

**Board of Education Minutes**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**Wichita, Kansas**  
**October 2, 2023**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<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 October 2, 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>
<b>Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance</b>	<p>The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the Wichita West High School JROTC Cadets.</p>
<b>Student Success</b>	<p>Recognition of Legacy Fund Golf Classic Sponsors</p> <p>Contact(s): Holly Wilson</p> <p>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 \$105,000. Tonight we recognize the following sponsors:</p> <p><u>Presenting Sponsor \$20,000</u>: Credit Union of America.</p> <p><u>Legacy Sponsor \$10,000</u>: Cessna-Beechcraft by Textron Aviation.</p> <p><u>Believer Sponsors \$5,000</u>: Basis Consulting Engineers, NWI Aerostructures, Professional Engineering Consultants, Spirit AeroSystems, Trane.</p> <p><u>Achiever Sponsors \$3,000</u>: Elite Concrete, Friends University, McCownGordon, WSU Tech.</p> <p><u>Golf Cart Sponsor \$2,300</u>: Hutton.</p> <p><u>Golf Ball Sponsor \$1,800</u>: Hellas Construction.</p> <p><u>Hole in One Contest Sponsors \$1,800</u>: Wesley Healthcare, Icon Structures, Incite Design Studio, Shaefer Architecture.</p> <p><u>Putting Contest Sponsor \$1,800</u>: Commerce Bank.</p> <p><u>Food Sponsors</u>: Building Controls &amp; Services (\$1,000), Ascension Via Christi (\$1,000 in kind), Cargill (\$500), N'Credibly Sweet (\$1,000 in kind).</p> <p><u>Prize Sponsors</u>: RSM (\$900), Allen, Gibbs &amp; Houlik (\$500), Johnson Controls (\$500).</p> <p><u>Beverage Sponsors (In Kind)</u>: Fleeson, Goings, Coulson &amp; Kitch, LLC, Hiland Dairy.</p>

<p><b>Public Communications</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kendrell Holley, 1030 S. Breckenridge Ct., Wichita, KS 67207. <u>Topic:</u> Albuterol in schools.</li> <li>2. Esau Freeman, 601 N. Terrace Dr., Wichita, KS 67208. <u>Topic:</u> Student behavior.</li> <li>3. Mike Harris, 9426 W. Thurman, Wichita, KS 67212. <u>Topic:</u> Special education.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Education</b></p>	
<p>Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan Goal #2: Increase 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Proficiency</p>	<p>Michele Ingenthron, Executive Director of Elementary Education, and Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instructional Support, briefed the Board. The Every Student Future Ready plan focuses on four long-term goals. Goal #2 is designed to increase 3rd grade reading proficiency. This presentation highlighted progress on literacy improvement in Volume 5 of Wichita Public Schools' Strategic Plan.</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>Outcomes of Summer 2023 Learning Opportunities</p>	<p>Loren Hatfield, Executive Director of Secondary Education, Dee Dee Stroot, Director of Innovation and Implementation, and Ms. Ingenthron briefed the Board. In March, the Board heard plans for summer programs. This presentation focused on a review of data from the 2023 summer learning opportunities in Wichita Public Schools.</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><b>Consent: Disposal of Routine Business</b></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 <a href="#">Appendix 1</a></p>	<p>Board approval.</p>
<p>2023-25 Employment Agreement with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 513, Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers <a href="#">Appendix 2</a></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Treasury Warrants: September 2023 <a href="#">Appendix 3</a></p>	<p>Board approval.</p>
<p>Monthly Finance Report: August 2023 <a href="#">Appendix 4</a></p>	<p>Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.</p>
<p>Purchasing Consent <a href="#">Appendix 5</a></p>	<p>Board approval.</p>
<p>Facilities Master Planning Services – Various Sites</p>	<p>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.</p>

<a href="#">Appendix 6</a>	
Sewer Line Repair – Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center	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.
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant: External Evaluators	Approve External Grant Evaluation services for these 9 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.
International Institute for Restorative Practices – Invoice Balance	Board member Kathy Bond pulled this item for discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4 of these minutes.
<a href="#">Appendix 7</a>	
Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA	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, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$12,027.31 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Agreement with Evergy Concerning Increases to Electrical Rates	Authorize the acceptance of Evergy’s proposal and execute the agreement memorializing the parties’ compromise
BOE Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2023	Board approval.
<a href="#">Appendix 8</a>	
Workers’ Compensation Settlement: E.F.	Approve this agreed upon award for E.F.’s 2022 work injury in the total amount of \$25,000.
Workers’ Compensation Settlement: J.R.	Approve this agreed upon award for J.R.’s 2022 work injury in the total amount of \$25,000.
Empathy Contract (Comprehensive Care for Bereaved Employees)	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.
Use and License Agreement: USD 259 and Committee for Children 9	Authorize the agreement between USD 259 and Committee for Children for permission to resize and print these materials.
<a href="#">Appendix 9</a>	

<b>Action on Pulled Consent Items</b>	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.												
International Institute for Restorative Practices – Invoice Balance  Appendix 7	At Mrs. Bond’s request, Superintendent Bielefeld briefed the Board. 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.  Mrs. Bond (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board authorize spending the remaining approved restorative practices balances through September 30, 2024.  The motion passed 7-0.												
<b>Policy</b>													
First Review: Proposed Updates of Administration Policies	As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposed the following updates: <table border="1" data-bbox="586 793 1414 1226"> <thead> <tr> <th>Current Policy</th> <th>Proposed</th> <th>Title</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P5506</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission</td> <td>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.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P7090</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS)</td> <td>Updates for educational application and reporting.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This was the Board’s first review of these policies.</p>	Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes	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.
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Authorization to Publish Notice of Hearing  Appendix 10	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.  Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved 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.  The motion passed 7-0.												

<p>Second Review: Proposed Updates of Transportation Policies  Appendix 12</p>	<p>As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposes the following updates of Transportation policies:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="586 268 1416 766"> <thead> <tr> <th>Current Policy</th> <th>Proposed</th> <th>Title</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7300</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Transportation of Students</td> <td>Updates to AIPs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7303</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Transportation of Special Education Students</td> <td>Revise title and updates to AIPs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7320</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Transporting Non-Reimbursable Students</td> <td>Revise title and updates to AIPs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7325</td> <td>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>Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board adopt the proposed changes. The motion passed 7-0.</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><b>Reports</b></p>																					
<p>United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)</p>	<p>Katie Warren, UTW president. Topic: Pre-K task force, teacher workload, and special education.</p>																				
<p>Service Employees International Union (SEIU)</p>	<p>Esau Freeman, SEIU business representative. Topic: Negotiated agreements and student behavior.</p>																				
<p>Superintendent's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reports that Student Health Services has been in contact with Kendrell Holley regarding albuterol in schools.</li> <li>- Recognized October as Hispanic Heritage Month.</li> <li>- Asked members of the public to be cognizant of vehicle and foot traffic around school buildings.</li> <li>- Reports favorable turnout at recent Strategic Plan listening sessions, and reports an online survey is open for feedback.</li> <li>- Reports district staffing levels are lower than what is required for current operations.</li> <li>- Served pancakes at Jimmie's Diner as part of GraceMed's fundraiser.</li> <li>- Delivered presentations at two Rotary Club meetings.</li> <li>- Gave testimony via Zoom to the state legislature's Special Committee on Education.</li> <li>- Met with UTW president Katie Warren in addition to other regularly scheduled meetings with assistant superintendents and department directors.</li> <li>- Served as co-host for televised premier of "Road Trip Nation" on PBS and attended the event reception at Exploration Place.</li> <li>- Notes next week is parent-teacher conferences.</li> <li>- Invites the community to attend East High School's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on October 7.</li> </ul>																				

Board of Education	<p>Ernestine Krehbiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Also recognized East High's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</li></ul> <p>Diane Albert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Attended Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation at Sedgwick County Commissioners' meeting. Recognized Maria Kury, Spanish Communications Specialist for the district, for leading the Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.</li><li>- Also attended webinar for Outcomes-Based Governance.</li><li>- Attended OpenStreets ICT and recognized the district for distributing free books to attendees.</li><li>- Toured Textron Aviation plant with K-12 program manager and discussed collaboration possibilities.</li><li>- Met with representatives from the Kansas Association of School Boards at their Wichita regional visit.</li><li>- Recognized Joanna Famer, teacher at Southeast High, who was selected as a finalist for Kansas Teacher of the Year.</li><li>- Visited classrooms at Spaght Elementary to observe literacy instruction.</li></ul> <p>Hazel Stabler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Thanked Superintendent Bielefeld for his continued presence in the greater community.</li><li>- Attended Earhart Elementary PTO meeting.</li><li>- Also attended Hispanic Heritage Month recognition at the Sedgwick County Commissioners' Meeting.</li><li>- Delivered presentation to Riverside Community Group on district initiatives.</li><li>- Attended West High School's Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony.</li><li>- Also attended OpenStreets ICT and passed out books to attendees. Thanked community partners for making connections with the district.</li><li>- Also toured the Textron Aviation plant.</li></ul> <p>Julie Hedrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Also recognized East High School's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and notes both her daughters are graduates.</li><li>- Clarified with Superintendent Bielefeld that results from the demographics study will be ready in November.</li></ul> <p>Kathy Bond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Also thanked Superintendent Bielefeld for his work so far leading the district.</li><li>- Recognized that the week of October 1 is National Principals' Week.</li><li>- Also recognized that a number of good things are happening district wide.</li><li>- Also attended OpenStreets ICT.</li></ul>
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<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
New Business	None submitted.
Board of Education Requests	Kathy Bond - Requested information regarding the possible sale of land adjacent to Northwest High School to the city of Wichita for a proposed police substation.
Executive Session #1: Student Matters	At approximately 8:33 p.m., Ms. Albert (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss matters pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under the Kansas Open Meetings Act.  The motion passed 7-0.
<b>Reconvene Meeting</b>	At approximately 8:42 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.
Appeal Hearing: Case #1	On September 26, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., an appeal hearing was held regarding a 10th grade student from West High School.  Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Krehbiel) moved that the Board uphold the Hearing Office recommendation.  The motion passed 7-0.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Ms. Krehbiel (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn.  The motion passed 7-0.  At approximately 8:44 p.m., the meeting adjourned.