

**Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**February 29, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center - Room 813**  
**903 S. Edgemoor - 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**

**II. Operations**

- A. Public Hearing Regarding Closing of Schools and Student Reassignment Appendix 1

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld

Purpose: On January 22, 2024, at the Board's regular meeting, the Board received information projecting a \$42 million shortfall for the 2024-25 fiscal year. At the recommendation of administration, the Board requested staff identify potential building closures to eliminate this shortfall.

At the Board's request, on February 12, 2024, at the Board's regular meeting, administration proposed closing the following buildings: Hadley Middle School, Jardine STEM Career Exploration Magnet School, Clark Elementary School, Cleaveland Traditional Magnet School, Park Elementary School, and Payne Elementary School.

At that same meeting, the Board announced a public hearing to be held on February 29, 2024, regarding the proposed school closures. The Board also authorized publication of a notice of hearing. This notice is found in [Appendix 1](#) and was published in the Wichita Eagle on February 14 and February 18, 2024.

Recommendation: This item provides for a public hearing regarding proposed school closings.

**Public Hearing**

At special BOE meetings, public comment shall be allowed only on topics that pertain to agenda items. A speaker may request to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board's office at 316-973-4553 by noon on the day of the special meeting, or a speaker may register to speak at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. When registering to speak, a speaker shall identify the topic the speaker wishes to address. A speaker's comments at a meeting shall not exceed 3 minutes, shall be limited to the registered topic, and shall not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students. Speakers shall provide 12 copies of any handouts to the Clerk of the Board's table for distribution at the Board table. For more information and restrictions, please see BOE Policy 0200 - BOE Agendas and Meetings.

Speaker(s):

Note: The speakers listed below registered before noon on February 29. Speakers can also register between 5:20-5:50 p.m. in person with the Clerk.

1. Sarah Johnson, 2307 W. Irving St., Wichita, KS 67213.
2. Laura Branning, 1707 S. Topeka Ave., Wichita, KS 67211.
3. Kashema Ford, 1610 S. Dodge, Wichita, KS 67203.
4. Michael Jordan, 1308 S. Meridian, Wichita, KS 67213.
5. Megan Buettgenbach, 3227 S. Gow, Wichita, KS 67217.
6. Candida Jeronimo, 1222 N. Cleveland Ave., Wichita, KS 67214.
7. Samatha Stillman, 1023 N. Coolidge Ave., Wichita, KS 67203.
8. Thomas Montiel, 2016 S. Elizabeth #802, Wichita, KS 67213.
9. David Lucas, 920 S. Rock Rd. #64, Wichita, KS 67027.
10. Heather Fusilier, 1146 N. Wood Ave., Wichita, KS 67212.
11. Janet Tisdale, 1638 Fairmount St., Wichita, KS 67208.
12. Andrea Gates, 2555 N. Broadview, Wichita, KS 67208.
13. Rob Egan, 830 N. Mission Rd., Wichita, KS 67206.
14. Araceli Amador, 3324 S. Euclid, Wichita, KS 67217.
15. Ruth Lehman, 1520 E. Fortuna, Wichita, KS 67216.
16. Sophia Alvaran, 935 N. Wallace, Wichita, KS 67203.
17. Natalia Padilla, 2337 S. St. Francis, Wichita, KS 67211.
18. Jamie Petitjean, 932 S. Apache, Wichita, KS 67207.
19. Carrie Kirk, 437 N. Elder St., Wichita, KS 67212.
20. Darin Smalls, 401 N. School St., Augusta, KS 67010.
21. Walt Chappell, 3165 N. Porter St., Wichita, KS 67204.
22. Trish Hileman, 139 S. Fountain, Wichita, KS 67218.
23. Ashley Hawley, 3348 S. Sheridan, Wichita, KS 67217.
24. Lisha Watts, 930 N. Market #211, Wichita, KS 67214.
25. Benjamin Watts, 930 N. Market #211, Wichita, KS 67214.

**III. Miscellaneous**

- A. Adjournment