

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

Roll Call	The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in regular session at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, 903 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 6 p.m., on July 29, 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 Northeast Magnet High School JROTC Cadets.
Student Success	
Good News	Educators Rising Contact(s): Loren Hatfield Educators Rising is a national educator preparation network promoting teacher diversity and quality through teacher preparation programs. This summer, Erin Matlock (South High), Adam Klausmeyer (North High), and three district students attended the national conference in Washington, D.C. Ms. Matlock addressed the Board along with two students who participated. Gordon Parks Academy in Paris Contact(s): Loren Hatfield Nine 7th and 8th grade students from Gordon Parks Academy traveled to Paris to trace the steps of school namesake Gordon Parks. The invite came from Dr. Michael Cheers, professor of journalism at San Jose State University. Students from Ms. Mary Floro's yearbook class were asked to write an essay explaining the importance of Gordon Parks' work as a photographer and movie producer. Nine students completed the task and other requirements to attend the trip. Generous donations from the community allowed these students and staff, along with the ARISE, Inc. quartet and some community members, to travel to Paris from May 27 to June 2. The ARISE quartet performed at the Episcopalian American Cathedral on the Champs-Élysées. Students were greeted at the United States Embassy by Lawrence Randolph, Minister-Counsellor for Public Diplomacy, and toured the iconic sights of Paris. Most importantly, students traced the footsteps of Gordon Parks with a guided tour and conducted a professional photo shoot with models along with other middle school students from Paris. The trip was a life-changing experience for all who attended. LaTonia Kennedy, principal of Gordon Parks Academy, and two Gordon Parks students addressed the Board and shared some of their experiences with Board members.

Good News (continued)	Sponsorship Recognition of Credit Union of America Contact(s): Holly Wilson The district recognizes and extends gratitude to Credit Union of America (CUA) for their longstanding support of the students and staff of Wichita Public Schools. CUA's "all-in" partnership enables the district to realize events such as New Teacher Induction, Legacy Golf Classic, the Wichita Public Schools Foundation Kick Off Breakfast and the upcoming Rally on the River for district staff. Community support like that of CUA ensures future-ready students and staff. Frank Shoffner, President and CEO of Credit Union of America, accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of CUA.
Public Communications	None submitted.
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Mr. Reeser (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.
Monthly Finance Report: June 2024 Appendix 2	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Adjustment of Petty Cash Funds for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year (Annual) Appendix 3	Board approval.
Financial Resolutions (Annual) Appendix 4	Approve the following resolutions: Resolution – Designation of Depositories & Authorization of Facsimile Signatures Resolution – Municipal Investment Pool Resolution – Activity Funds Resolution – Credit Card Authorization Resolution – Commerce Bank Credit Card Accounts Resolution – Authorization to Transfer Resolution – Certification of Authorization to Transfer Resolution – Home Rule No 1 – Donations Resolution – Information Management: Destruction of Certain District Records

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Goodwill Industries (Renewal) Appendix 6	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc., during the 2024-25 school year to provide special education services for up to six (6) full-time and/or part-time students, not to exceed a cost of \$50,000, to be funded by Special Education.																																							
Orion Adult Education (Renewal) Appendix 7	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion during the 2024-25 school year, for a diploma completion program for adult students who are completing their high school diplomas. For these services, Orion will be compensated \$900,000.																																							
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2024; July 1, 2024; and July 16, 2024 Appendix 8	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 June 2024 in the amount of \$5,756.50 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$15,172.33 to McDonald Tinker PA.																																							
Workers' Compensation Settlement: K.B.	Approve this agreed-upon award for K.B.'s 2023 work injury in the total amount of \$35,000.																																							
Reappointment of McDonald Tinker, P.A. as Special Legal Counsel	Reappoint the law firm of McDonald Tinker, P.A., as special counsel to represent Unified School District 259 of Sedgwick County, Kansas in legal matters for the school district's self-funded workers' compensation program for the 2024-25 fiscal year or until further order of the Board, whichever comes first, and authorize payment of fees not to exceed \$150 per hour for Directors/Partners, plus expenses, \$120 per hour for Associates of the firm, plus expenses, and payment of fees not to exceed \$90 per hour for legal assistants.																																							

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Designate School Attendance Officers (Annual)	Authorize the Administration to designate principals, and/or designee, as school attendance officers responsible for monitoring and reporting student attendance to proper district authorities and authorize the Assistant Superintendents of Elementary and Secondary Schools to report attendance information for the district to the Secretary of the Kansas Department for Children and Families, and/or the Eighteenth Judicial District, District Attorney, and/or to the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate.
Freedom of Information Officer Appointment (Annual)	Appoint Patrick Greene, Clerk of the Board, as the district's Freedom of Information Officer to serve for the fiscal year 2024-25 or until further order of the Board.
Designation of Agent for Kansas Public Employees Retirement System	Appoint Nicole Heizelman as the designated agent through whom retirement system transactions and communications shall be directed for Unified School District 259 of Sedgwick County, Kansas as of August 3, 2024, and continuing through the remainder of the 2024-25 fiscal year.
Resolution: Alignment of BOE Policies (Renewal) Appendix 9	Approve Resolution: Alignment of BOE Policies, as provided in the Appendix.
Cognitive Coaching and Adaptive Schools Sustainability (Renewal)	Approve training from and payment to Carol Brooks Simoneau Professional Development, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$70,000.
EverDriven Appendix 10	Extend the Agreement with EverDriven for various required and requested student transportation services (e.g., general education, required special education, CTE, ADA-504, McKinney-Vento [homeless services]) from various funding sources, not to exceed the amount of \$2,000,000.
Interim Healthcare of Wichita (Annual) Appendix 11	Authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Interim Healthcare of Wichita, Inc., during the 2024-25 school year to provide Special Education Health Services, not to exceed a cost of \$400,000, to be funded by Special Education.
Modern Classrooms Support and Sustainability (Renewal)	Approve the training and support package from the Modern Classrooms Project in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.
Positive Rhythm Productions – Restorative Practices with Rob Simon (Renewal)	Approve an agreement with Rob Simon to provide Restorative Practices in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 beginning August 1, 2024, and ending July 31, 2025.
Wichita Metro Transit Authority Appendix 12	Board member Hazel Stabler pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 5 of these minutes.
BSN/Nike Athletic Uniform Agreement Appendix 13	Board member Stan Reeser pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 5 of these minutes

Action on Pulled Consent Items	
Wichita Metro Transit Authority Appendix 12	At Ms. Stabler's request, Fabián Armendáriz, Director of Operations, briefed the Board. Administration favors continued use of Wichita Metro Transit Authority for the 2024-25 school year for transportation services. The Wichita Metro Transit Authority successfully provides transportation services to Wichita Public Schools since 2018-19. During the 2024-25 school year, the Wichita Metro Transit Authority will provide transportation services to the following schools: East, North, South, Southeast, West, and Curtis. Ms. Stabler (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved the Board approve the continued use of Wichita Metro Transit Authority for additional transportation services for the 2024-25 school year in the amount not to exceed \$385,000. The motion passed 7-0.
BSN/Nike Athletic Uniform Agreement Appendix 13	At Mr. Reeser's request, Chris Asmussen, Director of Athletics, briefed the Board. During second semester of the 2023-24 school year, the Athletics Department, assisted by Purchasing, reviewed proposals from BSN Sports LLC for an exclusive agreement to purchase athletic uniforms under a single brand and other BSN distributed equipment. After reviewing different brand options and consulting with high school principals, athletic directors, and district administration, it was determined the Nike brand provides WPS with the best overall package, while maintaining high quality standards in uniforms for our students. This proposed agreement allows the district to maximize the purchasing power of a large school system to include significant up-front financial benefits from BSN and Nike over the five (5) year term of the contract, as well as discounts and rebates for purchases made at all levels of the district. It also creates a standardized rotation schedule for uniform replacements ensuring every high school student in our system has access to the same quality uniforms. This item is to inform the Board of the advantages this agreement provides and make a recommendation for approval. Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve the agreement with BSN and Nike to provide varsity athletic uniforms and BSN distributed equipment which includes \$312,500 in guaranteed up-front money, product, discounts, and rebates for district purchases over a five (5) year term. In addition, it is recommended that the Board approve purchases of athletic uniforms in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the 2024-25 school year. After the first year of the contract, an annual Purchasing Consent agenda item will be submitted for the anticipated spend for that year in accordance with the Athletic Department high school uniform rotation plan and available funds. The motion passed 7-0.

Finance	Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board on the 2024-25 budget development timeline, funds estimates, sample mill levies, and community feedback on the district's spending priorities. At approximately 6:44 p.m., Ms. McCray-Miller left the Board table. At approximately 6:50 p.m., Ms. McCray-Miller returned to the Board table. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Reports	
United Teachers of Wichita (UTW)	Katie Warren, UTW President. <u>Topic:</u> In-service days and new books for kindergarten students from UTW.
Superintendent's Report	- Visited Hyde Elementary. - Glad to have staff back in buildings and looking forward to all-staff "Rally on the River" on August 6. - Recognized Mayberry Middle School for student art represented on "I Voted" stickers in Sedgwick County. - Thanked those staff who worked through summer break. - Distributed Strategic Plan reporting benchmarks to Board members.
Board of Education Reports	None submitted.
Miscellaneous	
New Business	None submitted.
Board of Education Requests	None submitted.
Adjournment	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 8:02 p.m., the meeting adjourned.