Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
February 12, 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 February 12, 2024, with President Stan Reeser 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 East High School JROTC cadets.
Student Success	
Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee (SuperSAC)	Reporters: Cohen Richardson and Lydia Daniel, East High School Topic: Facility master planning.
Good News	CTE Outstanding Senior Awards Contact(s): Timothy Hamblin The Office of College and Career Readiness recognizes district seniors nominated and selected as Outstanding Seniors in various CTE pathways. Seniors recognized at the meeting are: Carly Wimberly (East), Andrea Aguilera (North), Isaac Duran-Gijon (West), Zoe Graber (Northeast Magnet), Alex Hoang (East), Alicia Rodriguez (South), Elle Warren (North), Antwon Atakpa (West),Ignacio Enriquez (West), Aieden Suominen (West), Andrew Beavers (West), Cyrus Morris (East), Simon Young (East), Janelie Coronado (North), Joey Baker (West), Ryan Sen (East), Mi'Kyala Goodman (West), Martin Zamora-Barboza (Northwest), Raven Kanthamit (Southeast), Lisette Tovar (North), Cesar Saludes (East), Kaiden Goddard (West), and Jennifer Maldonado-Diaz (North). 2024 Scholastic Art Awards Contact(s): Shawn Chastain The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the oldest and most prestigious recognition program for creative teenagers in the United States. Each work is reviewed by a panel of arts professionals for originality, technical skill, and an emergence of professional vision and voice. The Alliance also partners with art institutes, colleges, and universities to earmark scholarships for college-bound Scholastic Awards recipients. This year, works from WPS High Schools and Middle Schools were selected for the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards. Winning categories include American Vision, Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention. This exhibition is on display at Mark Arts, 1307 N. Rock Road, until March 23rd, 2024.

Public Communications	1. Sarah Graves, 12838 E. Cherry Creek Ct., Wichita, KS 67230. Topic: AVID at Christa McAuliffe Academy 2. Jerry Hicks, 13517 E. Buckskin St., Wichita, KS 67230. Topic: AVID program.
Finance	
Budget Report	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board. At the January 22 Board of Education meeting, the Board received an update on the process to develop the 2024-25 Budget. As part of that discussion, the BOE requested administration bring back a recommendation to close between four and seven schools effective Fall 2024. The following buildings were recommended for closure: Hadley Middle School Jardine STEM and Career Explorations Academy Clark Elementary Cleaveland Traditional College and Career Readiness Magnet Park Elementary Payne Elementary Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board schedule a public hearing at a Special BOE Meeting on Thursday, February 29, 2024, and direct staff to publish a notice to comply with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-1431c: *"School buildings, closing, procedure."* Following the public hearing, the Board will determine at the BOE Regular Meeting on March 4, 2024, whether the school buildings will be closed. The motion passed 7-0. The public notice will be printed as a Legal Publication in *The Wichita Eagle* on February 14 and 18, 2024. The content of the public notice is provided on page 4 of these BOE Minutes.
Recess	At approximately 9:15 p.m., the Board took a brief recess.
Reconvene Meeting	At approximately 9:30 p.m., Board President Reeser reconvened the meeting.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Ms. McCray-Miller (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.
2024-25 and 2025-26 District Calendars Appendix 2	Board member Ngoc Vuong pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 4 of these minutes.
Financial Resolutions for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year – Updated for New President Appendix 3	Board approval.

Treasury Warrants: January 2024 Appendix 4	Board approval.
Purchasing Consent Appendix 5	Board approval.
Structural Repairs – Construction Manager at Risk: North High and Northwest High – GMP #1	Amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #1 in the amount of $97,840.
Drainage Improvements - Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center Courtyard	Approve a total amount not to exceed $40,000 to Utility Maintenance Contractors, LLC, for the necessary repairs as detailed above, which includes estimates to date of $34,300 and an additional recommended contingency of $5,700.
Drainage Improvements – Heights High School	Enter into a contract with Pearson Construction, LLC, for Drainage Improvement at Heights High School in an amount not to exceed $139,022.
Drainage Improvements and Concrete Repairs – Southeast High School	Approve a total amount not to exceed $96,500 to Isham Waterproofing (IWP), LLC, for necessary repairs, which includes estimates to date of $89,740 and an additional recommended contingency of $6,760.
Exterior Door Replacement – Various	Enter into a contract with Key Construction, Inc., for exterior door replacement, in an amount not to exceed $148,640.
Exterior Restoration – North High School: Phase Five	Enter into a contract with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc., for Exterior Restoration - North High School: Phase Five in an amount not to exceed $647,240.
Flooring Replacement – Various	Enter into a contract with Star Lumber & Supply Co., Inc., for flooring replacement, in an amount not to exceed $137,260.
BOE Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2024 Appendix 6	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 December 2023 in the amount of $9,792.00 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $11,889.22 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Proposed Policy Revisions Appendix 7	Board approval.
Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremonies	Approve payments to Koch Arena and Century II for the Class of 2024 Graduations not to exceed $45,000.
Authorization to Disburse Wichita Foundation Funds – Education EDGE Appendix 8	Authorize the transfer of funds from the Wichita Foundation in the following amounts: Athletics: $10,000 Fine Arts: $30,000; and Classroom Mini-Grants: $204,302 for a total requested amount of $244,302.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: D.C.	Approve this agreed upon award for D.C.'s 2022 work injury in the total amount of $25,000.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: L.S.	Approve this agreed upon award for L.S.'s 2017 work injury in the total amount of $27,500.

Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
2024-25 and 2025-26 District Calendars Appendix 2	At Mr. Vuong's request, Sean Hudspeth, Chief Human Resources Officer, briefed the Board. The proposed 2024-25 and 2025-26 District Calendar is being submitted for review and approval. These calendars were compiled by the district's Calendar Committee, which is comprised of Board members, administration, district staff (certified and classified), and district students. Mr. Vuong (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved the Board consider the 2024-25 and 2025-26 calendars separately. The motion failed 3-4, with Mr. Reeser, Mrs. Bond, Ms. Stabler, and Ms. Albert voting no. Mrs. Bond (Ms. Albert) moved the Board adopt the proposed 2024-25 District Calendar with August 14, 2024, as the first day of school, and May 22, 2025, as the last day of school, and 2025-26 District Calendar with August 14, 2025, as the first day of school, and May 21, 2026, as the last day of school. The motion passed 5-2, with Mr. Vuong and Ms. McCray-Miller voting no.
Exterior Restoration – North High School: Phase Five	At Mrs. Bond's request, Luke Newman, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, briefed the Board. The Capital Outlay budget includes monies for Phase Five of Exterior Restoration at North High School. The project scope involves exterior masonry renovation of the north wall of the 1928 buildings, including parapet reconstruction and tuckpointing. The recommended bid was submitted by Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc. Mrs. Bond (Ms. Albert) moved the Board enter into a contract with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc., for Exterior Restoration - North High School: Phase Five in an amount not to exceed $647,240. The motion passed 7-0.
Policy	
Second Review: Proposed Updates to Drone Policy Appendix 9	The proposed changes to P7090 are to clarify on and incorporate the regulations in which higher education, FAA-chartered programs, and JROTC may operate under. **Current Policy** / **Proposed** / **Title** / **Notes** P7090 / NA / Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) / Incorporate and clarify on Title 49, Part 44809 into the policy for JROTC application. Mrs. Bond (Ms. Stabler) voted to adopt the proposed changes. The motion passed 7-0.
Reports	
United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, President, and Michael Harris, Vice President, UTW. Topic: Building closures.

Reports *(continued)*	
Superintendent's Report	- Recognized outstanding CTE seniors and Scholastic Art Award honorees. - Also recognized the East High scholars bowl team for winning the 6A state championship, and Northwest High for being the runners-up. - Commented that closing school buildings is hard and affects everyone, and invited public to ask administration for further information. - Also commented he agrees with the recommendation from staff, and notes the final decision is to be made by the Board.
Board of Education	None submitted.
Miscellaneous	
Board of Education Reports/Requests	Mr. Vuong requests administration provide, within 30 days, more information on the decision criteria with school closures for the Board and the general public. Specifically, it is requested that information related to equity considerations and clarity and standardization be provided.
New Business	None submitted.
Adjournment	Mrs. Bond (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 10:11 p.m., the meeting adjourned.