Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
February 29, 2024

Roll Call	The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in special session for the purposes of a public hearing in the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, Room 813, 903 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 6 p.m., on February 29, 2024, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Ngoc Vuong, Melody McCray-Miller, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Kathy Bond.
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Public Hearing Regarding Closing of Schools and Student Reassignment Appendix 1	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.
	Before starting the public hearing, Board President Stan Reeser thanked all those in attendance for participating and reminded them the purpose of the hearing was for the Board to listen and gather feedback from interested members of the public. Mr. Reeser said the Board would consider everyone's opinion and take final action at the next regular BOE meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024.

Public Hearing	Speakers: 1. Kashema Ford, 1610 S. Dodge, Wichita, KS 67203. 2. Megan Buettgenbach, 3227 S. Gow, Wichita, KS 67217. 3. Candida Jeronimo, 1222 N. Cleveland Ave., Wichita, KS 67214. 4. Samatha Stillman, 1023 N. Coolidge Ave., Wichita, KS 67203. 5. Thomas Montiel, 2016 S. Elizabeth #802, Wichita, KS 67213. 6. David Lucas, 920 S. Rock Rd. #64, Wichita, KS 67027. 7. Heather Fusilier, 1146 N. Wood Ave., Wichita, KS 67212. 8. Janet Tisdale, 1638 Fairmount St., Wichita, KS 67208. 9. Andrea Gates, 2555 N. Broadview, Wichita, KS 67208. 10. Araceli Amador, 3324 S. Euclid, Wichita, KS 67217. 11. Ruth Lehman, 1520 E. Fortuna, Wichita, KS 67216. 12. Sophia Alvaran, 935 N. Wallace, Wichita, KS 67203. 13. Natalia Padilla, 2337 S. St. Francis, Wichita, KS 67211. 14. Jamie Petitjean, 932 S. Apache, Wichita, KS 67207. 15. Darin Smalls, 401 N. School St., Augusta, KS 67010. 16. Walt Chappell, 3165 N. Porter St., Wichita, KS 67204. 17. Trish Hileman, 139 S. Fountain, Wichita, KS 67218. 18. Ashley Hawley, 3348 S. Sheridan, Wichita, KS 67217. 19. Lisha Watts, 930 N. Market #211, Wichita, KS 67214. 20. Kenton Drury, 6602 E. Harry St., Wichita, KS 67207. 21. Mozart Padilla, 2337 S. St. Francis St., Wichita, KS 67211. 22. Tirriannah Issa, 1610 S. Dodge, Wichita, KS 67203.
Adjournment	Ms. Albert (Ms. Stabler) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 7:37 p.m., the meeting adjourned.