Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
January 22, 2024

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 January 22, 2024, with Vice President Diane Albert presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Ngoc Vuong, Melody McCray-Miller, 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 Hamilton Middle School JROTC Cadets.
Student Success	
Good News	Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas "6 of 6" Award Contact(s): Christy Pray, Charee Moore Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) recognizes Southeast, North, and West High Schools with the prestigious "6 of 6" Award. This is presented to JAG programs reaching and exceeding high benchmarks after a twelve-month follow-up in categories including graduation, post-graduation employment, military service, and post-secondary education. Both JAG National and JAG Kansas are proud to recognize these WPS schools for their achievement.
Public Communications	Connie Dietz, 8310 Greenbrier, Wichita, KS 67226. Topic: Welcome to new BOE members.
Education	
Department of Equity, Diversity, and Accountability: Overview of Future Ready Advocates and Mentorship	Dr. William Polite, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Accountability, and Keith Reynolds, Director of Diversity Training, briefed the Board on the mission, purpose, and initiatives of their department. At approximately 6:58 p.m., Board member Julie Hedrick left the table. At approximately 7:00 p.m., Ms. Hedrick returned the to the table. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
McKinney-Vento Program: Families in Transition	Dee Dee Stroot, Director of Innovation and Implementation, and Denise Lawson, Director of McKinney-Vento, briefed the Board on the McKinney-Vento and Families in Transition programs. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. Hedrick (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.

Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: December 2023 Appendix 2	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: November 2023 Appendix 3	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Monthly Finance Report: December 2023 Appendix 4	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 5	Board approval.
Athletic Floor Refinishing – Various Appendix 6	Enter into a contract with Creative Floors Coating & Design for athletic floor resurfacing and refinishing, in an amount not to exceed $300,000.
East High Grove Campus – Tunnels B and C	Approve a total amount not to exceed of $91,390 to Reconstruction Services, LLC for the necessary repairs as detailed above, which includes estimates to date of $81,390 and an additional recommended contingency of $10,000.
Lightwells Additional Roof Replacement – East High	Approve a total revised amount not to exceed of $1,008,858.58 to Reconstruction Services, LLC for the necessary roof replacement and repairs as detailed above. This amount includes $658,858.58 originally approved on February 18, 2023, as well as $350,000 to address necessary concrete roof structural repairs referenced above.
Music Suite and Node Room – East High	Approve a total amount not to exceed of $68,846.01 to Reconstruction Services, LLC for the necessary repairs as detailed above, which includes estimates to date of $63,846.01 and an additional recommended contingency of $5,000.
Nutrition Services Expansion – Construction Manager At-Risk – GMP #2 Appendix 7	Amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #2 in the amount of $807,000. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #1A, 1B, and 2 to $6,469,322.
Security Improvement Projects – Construction Manager At-Risk – GMP #4 Appendix 8	Amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #4 in the amount of $227,000. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #4, and previously approved GMP awards #1 through #3, to $4,547,660.
Storm Shelter Upgrades – Various	Enter into a contract with Icon Structures, Inc. for Storm Shelter Correction at Buckner Elementary School, Gordon Parks Academy, Hyde Elementary School, and Jackson Elementary School in an amount not to exceed $221,520.
Sale of Property to Tom George Investments, LLC	Approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Tom George Investments, LLC, for $350,000. BOE General Council has approved the Real Estate Purchase Agreement.
Amendment to Terms of Engagement with Outside Counsel	Approve an amendment to the terms of engagement with Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson, & Kitch LLC to set rates at $190 per hour for senior/partner-level attorneys, $175 per hour for junior/associate-level attorneys, and $90 per hour for the work of legal assistants.

Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA	Authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Worker's Compensation under the school district's self-insured programs for November 2023 in the amount of $15,492.00 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $10,384.30 to McDonald Tinker PA.
BOE Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2023 Appendix 9	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2024 Appendix 10	Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2024 Appendix 11	Board approval.
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (NCI) – Team Control Appendix 12	This item was pulled by Board member Melody McCray-Miller for further discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" below.
Lightning Damage – North High School	Approve $20,288.03 in insurance reserves to cover all expenses associated with repairing the clay tile roof.
Water Damage – Seltzer Elementary	approve $42,363.56 in insurance reserves to cover all expenses associated with repairing the water damage.
Water Damage – Truesdell Middle School Appendix 13	Approve $60,000 in reserves l expenses associated with repairing the water damage.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: A.A.	Approve this agreed upon award for A.A.'s 2019 work injury in the total amount of $50,000.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (NCI) – Team Control Appendix 12	At Ms. McCray-Miller's request, Mr. Bielefeld briefed the Board. Authorize the district to sign the permissions letter with Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) so our new trainers can have access to the video training for the Team Control hold at no additional cost to the district and teach it to others. To comply with BOE Policy 5116, annual training on Emergency Safety Interventions is provided to all district staff members. On July 31st, 2023, the Board approved select staff members to attend professional development through the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) and become certified as NCI (Nonviolent Crisis Intervention) trainers. CPI used an updated curriculum for this training that no longer included a particular hold (Team Control) which has historically been used by our staff. Rather than requiring us to pay for additional training to learn the Team Control method, CPI has granted us the free option to learn/teach this hold through their video library. Ms. McCray Miller (Ms. Stabler) moved the Board authorize the district to sign the permissions letter with Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) so our new trainers can have access to the video training for the Team Control hold at no additional cost to the district and teach it to others. The motion passed 7-0.

Operations	
Election of Officers (Board of Education)	In accordance with BOE Policy 0100 – Organization of the Board: "At the Board's first meeting on or after the second Monday in January of each year, the Board shall elect a president and vice president from its members, each of whom shall serve for one year or until his/her successor is elected." The election of officers shall be by open ballot. Board policy stipulates that each member may vote for any member of the Board and successive ballots shall be taken for each office until one member receives four votes. The newly elected president and vice-president shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected. <u>President</u>: Stan Reeser Ballot 1: <u>Voting for Stan Reeser</u>: Diane Albert, Ngoc Vuong, Stan Reeser, Julie Hedrick, Melody McCray-Miller, and Hazel Stabler. <u>Voting for Diane Albert</u>: Kathy Bond. <u>Vice President</u>: Diane Albert Ballot 1: <u>Voting for Diane Albert</u>: Diane Albert, Stan Reeser, Kathy Bond, and Hazel Stabler. <u>Voting for Melody McCray-Miller</u>: Ngoc Vuong, Melody McCray-Miller, and Julie Hedrick.
Recess	At approximately 7:46 p.m., Vice President Albert announced the Board would take a brief recess. At approximately 7:58 p.m., the Board reconvened.
Finance	
Budget Report	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board. Owing to declining enrollment, aging buildings, and the end of federal ESSER funds, the district faces a $42 million shortfall for the 2024-2025 school year. Impending administrative and program changes reduce this shortfall to $33 million. In response to staff and community surveys, the priority is people over buildings. By reducing the number of school buildings, utilizing natural attrition, additional administrative and program changes, and utilizing cash reserves, the remaining shortfall can be eliminated. At approximately 8:57 p.m., Board member Stan Reeser left the table. At approximately 9:00 p.m., Mr. Reeser returned to the table. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information. By consensus, the Board directed staff to look at a limited building reduction option to address some of the 2024-25 budget deficit and help the staffing challenges until the larger facility master plan is complete.

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<tr><td>Second Review: Proposed Updates of BOE Policies

Appendix 14</td><td>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.
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<tr><th>Current Policy</th><th>Proposed</th><th>Title</th><th>Notes</th></tr>
<tr><td>P6326</td><td>NA</td><td>Course Credit - Secondary</td><td>Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas</td></tr>
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<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>
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At approximately 10:16 p.m., Board member Hazel Stabler left the table.

At approximately 10:23 p.m., Ms. Stabler returned to the table.

Mrs. Bond (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved the Board adopt the proposed changes.

The motion passed 6-0, with Ms. Stabler not voting.</td></tr>
<tr><td>First Review: Proposed Updates to Drone Policy

Appendix 15</td><td>The proposed changes to P7090 are to clarify and incorporate the regulations in which higher education, FAA-chartered programs, and JROTC may operate under.
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<tr><td>P7090</td><td>NA</td><td>Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS)</td><td>Incorporate and clarify on Title 49, Part 44809 into the policy for JROTC application.</td></tr>
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This was the Board’s first review of the proposed Policy update. No action was taken.</td></tr>
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Reports	
United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, UTW President. Topic: Welcome to new Board members; staff workload.
Superintendent's Report	- Notes the district's annual Showcase of Choices and Opportunities is Wednesday, January 24. - Delivered thank-you notes from students to BOE members as part of National School Boards Month. - Thanked students, staff, and families for being patient with the weather and its effect on school operating hours.
Board of Education Reports	Kathy Bond - Recognized the PrimeFit program serving students in district schools and advocacy at the state and national level. - Also recognized the Project Teacher program providing classroom supplies to teachers. - Attended Battle of the Books between schools. - Reports the Pando Initiative is looking for a new director. Julie Hedrick - Encouraged members of the public to read Superintendent Bielefeld's blog post on the role of facilities in student education and well-being. - Recognized and thanked facilities personnel for their work in keeping buildings operating during recent inclement weather. Hazel Stabler - Recognized newly-elected Board members and congratulated them on joining the Board. Melody McCray-Miller - Thanked the community for their support and states she is looking forward to working with district students, staff, and administrators. Diane Albert - Also welcomed and congratulated new Board members. Stan Reeser - Reports he looks forward to turning temporary challenges into long-term opportunities for the district. Ngoc Vuong - Encouraged members of the public to reach out to him with comments and questions.
Miscellaneous	
New Business.	None submitted.
Board Requests	None submitted.
Adjournment	Mrs. Bond (Ms. Miller) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 10:36 p.m., the meeting adjourned.