

**Board of Education Agenda**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**October 7, 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 – Wichita Southeast High School JROTC Cadets

**II. Reports**

- A. Wichita Public Schools Student Board

Representatives: Cohen Richardson (East), Aexsis Barkus (South), and Landon Hauschild (Northeast Magnet)

- B. Good News

- 1. EmpoweringED

Contact(s): Chris Wendt, Dyane Smokorowski, Tammy Martin

As part of our WPS leadership pipeline, The EmpowerED Teacher Fellowship provides passionate educators who aspire to develop their leadership skills with a focus on cultivating a vision for the future of education that is both inclusive and forward-thinking. Our first cohort includes: LaKeshia Brooks, EIA; Yvonne Sanders, Christa McAuliffe Academy; Rachel Wysong, Wilbur Middle School; Erin Lehman, Cessna Elementary; Heloisa Haist, L'Ouverture Magnet Elementary; Sarah Forster, Southeast High; Kristen Harris, Ortiz Elementary; Patrick Loganbill, Linwood Elementary; Bethany Ensign, Dodge Elementary; Stephanie Brooks, Gammon Elementary; Elizabeth Jackson, Curtis Middle School; Jessica Taylor, Little Early Childhood Center; Danielle Espinoza, North High; Ashley Reid, Stucky Middle School.

2. Legacy Fund Golf Classic Update and Sponsor Recognition

Contact(s): Holly Wilson

Strategic partners and community members participated in the Fifth Annual Legacy Fund Golf Classic on Friday, October 4 at Crestview Country Club. The Legacy Fund Golf Classic supports our Legacy fund and directly supports the following initiatives:

- **Tuition Assistance for the Early College Academy:** Enabling students to pursue advanced coursework and attain a head start on their collegiate journey.
- **Student Financial Assistance for Dual and Concurrent Credit Fees:** Alleviating the financial burden on families, ensuring that all students have equal access to college-level courses.
- **Payment Assistance for Workforce Credentials:** Facilitating the acquisition of valuable industry certifications, empowering our students to thrive in today's competitive job market.
- **Industry Standard Supplies and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Classrooms:** Ensuring that our CTE programs are equipped with the latest tools and resources to prepare students for success in their chosen career paths.

A list of VIP sponsors can be found in [Appendix 00](#).

3. Voter Registration and Civic Engagement

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

This fall, WPS partnered with the League of Women Voters to help students and families register to vote. The Board will be presented with civic engagement lessons from our Learning Services team and how WPS students will participate in a mock presidential election in November. The program encourages eligible voters to register by the October 15 deadline. Administration thanks the League of Women Voters for their partnership.

C. United Teachers of Wichita

D. Service Employees International

**III. 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.

1. Jana Price, 1047 N. Stratford Lane, Wichita, KS 67206. Topic: Changes at Isely.
2. Scottee Schmedeler, 1804 S. Market St., Wichita, KS 67211. Topic: Building construction.

**IV. Education**

A. Strategic Plan Goal #1: System Support Interim Goal: Increase Fully Qualified Staff

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of our Future Ready Strategic Plan, we will present regular progress monitoring reports. This report will review our Human Resources System Support Interim Goal of increasing fully qualified staff in order to continue making academic progress in Wichita Public Schools.

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

**V. Consent**

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

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: September 2024

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Monthly Finance Report: August 2024

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: This is a monthly report to the Board on the budget and finances of the district.

Recommendation: The report is provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 4

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
Corwin Professional Development	\$200,000.00	Susan Willis
Legacy Golf Tournament Expenses	\$25,000.00	Gil Alvarez
Student Data/MIFI Services	\$300,000.00	Rob Dickson
Food – June 2024	\$423,695.43	Fabian Armendariz
Supply Stock Orders - August 2024	\$383,320.54	Fabian Armendariz

2. Security Improvement Projects - Construction Manager at Risk - Various - GMP #7

Contact(s): Luke Newman

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Funding Source: Capital Outlay, Safety and Security Grant

2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for construction projects at various district sites. On January 23, 2023, the Board approved entering into a contract with Hutton Corporation to provide Construction Manager at Risk services for the Security Improvements Projects at various district sites. The Board of Education approved Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) awards #1 through #6 in the cumulative amount of \$8,154,474. Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #7, in the amount of \$930,000, has been established for Hamilton Middle School Secured Entry.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #7 in the amount of \$930,000. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #7, and previously approved GMP awards #1 through #6, to \$9,084,474.

D. Programs/Grants

1. Prime Fit (Renewal)

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Denis Fuoco

Funding Source: Federal Funds (Title I)

2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Prime Fit Youth Foundation Mentoring provides mentoring and support services to at-risk youth identified by school staff as needing individual, school-based mentoring. Up to 260 students will meet regularly with mentors to focus on goal setting, character skills, academics, and behaviors. The program serves 15 participating schools.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter in an agreement with Prime Fit for the 2024-25 school year to provide tutoring services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

2. Rise Up for Youth (Renewal)

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Contact(s): William Polite  
Funding Source: General Fund  
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Rise Up for Youth provides one-on-one mentoring and accountability relationships with district students. Students are referred to the program and partner with Rise Up for Youth staff, who provide guidance and direction where there may be gaps in the student's experience.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Rise Up for Youth to provide mentoring and accountability programs at seven high schools in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

3. Untamed Athletes (Renewal)

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

Purpose Untamed Athletes provides intense mentoring and support services to at-risk youth identified by school staff as needing individual, school-based mentoring. Up to 200 students will meet regularly with mentors to focus on prosocial skills, goal setting, and behavior modification. The schools served will be Bryant Opportunity Academy, Chester Lewis Academy, Hamilton Middle School and Stucky Middle School. All schools chosen are identified as schools for improvement.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Untamed Athletes for the 2024-25 school year to provide mentoring services in an amount not to exceed \$124,500.

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2024

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2024, are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund – Special Liability, 52 Fund – Workers’ Compensation Reserve Fund  
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for August 2024 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$2,041.50.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for August 2024 legal services and expenses for Workers’ Compensation in the amount of \$19,088.00.

This brings the 2024-25 fiscal year-to-date total to \$6,519.50 for Civil Litigation services and \$34,869.72 for Workers’ Compensation services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Workers’ Compensation under the school district’s self-insured programs for August 2024 in the amount of \$2,041.50 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$19,088.00 to McDonald Tinker PA.

3. ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual)

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Shannon Benoit, Kristina Bowyer

Funding Source: English for Speakers of Other Languages  
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Newman University, Wichita State University, and Kansas State University provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher licensure endorsement programs, available to all Wichita Public Schools teachers working directly with English Language Learners (ELL). ESOL program courses are available through WSU, KSU, and NU in Fall 2024, Spring 2025, and Summer 2025. The Wichita Public Schools ESOL Instructional Services Department provides WPS teachers with the opportunity to acquire ESOL endorsements, making them highly qualified ESOL teachers.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize payment to Wichita State University, Kansas State University, and Newman University for providing ESOL programming to Wichita Public Schools teachers in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

4. Consulting Services – Chisholm Trail Elementary School Bus Drive and Parking Lot

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay  
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for consulting services to replace damaged drive and parking lot at Chisholm Trail Elementary School. This includes improving site drainage and access for buses, garbage trucks, and staff vehicles.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Professional Engineering Consultants for design and engineering services for School Bus Drive and Parking Lot replacement at Chisholm Trail Elementary School in the amount not to exceed \$47,500.

5. Consulting Services – East High School Exterior Renovation – Phase Three

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

Purpose: The 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for consulting services for Phase Three of Exterior Renovation at East High School. The project scope involves exterior masonry renovation of the 1922 structure's south courtyard wall, including tuckpointing and structural repairs.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Shelden Architecture, Inc., for design and engineering of masonry restoration for Phase Three of Exterior Renovation at East High School in an amount not to exceed \$87,000.

6. Groundwater Interim Remedial Measures Project

Contact(s): Terri Moses  
Funding Source: Special Liability Expense Fund  
2024-25 and 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) requires implementation of work plans relative to the delineation of groundwater constituents and groundwater remediation as part of the School Service Center Interim Remedial Measures project. This agenda item will provide for consultative services from Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for groundwater performance monitoring and reporting; annual project status meeting; well repair and maintenance; NIC general consultation and five-year reporting as it pertains to this project.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board retain Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to implement work plans for the School Service Center Interim Remedial Measures Project as required by KDHE in an amount not to exceed \$149,600.

7. Resolution 2024-08: Resolution to Declare Former Payne Elementary School, Clark Elementary School, and Jardine Middle School Surplus

Appendix 9

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

Purpose: The board voted in March of 2024 to close Payne Elementary School, Clark Elementary School and Jardine Middle School. Classes were held for the last time at the schools on May 24, 2024. The properties are now and will remain vacant of students, and there is no readily apparent and viable plan to repurpose the properties in a way that will create sufficient value for the district to justify the ongoing expenses that it will continue to incur for so long as it retains title of these properties.

Administration recommends that the Board approve Resolution 2024-08, declaring Payne Elementary, Clark Elementary and Jardine Middle School to be surplus.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 2024-08.

8. Professional Coaching Agreement – L.L. Grubs, Executive Coach

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth  
Funding Source: 08 Fund – HR Administration  
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: This is for three administrators to receive the development and support of a professional coach for the 2024-25 academic year.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize payment for three district administrators to receive professional coaching and other services as part of their continued professional development with USD 259 in an amount not to exceed \$23,475.

9. Approval of Recommended Findings and Conclusions  
Regarding ESI Complaint (P5116)

Appendix 10

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence, Sean Hudspeth  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Approval of recommended findings and conclusions following investigation of ESI complaint.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed findings.

10. Workers' Compensation Settlement: S.B.

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer  
Funding Source: 52 Fund  
2024-25 Budget

Purpose: S.B. sustained an injury to the right shoulder during their employment with USD 259 on April 24, 2023. A settlement order has been issued for \$28,000 as the award for this litigated case. This will close out all future medical on this case. This does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon award for S.B.'s 2023 work injury in the total amount of \$28,000.

**VI. Operations**

A. Presenting the New WPS Website

Contact(s): Wendy Johnson, Suzy Finn  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: To accomplish our vision of being the premier district of choice, we need a website that tells our district story. The Strategic Communications team has led more than 300 district employees in transforming [usd259.org](http://usd259.org) into a resource that will help current and prospective parents, students and staff discover all that we have to offer. District staff will share about the process leading to the new product and invite feedback on continuous improvements.

Recommendation: This presentation is for the Board's information.



**VII. Miscellaneous**

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