

**Board of Education Agenda**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**October 30, 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 – North High School JROTC Cadets

**II. Student Success**

- A. Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee (SuperSAC)

Reporters: Ollie Cockrum and Joyce Davis, South High School

- B. Good News

- 1. Within Reach

Contact(s): Nicki Seeley, Ryan Alliman

During the summer of 2021, the Special Education department started a new credit recovery program for students with disabilities called Within Reach. The program is designed for high school students with disabilities served through an IEP considered at-risk of not graduating. Currently, this program is in every high school across the district. It also has a robust summer school option. During the two previous academic years (including summer school) the program has recovered over 1,000 credits.

**III. Public Communications**

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**IV. Education**

A. Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan – Goal #4: Schools are Trusted as Safe Places

Contact(s): Terri Moses, Vince Evans  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Our Every Student Future Ready plan focuses on four long-term goals. Goal #4 is designed to ensure schools are trusted as safe places by students, parents, staff, and community. Tonight’s presentation will highlight our progress and success in Goal #4 in Volume 5 of our Strategic Plan, as we continue to uphold our buildings as safe, civil, and productive learning and working environments.

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

**V. Consent**

A. Finance

1. Monthly Finance Report: September 2023

Appendix 1

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.

B. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 2

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Slide Seal Deli Bag	\$110,880.00	Fabian Armendariz
2. Plastic Bowl, 3” square, 5 oz.	\$44,748.00	Fabian Armendariz
3. Plastic Bowl, 12oz.	\$23,289.00	Fabian Armendariz
4. Band Uniforms	\$90,000.00	Shawn Chastain, Susan Willis
5. Edulog Support and Maintenance – Additional	\$100,000.00	Rob Dickson
6. Food – September 2023	\$266,684.06	Fabian Armendariz
7. Fuel – July, August, September 2023	\$659,814.39	Fabian Armendariz
8. Supply – September 2023	\$101,873.70	Fabian Armendariz

C. Programs/Grants

1. Early College Academy

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Funding Source: Non-Federal Gifts and Grants – Legacy Funds

2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Early College Academy (ECA) is a program intentionally designed to promote access and opportunity for more students to obtain a college degree. In partnership with Friends University, ECA will allow students to take more classes for college credit earlier in high school. When students in the program graduate from Northwest, they will have the chance to earn up to 57 college credits.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve payments to Friends University not to exceed \$140,000.

2. Second Step Curriculum

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Amanda Sharshel, Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Textbook Fund

2023-24 Budget (Renewal)

Purpose: Second Step (Committee for Children) is our K-8 core Social Emotional Learning curriculum. This item is to request Board approval to extend the contract agreement with Committee for Children, Second Step, in order to continue to provide social emotional content to K-8 students.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Committee for Children, Second Step materials for one year in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

3. Varsity Tutors Tutoring Services

Appendix 4

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Dee Dee Stroot, Denise Fuoco

Funding Source: Federal Funds (ESSER), Title I Funds

2023-24 Budget (Renewal)

Purpose: Varsity Tutors, under an agreement with Wichita Public Schools, will provide District Assigned and Teacher Assigned tutoring services to elementary students (K-5) to remedy learning loss incurred during COVID-19 pandemic

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Varsity Tutors for 2023-24 school year to provide District Assigned and Teacher Assigned tutoring services for up to six schools. This contract shall not exceed \$200,000 funded through federal ESSER and Title 1 funds.

D. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2023

Appendix 5

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2023 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goings, 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 – Worker’s Compensation Reserve Fund  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Fleeson, Goings, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for September 2023 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$8,715.87.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for September 2023 legal services and expenses for Worker’s Compensation in the amount of \$11,068.42.

This brings the 2023-24 fiscal year-to-date total to \$37,738.37 for Civil Litigation services and \$32,319.11. for Worker’s Compensation services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Worker’s Compensation under the school district’s self-insured programs for September 2023 in the amount of \$8,715.87 to Fleeson, Goings, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$11,068.42 to McDonald Tinker PA.

3. Resolution 2023-13: Surplus Property

Appendix 6

Contact(s): Luke Newman, Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The Superintendent recommends the following property to be declared surplus:

1. Field Elementary School, 3006 St, Louis Street: property, land, and improvements.
2. Excess land at Northwest High School, 1220 N. Tyler Road: approximately five acres.

The recommendation to declare these properties to be surplus is being made because the properties are vacant, there are no future plans for the properties to be used by the district for any reason, the properties are expensive to maintain, and the sale of the properties will provide cash to the district.

To sell the property at Field Elementary, the Board must first by resolution declare the property to be surplus. The state of Kansas has the right of first refusal on obtaining the property and may do so by the legislature adopting a concurrent resolution no later than 45 days after commencement of the 2024 legislative session. If no concurrent resolution is passed within that time, the Board may sell the property.

The excess land at Northwest High must also be declared surplus to be sold. The state has no right of first refusal on this land, however, and the timetable does not apply.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 2023-13 declaring the former Field Elementary School property and excess land at Northwest High to be surplus.

4. Sale of Property to the City of Wichita

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The City of Wichita and Wichita Public Schools, USD 259, have entered into a Real Estate Purchase agreement in the amount of \$450,000 for five (5) acres at Northwest High School. The City of Wichita will use the purchased land to build a new West Wichita Police Sub-Station. The contract is contingent upon the Board's approval of Resolution 2023-13, declaring the land surplus pursuant to Board policy P7170.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with the City of Wichita for \$450,000. BOE General Counsel has approved the Real Estate Purchase Agreement.

5. Water Damage – Christa McAuliffe Academy

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer, Luke Newman, Randy Scott, Douglas Mumma  
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self-funded Insurance Reserve  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: On February 14, 2023, Christa McAuliffe Academy sustained water damage due to breached window seals. Water damage remediation was completed by Reconstruction Services, LLC.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve \$59,227.41 to be paid to Reconstruction Services, LLC.

6. Groundwater Interim Remedial Measures Project

Contact(s): Terri Moses  
Funding Source: Special Liability Expense Fund  
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) requires implementation of work plans relative to the delineation of groundwater constituents and groundwater remediation as part of the School Service Center Interim Remedial Measures project. This agenda item will provide for consultative services from Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for the groundwater interim remedial measure performance monitoring and reporting; well repair and maintenance; and general consulting KDHE requests and requires as it pertains to this project.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board retain Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to implement work plans for the school Service Center Interim Remedial Measures Project as required by KDHE in an amount not to exceed \$108,700.

**VI. Operations – None submitted.**

**VII. Finance – None submitted.**

**VIII. Policy**

A. Second Review: Proposed Updates of BOE Policies

Appendix 7

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

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

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.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed updates to P7090. Updates to P5506 will be voted on at the regular meeting on November 13, 2023.

B. First Review: Proposed Update to Financial Services Policy

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Susan Willis  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposes the following policy update for Financial Services:

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
3308	NA	Accepting Credit/Debit Card and Internet Payments	Update to conform to state statute and existing practices

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

**IX. Reports**

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

**X. 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:

- 1. 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 #2

Purpose: On October 10, 2023, at noon, 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