Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
November 13, 2023

Roll Call	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 November 13, 2023, with President Sheril Logan presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Ernestine Krehbiel, Sheril Logan, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond.
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the Christa McAuliffe Academy JROTC Cadets.
Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee (SuperSAC)	Israel Torres, Northeast Magnet. Topic: Communication strategies.
Student Success	
Good News	Student Recognition: Israel Torres, Northeast Magnet High School Contact(s): Carey Keller The district recognizes Northeast Magnet senior Israel Torres. Israel is a WPS honors student who is also enrolled as a night student in WSU Tech's Adult Aviation Maintenance Technology Program. He is also currently interning with Textron Aviation. Israel is an example of what it means to be Future Ready and #WPSProud. District National Merit Semifinalists Contact(s): Loren Hatfield The National Merit Scholarship Program has named three Semifinalists from Wichita Public Schools. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. Students become National Merit Semifinalists by taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) during their junior year and are the highest-scoring entrants in the state. This year's semifinalists are: John Robertson (Northwest), Ethan Wessley (East), and Shlok Prabhu (East). Sedgwick County Indigenous Peoples' Day Recognition Contact(s): Hazel Stabler The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recognized October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Sedgwick County, Kansas. Board member Hazel Stabler was present to receive the proclamation.
Public Communications	None submitted.

Public Hearing on Updates to P5506 – Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission	Contact(s): Gil Alvarez Funding Source: NA State statute requires the Board to hold a public hearing on updates to P5506 – Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission. The purpose of the hearing is to hear and answer objections from the public relating to the proposed policy updates. The proposed updates were reviewed by the Board at their regular meetings on October 2, 2023 and October 30, 2023 and are for review online and at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center at 903 S. Edgemoor in Wichita. Members of the public who have registered to speak in accordance with requirements published in tonight's agenda may address the Board. Following receiving of statements by the public, the Board President will close the public hearing. The Board will have the opportunity to ask questions, if necessary, during the final policy review. No action is taken during the Public Hearing. Speakers who want to address the Board during the **Public Hearing on Updates to P5506 – Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission** 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 ten minutes before the meeting begins. A speaker's comments will be limited to the policy updates, will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students, and will not exceed three minutes. Speakers will provide twelve copies of any handouts to the Clerk of the Board's table for distribution at the Board table. Speakers for Public Hearing only: Patricia Hileman, 139 S. Fountain, Wichita, KS 67218.

Education	**Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Holly Ingram** **2024 Legislative Agenda** **Appendix 1** Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Susan Willis Funding Source: NA The purpose of this item is to discuss the agenda for the 2024 legislative session. The legislative agenda allows for a targeted and focused approach to educating and advocating for issues impacting our district.
2024-29 Strategic Plan Development: First Review of Student Success Outcomes	Superintendent Bielefeld and Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, 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 led to adjustments in the shared beliefs, vision and mission of the Wichita Public Schools earlier this fall. Following a series of community listening sessions conducted by the Center for Evaluation and Educational Leadership at the University of Kansas, the 60-member stakeholder team evaluated feedback and produced themes and insights to guide the creation of Student Success Outcomes. These outcomes, along with the measures of success that will be part of the December report to the board, create the foundation for a new Every Student Future Ready strategic plan that will shape the future of our school district and community. Tonight's report introduced the board to the recommended Student Success Outcomes. Following tonight's discussion, Superintendent Bielefeld will work with the members of the core and planning teams to finalize a recommendation for December for which he will seek approval from the board. Following the anticipated approval in December, stakeholders will be engaged yet again to construct the key action elements that will bring life to the plan and propel the district and its students into the future. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Graduation Requirement Changes – Class of 2028	Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools, and Holly Ingram, Executive Director of Instructional Support, briefed the Board. The Class of 2028 will be under the new Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) graduation requirements. This presentation will review the changes to the graduation requirements as outlined by KSDE and how Wichita Public Schools will change policy and practice to meet said requirements. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.

Education *(continued)* **2024 Legislative Agenda** Appendix 1	Deputy Superintendent Alvarez and Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board on the district's agenda for the 2024 legislative session. The legislative agenda allows for a targeted and focused approach to educating and advocating for issues impacting our district. The Board thanked them for their presentation and authorized their support for the agenda.
Executive Session #1: Attorney-client	At approximately 7:55 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss litigation with the Board's legal counsel. The motion passed 7-0.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 8:11 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Albert) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 2	Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: October 2023 Appendix 3	Board approval.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	Board approval.
Facilities Master Planning Services	Amend the contract with Cooperative Strategies and Alloy Architecture for Facilities Master Planning Services, to include the additional scope and fee, resulting in a revised total contract amount not to exceed $495,000.
Interactive Flat Panel Installation Phase Three: Wall and Ceiling Repair (Various Sites	Enter agreements with Cherokee Construction, Icon Structures Inc, City Wide Facility Solutions, Seaton Construction, McCownGordon Construction and Hutton Corporation equating to a total cumulative amount not to exceed $600,000, for the Interactive Flat Panel Installation, Phase Three - Wall and Ceiling Repair at various sites.
Node Room HVAC Replacement – School Service Center	Enter into a contract with The Waldinger Corporation for the Node Room HVAC Replacement at the School Service Center, in an amount not to exceed $211,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.
Nutrition Services Expansion – Construction Manager at Risk – GMP #1B	Amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #1B in the amount of $4,662,322. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #1B, and previously approved GMP #1A, to $5,662,322.
Purchase of Property from CBBB, LLC	Approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with CBBB, LLC for $349,000. BOE General Council has approved the Real Estate Purchase Agreement.
Security Improvement Projects: Construction Manager at Risk – GMP #2 (Various Sites)	Amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #2 in the amount of $487,964. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #2, and previously approved GMP #1, to $2,987,964.

Structural Repairs: Construction Manager at Risk Delivery Method (North High, Northwest High)	Enter into a contract with Hutton Corporation, contingent upon an agreeable contract, to provide Construction Manager at Risk services on the Structural Repairs at North and Northwest High Schools project. Final construction scope and costs will be established in future GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) packages for approval by the Board of Education.
Structural Repairs: Design Professional (North High, Northwest High)	Approve an additional amount of $80,000 with Schaefer Architecture, for professional design services, on the repairs at North and Northwest High Schools. This would bring the total not to exceed amount to $520,000.
Window and Roof Replacement (Various Sites)	Enter into a contract with Icon Structures, Inc., for Window and Roof Replacement at Various Sites, in an amount not to exceed $5,595,000, which includes the base bid, selected alternates, and project contingency.
Audit Services Appendix 5	Approve a contract with Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C., to provide auditing services to the district for a total not to exceed $185,000 per year through the completion of the FY27 audit.
The Opportunity Project (TOP) Agreement Appendix 6	Approve an agreement and partnership between The Opportunity Project (TOP) and USD 259 for a two-year total not exceed $407,040 in FY24 and $440,000 in FY25.
BOE Meeting Minutes for October 30, 2023 Appendix 7	Board approval.
Legal Services: Triplett Woolf & Garretson, LLC	Authorize payment for legal services and expenses in connection with the 2023 Evergy rate case in the amount of $32,144 to Triplett Woolf & Garretson, LLC.
Settlement Agreement – Claims of R.F. against Unified School District No. 259, et al.	Approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed $200,000 to settle these claims
Proposed Policy Revisions Appendix 8	Board member Stan Reeser pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" below.
Water Damage Repairs – Truesdell Middle School	Approve $4,968 for additional expenses, bringing the total damage reserve of $60,762.80 to cover all expenses of this project.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Proposed Policy Revisions Appendix 8	Mr. Reeser (Ms.Krehbiel) moved the Board consider P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas for a First Read tonight rather than adopt the policy revision by Consent. The motion failed 5-2, with Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, Ms. Hedrick, Ms. Stabler, and Mrs. Bond voting no. Mrs. Bond (Ms. Albert) moved the Board adopt revisions to BOE policies P4026.2, P6333, and P7350. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Reeser voting no.
Operations	None submitted.
Finance	None submitted.

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Proposed Update to Learning Services Policy P5506</td><td>
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<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>
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Mrs. Bond (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board adopt the proposed changes to P5506 – Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission.

The motion passed 7-0.
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<tr><td>Second Review:
Proposed Update to Financial Services Policy P3308</td><td>
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<tr><td>P3308</td><td>NA</td><td>Accepting Credit/Debit Card and Internet Payments</td><td>Update to conform to state statute and existing practices.</td></tr>
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Mrs. Bond (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board adopt the proposed changes to P3308 – Accepting Credit/Debit Card and Internet Payments.

The motion passed 7-0.
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<tr><td>First Review:
Proposed Updates to Board of Education Policies</td><td>
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<tr><td>P0700</td><td>NA</td><td>Expenses – Board of Education Members</td><td>Adress Board remuneration in response to state law.</td></tr>
<tr><td>P3714</td><td>NA</td><td>Voluntary Early Retirement Program</td><td>Comply with industry and current practices.</td></tr>
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This was the Board’s first review of the above policies.

Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board table discussion of updates to P0700 – Expenses-Board of Education Members until the Board’s regular meeting on February 12, 2024.

The motion passed 5-2, with Ms. Hedrick and Ms. Krehbiel voting no.
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<tr><td>Reports</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)</td><td>Katie Warren, UTW President. Topic: Teacher workload.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Service Employees International (SEIU)</td><td>None submitted.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Superintendent’s Report</td><td>Superintendent Bielefeld recognized and complimented district employees reporting directly to him.</td></tr>
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Reports *(continued)* Board of Education	Ernestine Krehbiel - Recognized Heartland Community Church for feeding lunch to teachers at Clark Elementary. - Thanked district teachers for their work before, during, and after school hours. - Attended the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) annual convention November 10-12. Diane Albert - Updated the Greater Wichita Ministerial League about the district's future plans. - Attended the Kansas School Board Resource Center convention as well as the KASB convention. - Met with representatives from Textron Aviation at the FutureReady Manufacturing Center. - Attended the JROTC program's Veterans' Day ceremony. Hazel Stabler - Recognized Superintendent Bielefeld for his leadership and accomplishments in his first year as superintendent. - Also attended the Salute to Veterans ceremony. - Reports she was part of a group surprising Pleasant Valley Middle School principal Justin Kasel as the district's Principal of the Year. Julie Hedrick - Also attended the Salute to Veterans ceremony. - Also attended the KASB convention. Kathy Bond - Reports one of her high school teachers recently passed away and remarked upon the impact he had on a number of students' lives. - Attended district choral invitational. - Attended Northwest JROTC veterans recognition ceremony at Avida Nursing Home as well as the Salute to Veterans ceremony. - Served as an official judge during the city's Veterans' Day parade. Ernestine Krehbiel - Reports the new FutureReady Health Sciences Center has a grand opening this coming Thursday, November 16. Sheril Logan - Recognized American Education Week beginning Monday, November 20. - Encouraged district teachers and staff to enjoy their Fall Break. - Praised Superintendent Bielefeld for his achievements in his new role.
Miscellaneous	
Board of Education Reports/Requests	None submitted.
New Business	None submitted.

Executive Session #2: Personnel matters	At approximately 8:54 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss employee performance metrics. The motion passed 7-0.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:07 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.
Executive Session #3: Student matters	At approximately 9:08 p.m., Ms. Albert (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss an expulsion appeal. The motion passed 4-0, with Mr. Reeser, Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, and Ms. Hedrick present and voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:23 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.
Appeal Hearing: Case #3	On Monday, November 6, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., an appeal hearing was held regarding a 9th grade student from Southeast High School. Ms. Hedrick (Mrs. Bond) moved that the Board overturn the recommendation from the Hearing Officer and expel the student from Wichita Public Schools through May 23, 2024 The motion passed 5-0, with Mr. Reeser, Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, Ms. Hedrick, and Mrs. Bond present and voting.
Executive Session #4: Student matters	At approximately 9:26 p.m., Ms. Albert (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss an expulsion appeal. The motion passed 5-0, with Mr. Reeser, Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, Ms. Hedrick, and Mrs. Bond present and voting.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:35 p.m., Board President Logan reconvened the meeting.
Appeal Hearing: Case #4	On Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., an appeal hearing was held regarding a 10th grade student from Northeast Magnet High School. Ms. Logan (Ms. Albert) moved that the Board uphold the decision of the Hearing Officer. The motion passed 5-0, with Mr. Reeser, Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, Ms. Hedrick, and Ms. Stabler present and voting.
Adjournment	Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 5-0, with Mr. Reeser, Ms. Logan, Ms. Albert, Ms. Hedrick, and Ms. Stabler present and voting. At approximately 9:37 p.m., the meeting adjourned.