

**Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
September 9, 2024 - 6 p.m.
Wichita High School North Lecture Hall
1437 Rochester - 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

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – West High School JROTC Cadets

II. Reports

A. Good News

1. Kindergarten Literacy Achievement

Contact(s): Amanda Sharshel

As a district, we focused on readiness and evidence-based instruction in kindergarten preparing students with the foundational literacy skills necessary to become emerging and then proficient readers. We focus on aligning instructional routines, resources, and professional learning. As a result, we see increased proficiency in our FastBridge screeners as a result. Two district kindergarten teachers will share what makes a difference for them and their students and how our families can support them in building the necessary skills that set them up for success past kindergarten.

Lindsey McColley – Christa McAuliffe Academy
Sheila Marcellus – Caldwell Elementary

- B. United Teachers of Wichita
- C. Service Employees International

III. Public Hearing on 2024-25 Proposed Budget

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Addi Lowell
Funding Source: NA
2024-25 Budget

State statute requires the Board to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2024-25 Budget. The purpose of the hearing is to hear and answer objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and for purposes of considering amendments to the proposed budget. The proposed budget documents and the Budget at a Glance are available for review online and at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center at 903 S. Edgemoor in Wichita. Members of the public who have registered to speak in accordance with requirements published in tonight's agenda may address the Board. Following receiving of statements by the public, the Board President will close the public hearing. The Board will have the opportunity to ask questions, if necessary, during the Finance presentation. The Board will be asked to adopt the 2024-25 Budget following the public hearing.

Recommendation: No action will be taken during the Public Hearing.

Speakers who want to address the Board during the Public Hearing on the Budget may register to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board at 973-4553 by noon on the day of the BOE meeting, or they may register at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. A speaker's comments will be limited to the budget, will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students, and will not exceed 3 minutes. Speakers will provide twelve (12) copies of any handouts to the Clerk of the Board's table for distribution at the Board table.

Speakers for Public Hearing only:

IV. Finance

A. 2024-25 Budget

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Addi Lowell
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Administration will provide a final presentation of the proposed 2024-25 budget, including information relating to the annual Needs Assessment and State Assessment evaluation and use in the budget approval process.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Budget adopt the local option budget (LOB) via Resolution 2024-06 and the 2024-25 budget.

B. Bond Proposal Presentation and Election Resolution

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Susan Willis, Luke Newman (with Woolpert, Inc.)
Funding Source: NA

Speaker: Walt Chappell, 3165 N. Porter, Wichita, KS 67204.

Purpose: On August 26, 2024, the BOE approved Step 1 of the District's Facility Master Plan, which includes \$450 million of suggested new construction, renovations, rebuilds and other building improvements. A summary document of Step 1 is provided in [Appendix 2](#). Administration will present its facts and all required documentation as part of its recommendation to finance Step 1 of the Facilities Master Plan through voter-approved bond financing.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 2024-07, authorizing and calling for a special bond election to be held on February 25, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$450 million for the purpose of financing improvements outlined in Step 1 of the Facilities Master Plan.

V. Public Communications

A member of the public (speaker) may address the Board during the Public Communications section of the BOE Agenda. Comments by public speakers made during the Public Communications will be limited to items on the BOE Agenda or items within the jurisdiction of the Board. The number of speakers who speak during Public Communications will not exceed ten. A speaker, in lieu of speaking during Public Communications, may speak during an agenda item. Comments during an agenda item will be limited to the topic of the agenda item. Speakers may register to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board at 973-4553 by noon on the day of the BOE meeting, or they may register at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. When registering to speak, a speaker will identify the topic the speaker wishes to address. A speaker's comments at a meeting will not exceed 3 minutes, will be limited to the registered topic, and will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students. Speakers will provide twelve (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.

VI. Education

A. Strategic Plan Goal 1 – Progress Monitoring Report

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Amanda Sharshel
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of our Future Ready Strategic Plan, we will present regular progress monitoring reports. This report will review the Goal 1 baseline data and strategies employed to continue making academic progress in Wichita Public Schools.

Recommendation: This progress monitoring report is for the Board's information.

VII. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report: August 2024

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Note: The Human Resources report is not published on the district's Web site. The report is available from the Clerk of the Board's office before noon on Board meeting dates, or in the display rack outside the North High Lecture Hall before Board meetings.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: August 2024

Appendix 4

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 5

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Football Helmet & Shoulder Pad Reconditioning	\$42,000.00	Loren Hatfield/Chris Asmussen
2. Football Helmets	\$50,000.00	Loren Hatfield/Chris Asmussen
3. School, Office Supplies & Furniture	\$3,000,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
4. Interactive Flat Panel Phase 4	\$790,507.15	Rob Dickson
5. Mobile Device Management	\$180,000.00	Rob Dickson
6. User Licenses for Oracle PBSC and ERPCS – Annual	\$23,338.00	Rob Dickson/Susan Willis

2. Estech Systems, Inc. Phone Solutions

Appendix 6

Contact(s): Rob Dickson

Funding Source: Supplemental General, Capital Outlay
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Administration proposes transitioning to a cloud-based phone system integrated with Microsoft Teams and phones through Estech Systems, Inc. (ESI). This move is necessary not only to mitigate the risks associated with an unsupported system but also to provide a more robust, scalable solution. The integration with our existing Microsoft ecosystem will enhance productivity and collaboration across the district, offering improved reliability, reduced maintenance costs, and enhanced security features inherent in cloud solutions.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve an agreement with Estech Systems, Inc. utilizing the TIPS agreement #240303, not to exceed \$1,156,217.

D. Programs/Grants

1. Chronic Absenteeism Intervention Program (Renewal)

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Gil Alvarez, Sherrie Frazey, Denise Fuoco

Funding Source: Federal Funds – Title I
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: EveryDay Labs, under the agreement with Wichita Public Schools, will provide a targeted scientific approach to address our district’s Chronic Absenteeism. Currently there are a total of 45 schools (41 elementary schools and four middle schools) participating in the program.

Recommendation: In direct support of the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Goal of Creating and Enhancing Safety and belonging by supporting the interim goal of increased daily attendance, it is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with EveryDay Labs for the 2024-25 school year. This contract shall not exceed \$170,000 funded through federal Title I funds.

2. The Pando Initiative (Renewal)

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Gil Alvarez, Denise Fuoco
Funding Source: Federal Funds – Title I
2024-25 Budget

Purpose The Pando Initiative helps at-risk youth to successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life by connecting those students with needed community resources. The Pando Initiative staff and district support staff form a multi-disciplinary team to offer at-risk students and their families access to services needed to address social, educational, health, and emotional challenges impeding student success. Pando's goals directly support the student success outcomes of 2024-2029 strategic plan. The program will support 15 schools: Nine elementary, four middle schools and two high schools.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve contract services and enter into an agreement with The Pando Initiative providing services at 15 district schools in an amount of \$505,150.

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2024

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2024 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Agreement to Transfer Former Park Elementary to the City of Wichita

Appendix 9

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Daniel Lawrence, Luke Newman
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The Board voted earlier this year to close several school buildings, among them Park Elementary School, 1025 N. Main Street. The City of Wichita expressed interest in acquiring that property from the district in order to utilize the former school as a resource center for the provision of services and shelter to the City's homeless population. The Board approved an option agreement on June 10th, 2024, granting the City the right to purchase the property if the State decided not to exercise its right of first refusal pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1439. On July 30, 2024, the Legislative Coordinating Council waived the State's right of first refusal, clearing the way for the City to purchase the property. The parties have negotiated this purchase agreement to accomplish the sale of Park and the transfer of the district's rights in that property to the City.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement.

3. WPS Foundation Donor Management and Accounting Software

Appendix 10

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Holly Wilson, Susan Willis
Funding Source: Non-Federal Gifts and Grants
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: With the formation of the Wichita Public Schools Foundation, a donor management and accounting software solution is necessary as the Foundation grows and works toward self-sufficiency. The software proposed will allow the Foundation to effectively manage donor relationships, track and report donations and expenditures, provide a mechanism independent of WPS to receipt funds and make funding allocations, and allow for full transparency by the Foundation to its supporting donors. Blackbaud, a leader in non-profit software solutions, has offered a three-year price guarantee to license both their donor management solution and their fund accounting solution. As the Foundation currently is still in the early development stage, the district would buy the software, with the plan that the Foundation will take over the billing as soon as financially feasible. The district has funds in non-federal gifts and grants to make the purchase, thus not impacting any operational funds.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the BOE approve the purchase of software licenses for the Wichita Public Schools Foundation and payment to Blackbaud in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 annually.

4. Roof Replacement – Minneha Core Magnet

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer, Luke Newman, Shane Schumacher
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self Funded Insurance Reserve, Capital Outlay
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: On April 20, 2024, the Minneha Core Magnet roof sustained hail damage from a storm. This is an insurable loss covered by the 47 fund and is estimated to cost a total of \$226,131.03 based on an appraisal provided by SGA, LC. The remainder of the roof is deteriorating and requires replacement which would be covered by capital outlay funds. Reconstruction Services, LLC has received a proposal from Mahaney that totals \$95,000 to complete this work.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$331,131.03 to cover all expenses associated with roof remediation at Minneha which would cover costs to Reconstruction Services, SGA, Mahaney, and any contingencies or potential overages on materials as this long-term project progresses.

5. Water Damage – East High

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer, Luke Newman, Shane Schumacher
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self Funded Insurance Reserve
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: On August 5, 2024, an air conditioning unit leak caused water damage to wood floors within a classroom at East High School. Original estimates of this work from Reconstruction Services, LLC, came in at a maximum estimate of \$19,900, and work began on this project for water remediation and floor replacement. However, as work began, a bulge was noted within the floor requiring additional material and labor. This increases the final estimate to \$25,545.62.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$25,545.62 to cover all expenses paid to Reconstruction Services, LLC, associated with water remediation and floor replacement at East High School.

6. Pre-Bond Program Development Services

Contact(s): Luke Newman
Funding Source: Capital Outlay
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Woolpert, Inc., has completed their facility master planning services scope of work per the original RFQ/P, as approved by the Board on October 2, 2023. Their services are now required to conduct pre-bond program development and management as a continuation of their facility master planning work, which will include: bond oversight committee formation and facilitation, community engagement efforts, survey and polling administration, budget planning, scheduling, marketing development, procurement assistance, and other related services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter an agreement with Woolpert, Inc., for pre-bond program development services in an amount not to exceed \$312,000.

7. Owner's Representative for Renew America's Schools Grant

Appendix 11

Contact(s): Luke Newman
Funding Source: Renew America's Schools Grant, Capital Outlay
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: On August 5, 2024, the District was awarded a \$15 million Renew America's Schools Grant from the United States Department of Energy. The scope of work will include energy efficiency improvements such as: solar panels, LED lighting upgrades, HVAC replacements, and building envelope improvements in 22 schools. Collaborative Construction & Facility Consulting, LLC, has been selected as the owner's representative to provide general oversight, project management, and quality control/assurance inspections throughout the design and construction phases.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter an agreement with Collaborative Construction & Facility Consulting, LLC, for owner's representative services in an amount not to exceed \$216,667. This is the first of two possible renewals of this contract.

8. Right of Entry Agreement – Evergy Kansas South, Inc. - Horace Mann Magnet

Contact(s): Luke Newman
Funding Source: Capital Outlay
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Evergy Kansas South, Inc., has requested Right of Entry on District property near Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet for the purpose of easement acquisition to install overhang poles in the road right of way along 11th Street. The district will be paid \$10,600 for the acquisition.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with Evergy Kansas South, Inc., for the right of entry to perform the necessary work. District General Counsel has approved of this agreement.

9. Settlement Agreement – J.H. v Unified School District No. 259, et al.

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The district has negotiated a settlement of liability claims brought by J.H.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to J.H. which will result in a full and final settlement of this claim.

VIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Board of Education Reports and Requests
- C. New Business
- D. Adjournment