what extent the program is achieving expected results and outcomes. The evaluators will determine the best procedure to measure each indicator in each smart goal and how to best gather data. Evaluators will provide a detailed report of findings at the end of the grant year which is submitted to KSDE. The nine sites are: Adams, Anderson, Cleaveland, Gordon Parks, Ortiz, Linwood, Spaght, Washington, and White.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve External Grant Evaluation services for these nine sites for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant: Adams, Anderson, Cleaveland, Gordon Parks, Ortiz, Linwood, Spaght, Washington and White. Services will be provided by The Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush in an amount not to exceed \$30,343.

2. International Institute for Restorative Practices – Invoice Balance

Contact(s): Michele Ingenthron, Branden Johnson  
Funding Source: Federal Funds (ESSER)  
2023-24 and 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: On May 2, 2022, the Board approved using ESSER funds to support continued implementation efforts of restorative practices through training and professional learning opportunities. Further Board approval is necessary to use the remaining funds during the 2023-24 school year and no later than September 30, 2024, which is in the 2024-25 school year. No additional funding is being requested, only board authorization to spend the balance.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize spending the remaining approved restorative practices balances through September 30, 2024.

3. Prime Fit Youth Foundation Mentoring – Additional Schools

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Dee Dee Stroot, Denise Fuoco  
Funding Source: Title I Funding  
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. On September 11, 2023, the Board authorized \$75,000 for services at 13 elementary schools. Approximately up to 260 students will meet regularly with mentors to focus on goal setting, character skills, academics, and behaviors. An additional \$40,000 is requested to expand services to the following schools: Stucky, Cleaveland, Griffith, Hadley, Buckner, Caldwell, Enders, and Gardiner.

Recommendation: On September 11, 2023, the Board approved an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for services at the above-named schools for the 2023-24 school year. It is recommended the Board approve the additional amount of \$40,000 for the additional buildings listed above.

4. Untamed Athletes (Renewal)

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Dee Dee Stroot, Denise Fuoco  
Funding Source: Title 1 Funding  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Untamed Athletes will provide mentoring and support services to at-risk youth identified by school staff as needing individual, school-based mentoring. Up to 200 students will meet regularly with mentors to focus on prosocial skills, goal setting, and behavior modification through physical fitness. The schools served will be Chester Lewis, Brooks, Bryant, and Wells.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter in an agreement with Untamed Athletes for the 2023-24 school year to provide mentoring services in an amount not to exceed \$67,500 beginning August 15, 2023, and ending, May 23, 2024.

E. Miscellaneous

1. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goeing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund – Special Liability, 52 Fund – Workers’ Compensation Reserve Fund  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Fleeson, Goeing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for August 2023 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$9,332.25.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for August 2023 legal services and expenses for Workers’ Compensation in the amount of \$12,027.31.

This brings the 2023-24 fiscal year-to-date total to \$29,022.50 for Civil Litigation services and \$21,250.69. for Worker’s Compensation services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Workers’ Compensation under the school district’s self-insured programs for August 2023 in the amount of \$9,332.25 to Fleeson, Goeing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$12,027.31 to McDonald Tinker PA.

2. Agreement with Evergy Concerning Increases to Electrical Rates

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The district has joined other interested parties in opposing the April '23 application by Evergy, Inc., seeking authority from the Kansas Corporation Commission to increase electrical rates Evergy charges to Kansas customers by 10.77%. Evergy’s rate request, if granted, would require USD 259 to pay an additional \$890,000 annually for electricity. Evergy has now offered a compromise that will limit the increase to USD 259’s electrical rates to 3.53% (\$320,000 annually) for the time being, in exchange for USD 259’s agreement to withdraw its opposition to Evergy’s application for a rate increase in that amount.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the acceptance of Evergy’s proposal and execute the agreement memorializing the parties’ compromise.

3. BOE Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2023

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

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

Recommendation: Board approval.

4. Workers' Compensation Settlement: E.F.

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer  
Funding Source: 52 Fund – Workers' Compensation Fund  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: E.F. sustained a lower right leg injury during their employment with USD 259 on March 29, 2022. A settlement order has been issued for \$25,000 as the award for this litigated case. This will close out all future medical on this case. This does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon award for E.F.'s 2022 work injury in the total amount of \$25,000.

5. Workers' Compensation Settlement: J.R.

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer  
Funding Source: 52 Fund – Workers' Compensation Fund  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: J.R. sustained a left shoulder, left foot, and upper/lower back injury during their employment with USD 259 on May 19, 2022. A settlement order has been issued for \$25,000 as the award for this litigated case. This will close out all future medical on this case. This does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon award for J.R.'s 2022 work injury in the total amount of \$25,000.

6. Empathy Contract (Comprehensive Care for Bereaved Employees)

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer  
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Employee Health  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Our UMR health insurance carrier has offered “wellness credit dollars” to be applied toward projects that will benefit employee wellness or promote existing programs. Employee Benefits and its benefits broker IMA has identified comprehensive care for bereaved employees as a unique benefit offering we could bring to our employees to support well-being and create a culture of caring. Grief has no timeline and can be disruptive to productivity and attendance. We want to provide something currently missing in our benefits offerings that can fill that gap and give employees support and also take some things off their plate. This is different from an EAP (Employee Assistance Program) in that it provides more than just mental health support and gives the employee full access to a personalized care team that will assist with the following: processing grief, helping you close accounts, helping you claim benefits and work with insurance companies, calling funeral homes, writing obituaries, creating a “family hub” where employees can invite family members to collaborate on the application with them, a “vault” to store important documents, and much more. This service would be made available to all part-time and full-time active employees for the district.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the BOE approve a total amount of \$130,151.52 to be paid to Empathy in 2023, which would allow the district to enter into a two-year contract with Empathy which would run from January 2024 through December 2025. This entire amount will be recouped to the district through reduced administration fees in upcoming UMR health carrier bills as part of wellness credit dollars. This amount must be spent down in 2023 to be fully refunded by UMR through wellness credit dollars.

At the end of the two-year term, utilization of the program will be assessed in January of 2026. If utilization surpasses contract term expectations of 3%, additional payment would be due to Empathy within 60 days but not to exceed \$13,015.12. This amount would not be reimbursable through wellness credit dollars and would be paid out of standard risk management funding. Approval from the Board is also requested for this should it apply at that time.

7. Use and License Agreement: USD 259 and Committee for Children

Appendix 9

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Amanda Sharshel  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The district’s K-8 Social Emotional Curriculum, Second Step, has “Original Materials” (artwork) that can be resized for print materials such as staff lanyards. This agreement will allow the district to create ID badges that teachers and staff can use to reinforce the Second Step skills during instruction.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the agreement between USD 259 and Committee for Children for permission to resize and print these materials.



**VI. Policy**

A. First Review: Proposed Updates of BOE Policies

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Rob Dickson, Sean Hudspeth, Luke Newman  
Funding Source: NA

[Appendix 10](#)

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

<b>Current Policy</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Notes</b>
P5506	NA	Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission	Update policy to meet state statute (K.S.A. 72-3123) which allows nonresident students to attend schools in USD 259 if there are open seats.
P7090	NA	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS)	Updates for educational application and reporting.

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

B. Authorization to Publish Notice of Hearing

[Appendix 11](#)

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Rob Dickson  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The updated BOE policy 5506 – Non-resident Enrollment and Admission will be reviewed with the Board as a first read at tonight’s meeting. Prior to adoption, a notice of hearing is required to be published at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation covering the district. A copy of this notice of hearing is provided in [Appendix 11](#). At this hearing, changes to nonresident and enrollment policies may be adopted.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the publication of the notice of hearing to adopt revised policy 5506 – Non-resident Enrollment and Admission to comply with state statute permitting nonresident students to attend schools in USD 259 if there are open seats in the district. The public hearing will be held November 13, 2023 in the North High Lecture Hall at 6 p.m.

C. Second Review: Proposed Updates of Transportation Policies

Appendix 12

Contact(s): Fabián Armendáriz  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposes the following updates of Transportation policies.

<b>Current Policy</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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: It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed changes.

**VII. Reports**

- A. United Teachers of Wichita
- B. Service Employees International Union
- C. Superintendent's Report
- D. Board of Education

**VIII. Miscellaneous**

- A. New Business
- B. Board of Education Requests
- C. Executive Session

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

Matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student.

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

- D. Reconvene

- 1. Appeal Hearing: Case #1

Purpose: On September 26, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., an appeal hearing was held regarding a 10th grade student from West High School.

Recommendation: A recommendation will be presented at the Board table.

- E. Adjournment