

**Board of Education Minutes**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**Wichita, Kansas**  
**December 11, 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 December 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>
<b>Moment of Silence</b>	<p>The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence. Board president Logan asked everyone to remember Hollis Stabler, husband of Board member Hazel Stabler, who passed away on November 19, 2023.</p>
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Curtis Middle School JROTC cadets.</p>
<b>Student Success</b>	
Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC)	<p>Reporters: Alayna Alvarez and Kamerin Stubbs, Northwest High.          Topic: Outreach project to community members.</p>
Good News	<p>2023 Turkey Drive Benefitting Wichita’s United Methodist Open Door</p> <p>Contact(s): Patty Stuever, Deann Smith</p> <p>The 33rd Annual Turkey Drive to benefit United Methodist Open Door was held Friday, November 17, 2023, at the Waterwalk. This was the 17th year that WPS participated in this community event. We will recognize the students from schools for the winners of the “friendly” competition and our partners and for this event.</p> <p>2023 WPS Arts Council Award Winners</p> <p>Contact(s): Shawn Chastain</p> <p>The annual Arts Council Awards were established in 1969 by the Wichita/Sedgwick County Arts and Humanities Council to recognize and honor those businesses, foundations and individuals who have displayed consistent and exemplary support of the arts and humanities in our community. Martha Dooms, Wichita Southeast HS Theatre Director, received the Arts Educator Award, and Athalia Altit, Wichita East HS Senior, received the Youth Recognition Award. Martha and Athalia were honored at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts Award Dinner on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Wichita Art Museum.</p>

<p>Good News <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>Wichita Public Schools 2023 Administrators of the Year Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Michele Ingenthron</p> <p>The WPS Administrator of the Year award recognizes principals and assistant principals who have increased belonging, voice, and agency for students and staff as well as improved academic culture and progress on their campus. Wichita Public Schools honors four WPS Administrators of the Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary Principal of the Year – Todd Sanchez, Linwood Elementary School</li> <li>• Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year – Cynthia Chrisman, Minneha Core Knowledge Magnet Elementary School</li> <li>• Secondary Principal of the Year – Justin Kasel, Pleasant Valley Middle School</li> <li>• Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year – Kathleen Bastin, Jardine STEM and Career Explorations Academy Middle School</li> </ul> <p>Surprise visits honored recipients on November 6, 2023, and November 13, 2023.</p>
<p><b>Recognition of Outgoing Board of Members</b></p>	<p>The Board recognized and thanked outgoing Board members Sheril Logan and Ernestine Krehbiel for their service. New Board members Melody McCray-Miller and Ngoc Vuong will be sworn in and seated at the January 22, 2024 regular Board meeting.</p>
<p><b>Public Communications</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kendrell Holley, 1030 S. Breckenridge Ct., Wichita, KS 67218. <u>Topic:</u> Albuterol in schools.</li> <li>2. Patricia Hileman, 139 S. Fountain, Wichita, KS 67218. <u>Topic:</u> AAA attendance area.</li> <li>3. Matt Forney, 1845 Fairmount St., Wichita, KS 67260. <u>Topic:</u> Recognition and award presentation to Kelly Bielefeld and Rob Dickson for their contributions to the Applied Learning Center at Wichita State University.</li> </ol>

<b>Education</b>	
2024-2029 Strategic Plan Update	<p>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. As a result of engagement from a 60-member community stakeholder Strategic Planning Team, and the voices of hundreds of community stakeholders through a series of community listening sessions conducted by the Center for Evaluation and Educational Leadership at the University of Kansas, the vision, mission, shared beliefs, student success outcomes and measures of success presented at this board meeting represent the proposed new 2024-29 Every Student Future Ready strategic plan. This transformative plan focuses on life readiness and the opportunities that will impact every WPS student.</p> <p>At approximately 7:17 p.m., Mr. Reeser left the Board table.</p> <p>At approximately 7:22, Mr. Reeser returned to the Board table.</p> <p>The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.</p> <p>Ms. Logan (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board adopt the 2024-29 Strategic Plan as presented by administration.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<b>Executive Session</b>	<p>At approximately 7:32 p.m., Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board recess into an executive session to discuss with the Board's attorney a potential settlement deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
<b>Reconvene</b>	<p>At approximately 7:45 p.m., Board president Logan reconvened the meeting.</p>
<b>Consent: Disposal of Routine Business</b>	<p>Ms. Krehbiel (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>
Human Resources Report <a href="#">Appendix 1</a>	Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: November 2023 <a href="#">Appendix 2</a>	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: October 2023 <a href="#">Appendix 3</a>	provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Purchasing Consent <a href="#">Appendix 4</a>	Board approval.
Gordon VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software	Approve annual licensing for Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software in an amount not to exceed \$79,350.00 through the Omnia Partners Contract # R210701.

Security Improvements Projects – Construction Manager at Risk – Various – GMP 3	Amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #3 in the amount of \$1,332,696. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #3, and previously approved GMP #1 and #2, to \$4,320,660.
2023 Clean School Bus Rebate Program – Application Approval	Authorize First Student to apply for the 2023 Clean School Bus Rebate Program funding for Wichita Public Schools (USD 259).
Grant Writing Services <a href="#">Appendix 5</a>	Enter into an agreement with Assel Grant Services for external grant writing services for the Perkins Innovation and Modernization grant in an amount not to exceed \$27,001.50.
Language! Live – Middle School Tier 3 Literacy Intervention <a href="#">Appendix 6</a>	Authorize the purchase of Language! Live licenses, professional learning, and resources from Voyager Sopris for one year in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.
Secondary Core Math Adoption <a href="#">Appendix 7</a>	Authorize the purchase of enVision licenses, professional learning, and resources from SAVVAS for a seven-year adoption in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.
Xello Contract Renewal	Authorize the renewal of Xello via Orion Education and Training (South Central Kansas Education Center) for use in assessing and aligning students' career interests with course selections to build actionable plans for college and career development in an amount not to exceed \$86,755.60.
BOE Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2023 <a href="#">Appendix 8</a>	Board approval.
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 October 2023 in the amount of \$5,167 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$12,599.80 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Settlement Agreement – K.O. and S.O. v. Unified School District No. 259, et al.	Approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed \$325,690 to obtain a release of claims by K.O. and S.O. and to pay associated mediation costs.
Release and Authorization to Return Earnest Money	Execute the agreement and authorize Security 1 <sup>st</sup> Title to return Garvey's earnest money deposit.
Optum – New Stop Loss Carrier Contract	Approve a new contract with Optum for the stop loss carrier on the health plans as of 2024 for an estimated total premium of \$1,361,193. This is an estimated total as it is based on health plan enrollment numbers, and these numbers can fluctuate. Premium will be based on \$19.09 per employee per month enrolled on one of the district health plans.

<b>Operations</b>									
District Facilities Master Planning	<p>Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, introduced David Sturtz and Rob Olsen from Cooperative Strategies, and Jesse Miller and Jeff Sherrard from Alloy Engineering, who briefed the Board. The team addressed the Board and reviewed the facility master planning process, guidelines, goals, and framework. The team also reviewed the district’s building conditions, utilization, and overall portfolio compared to other districts in Kansas and nationwide. A project timeline was also shared with the Board.</p> <p>At approximately 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Bond left the Board table.</p> <p>At approximately 8:35 p.m., Mrs. Bond returned to the Board table.</p> <p>The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board’s information.</p>								
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Second Review: Proposed Update of Human Resources Policy  Appendix 9	<p>As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposed the following update of Human Resources policy:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="586 793 1414 951"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="586 793 711 856">Current Policy</th> <th data-bbox="711 793 862 856">Proposed</th> <th data-bbox="862 793 1138 856">Title</th> <th data-bbox="1138 793 1414 856">Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="586 856 711 951">P3714</td> <td data-bbox="711 856 862 951">NA</td> <td data-bbox="862 856 1138 951">Voluntary Early Retirement Program</td> <td data-bbox="1138 856 1414 951">Comply with industry and current practices.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board adopt the proposed revisions.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>	Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes	P3714	NA	Voluntary Early Retirement Program	Comply with industry and current practices.
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<p>First Review: Proposed Updates of BOE Policies  Appendix 10</p>	<p>As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposes the following updates of Secondary Office, Learning Services, and Student Support Services policies.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="586 394 1414 1045"> <thead> <tr> <th>Current Policy</th> <th>Proposed</th> <th>Title</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P6326</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Course Credit - Secondary</td> <td>Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P6327</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Issuing Credit for Travel and/or Field Experiences</td> <td>Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P6334</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Graduation Requirements for Students with Disabilities</td> <td>Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P6725</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Mathematics Education</td> <td>Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P6791</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Physical Education</td> <td>Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P6800</td> <td>NA</td> <td>Reading</td> <td>Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This was the Board’s first review of the above policies. Proposed changes will be voted on at the January 22, 2024 regular BOE meeting.</p>	Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes	P6326	NA	Course Credit - Secondary	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas	P6327	NA	Issuing Credit for Travel and/or Field Experiences	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas	P6334	NA	Graduation Requirements for Students with Disabilities	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas	P6725	NA	Mathematics Education	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas	P6791	NA	Physical Education	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas	P6800	NA	Reading	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas
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<p>United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)</p>	<p>Katie Warren, UTW President. <u>Topic</u>: Thanks to outgoing Board members Sheril Logan and Ernestine Krehbiel; Project Angel Tree.</p>																												

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Notes final exams are Thursday, December 14 and Friday, December 15.</li> <li>- Reports the JROTC program had their Air Capital Drill and annual Superintendent's breakfast.</li> <li>- Attended the fall Teachers Signing Day event at the Morris Center. Notes several new teachers are graduates of Wichita Public Schools.</li> <li>- Celebrated the Wichita Arts Council awards for students at their annual dinner.</li> <li>- Attended several Holiday concerts and productions at district schools.</li> <li>- Reports that Pleasant Valley Middle School was recognized as a "Best Place to Work" by the Wichita Business Journal.</li> <li>- Met with Ms. Warren and Esau Freeman from the Service Employees International Union regarding staffing.</li> <li>- Recognized the 2023 Fall Good Apple Award recipients.</li> <li>- Hosted the Wichita teen anti-drug summit coordinated by the Wichita Crime Commission.</li> <li>- Also hosted the ribbon cutting event for the FutureReady Health Sciences center with WSU Tech.</li> <li>- Took part in the 2023 Teacher of the Year visits and surprised teachers in their classrooms.</li> </ul>
Board of Education Reports	<p>Kathy Bond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended a performance by district students in conjunction with the Ballet Wichita.</li> <li>- Attended the Kansas Teacher of the Year breakfast.</li> <li>- Participated in Legislative Coffee with elected officials at the FutureReady Manufacturing Center, and reports that airmen from McConnell Air Force Base will tour the facility.</li> <li>- Visited Northwest High and Wilbur Middle School.</li> <li>- Also took part in 2023 Fall Good Apple Awards.</li> <li>- Thanked Ms. Logan and Ms. Krehbiel for their Board service.</li> </ul> <p>Julie Hedrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Also thanked Ms. Logan and Ms. Krehbiel for their Board service.</li> </ul> <p>Hazel Stabler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Also took part in the 2023 Fall Good Apple Awards.</li> <li>- Also attended the Kansas Teacher of the Year breakfast and Legislative Coffee at the FutureReady Center.</li> <li>- Visited Pleasant Valley Elementary and took part in a poetry café hosted by one of the classrooms.</li> <li>- Also thanked Ms. Logan and Ms. Krehbiel for their Board service.</li> </ul>

<p>Board of Education Reports <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>Diane Albert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the FutureReady Health Care Center.</li> <li>- Also attended the Kansas Teacher of the Year breakfast and Legislative Coffee at the FutureReady Center.</li> <li>- Also thanked Ms. Logan and Ms. Krehbiel for their Board service.</li> </ul> <p>Stan Reeser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Also attended 2023 Fall Good Apple Awards and noted how many facets of the district are required to educate students.</li> <li>- Addressed the issues of attendance and tardiness and encouraged administration to look further into developing these good habits.</li> <li>- Also thanked Ms. Logan and Ms. Krehbiel for their Board service.</li> </ul> <p>Ernestine Krehbiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanked Board members and administrators for their kind words and offered advice and encouragement for current and future Board members.</li> </ul> <p>Sheril Logan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Noted she has enjoyed her time on the Board, and that students who were in kindergarten when she started have now graduated.</li> <li>- Thanked Board members, staff, teachers, and students for their performance and kind words.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Board president Logan announced the Board will have special meetings occurring on Friday, January 5, and Saturday, January 6, at 8 a.m. in Room 809 of the Morris Center. Both meetings are for the purpose of Executive Session.</p>
<p>Board of Education Requests</p>	<p>None submitted.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Ms. Logan (Ms. Krehbiel) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-1, with Ms. Krehbiel voting no. At approximately 9:08 p.m., the meeting adjourned.</p>