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BOE Agenda Item Executive Summary
Date: February 12. 2024

Topic: Request to disburse funds from Wichita Foundation for Education Edge projects

Background Information:

Funds will be disbursed as described below:

Athletics Fund: $10,000. The Athletics Fund Gift Fund Team requested support for the following projects:

1. Support and assist middle schools with uniform purchases.

Fine Arts Fund: $30,000. The Fine Arts Gift Fund Team requested support for the following established priorities:

1. Beginning Band and orchestra Instruments to include (4) Basses and (8) Trombones.
2. Visual Arts Equipment to include (1) Clay Mixer.
3. Auditorium Upgrades to include (4) Spotlights with lamps.

Classroom Mini-Grants Fund: $204,302. Mini Grants Fund has requested the following:

$66,000—to award $300 mini grants 220 WPS teachers through New Teacher Induction in FY 24 to provide start up supplies for their new classrooms. Awardees are as follows:

$14,000—(7) applicants were awarded in August of 2022 for a special application for Mental Wellness funded by Wesley Healthcare. Due to an oversight these funds were not requested during the FY23 budget year. Awardees are as follows:

School Building	Awardee Name	Project Name	Award Amount
Cloud Elementary	Angela McGhee	Safe Zone	$2,000
White Elementary	Emily McCray	Regulation Suite	$2,000
Benton Elementary	Jenna Pike	Zen Zones: Teaching Emotional Regulation Strategies	$2,000
Bryant Opportunity Elementary	Miquetta White	Therapeutic Classroom	$2,000
Griffith Elementary	Natalie Henning	Action Based Learning Lab	$2,000
Southeast High	Sarah Watkins Mace	The Chill Club	$2,000
Jardine Middle	Stacey Larson	Regulation Station	$2,000
Total			$14,000

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$95,150—Applicants were awarded Classroom Mini Grants in August of 2023. Applications were Judged in July and awardees were surprised in their classrooms throughout August. Awardees are as follows:

School Building	Awardee Name	Project Name	Award Amount
Allison	Frances Oare	Teaching Creativity through the use of Electronic String Instruments	$4,990
Allison	Steve Smith	Extreme Tech Lab Makeover	$5,000
Benton	Cindy Swindler	World Music Drumming	$4,682
Bostic	Becky Smith	Community Building through Cooperative Play	$4,880
Cloud	Chasmyn Lindeman-Thimesch	Kinesthetics and Comfortability in the Classroom	$4,033
CMA	John Stafford	Can You Hear Us Now?	$4,863
CMA	Sarah Elliott	Elevating Student Art Designs	$5,000
Colvin	Kristi Lucas	ESOL Newcomer Reading and Writing: A Multisensory Approach	$4,984
East	Josh Collette	Pneumatics	$4,874
Heights	Heather Kincaid	Wichita Heights Science Team	$4,529
Heights	Jonnie Norton	Hello? Is this thing on? Giving a Voice to the People in the Back	$5,000
Horace Mann	Kaylie Frazee	6th Grade Band Supplies	$2,824
Isely	Mechelle Conrady	Social Studies Regions and Kansas Year of Study	$1,524
Jardine	Echo Nevarez	PRIDE Program	$4,982
Marshall	Katie Western	Thunderbird Theatre	$4,549
Mead	Carrie Kessler	Moving in the Math Classroom Using Action Based Learning	$5,000
Northeast	Crystal Wolf	Safe Space Sensory Center	$3,000
OK	Nina Kindt-Wilson	Strumming To Our Literacy Goals	$3,368
South	Jacqueline Nascimento-Odenheimer	Learning how to be a Biologist	$4,890
Southeast	Gina Brillhart	Printmaking for a Comprehensive Visual Arts Education	$5,000
Stanley	Bethany Beal	Sensory/Emotion Regulation Room	$2,150
Stucky	Mikah Kemper	Sensory/Calming Room	$3,028
Wilbur	Hillary Thackery	Author Visit (K.R. Alexander, "Face Your Fears") - Wilbur Middle School	$2,000
Total			$95,150

$29,152—Applicants were awarded Classroom Mini Grants in December 2023. Applications were judged in Nov/Dev and awardees were surprised in their classrooms in December. Awardees are as follows:

School Building	Awardee Name	Project Name	Award Amount
Little Early Childhood Center	Kimberly Lund	Voice Beyond Words: Creating a Total Communication Classroom	$1,999
College Hill Elementary	Makenzie Reichenberger	College Hill Fights Hunger	$1,873
Pleasant Valley Middle School	Elizabeth Vest	Increasing Literacy Skills for Reluctant Readers:Choice Reading and the Graphic Novel for Tier 3 Readers	$1,000
Isely Elementary	Tammy Meikel	Functional Communication and Language Building Through Science and Cooking	$2,000
Brooks Middle School	Mark Smith	Brooks Competition Robotics Program	$2,000
Riverside Elementary	Darla Brown	Student Recording Studio	$1,976
Southeast High	Traci Kallhoff/Jason Wysong	Outdoor Classroom with Pond and Wildflower Garden	$2,000
College Hill Elementary	Jaime Caywood/Trisha Jones	SnackAbilities on the Hill	$1,950
Sowers	Lisa McIntire/Savannah Echols	J. Burns Greenhouse Project	$2,000
McLean Elementary	Zerrin Oelze	Literacy Links to STEM	$2,000
Sowers	Angela Cho	Supply Sowers Students	$1,998
Northwest High	Sarah El-Sukar	Cultivating a Passion for Science Olympiad	$1,500
Colvin Elementary	Mike Williams	Mile Club shirts	$2,000
East High	Molly Williams	Texture & Template Library	$1,524
Washington Elementary	Jay Jacoby	5th Grade Skateboard Art Project	$1,334
East High	Andrea Lindstrom	Spark an Interest in Electrostatics	$1,998