

**Board of Education Agenda  
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259  
December 11, 2023 - 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 – Northwest High School JROTC Cadets

**II. Student Success**

- A. Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee (SuperSAC)

Reporters: Alayna Alvarez and Kamerin Stubbs, Northwest High

- B. Good News

- 1. 2023 Turkey Drive Benefitting Wichita’s United Methodist Open Door

Contact(s): Patty Stuever, Deann Smith

The 33rd Annual Turkey Drive to benefit United Methodist Open Door was held Friday, November 17, 2023, at the Waterwalk. This was the 17th year that WPS participated in this community event. We will recognize the students from schools for the winners of the “friendly” competition and our partners and for this event.

- 2. Wichita Public Schools 2023 Administrators of the Year

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Michele Ingenthron

The WPS Administrator of the Year award recognizes principals and assistant principals who have increased belonging, voice, and agency for students and staff as well as improved academic culture and progress on their campus. Wichita Public Schools honors four WPS Administrators of the Year:

- Elementary Principal of the Year – Todd Sanchez, Linwood Elementary School
- Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year – Cynthia Chrisman, Minneha Core Knowledge Magnet Elementary School
- Secondary Principal of the Year – Justin Kasel, Pleasant Valley Middle School
- Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year – Kathleen Bastin, Jardine STEM and Career Explorations Academy Middle School

Surprise visits honored recipients on November 6, 2023, and November 13, 2023.

### III. Public Communications

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1. Kendrell Holley, 1030 S. Breckenridge Ct., Wichita, KS 67207. Topic: Albuterol in schools.

### IV. Education

- A. 2024-29 Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan Adoption

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Gil Alvarez

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: To build on the success of the 2018-23 strategic plan, as well as the goals yet achieved, Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld began his tenure as Wichita Public Schools superintendent with a charge by the BOE to create a new five-year strategic plan. As a result of engagement from a 60-member community stakeholder Strategic Planning Team, and the voices of hundreds of community stakeholders through a series of community listening sessions conducted by the Center for Evaluation and Educational Leadership at the University of Kansas, the vision, mission, shared beliefs, student success outcomes and measures of success presented at this board meeting represent the proposed new 2024-29 Every Student Future Ready strategic plan. This transformative plan focuses on life readiness and the opportunities that will impact every WPS student. Following BOE discussion and approval, the district community will be engaged to bring life to the plan and propel the district and its students into the future.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the administration's Strategic Plan proposal.

### V. Executive Session

- A. A motion should be adopted that the Board of Education recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding:

Consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship.

The open meeting will resume at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ in this room.

- B. Reconvene

**VI. 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: November 2023

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Monthly Finance Report: October 2023

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
1. Motion Picture Copyright Licensing	\$25,000.00	Rob Dickson
2. My Learning Plan Maintenance and Support – Correction	\$1,500.00	Rob Dickson
3. Public Sector Treasury Software	\$22,000.00	Rob Dickson
4. Lawn Maintenance	\$100,000.00	Luke Newman
5. Legacy Golf Tournament Expenses	\$20,826.80	Gil Alvarez
6. Football Helmet and Shoulder Pad Reconditioning	\$42,000.00	Loren Hatfield/Chris Asmussen
7. Football Helmets	\$50,000.00	Loren Hatfield/Chris Asmussen

2. Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Gordian VFA is the software the Facilities Division uses to track and update facility condition and capital forecasting data. The software licensing was previously vendor managed, but now must be renewed and transferred to the district to maintain long-term.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the annual licensing for Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software be approved in an amount not to exceed \$79,350 through the Omnia Partners Contract # R210701.

3. Security Improvements Projects – Construction Manager at Risk – Various – GMP 3

Contact(s): Luke Newman  
Funding Source: Capital Outlay, Safety and Security Grant  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: The 2022-23 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 GMP #1 in the amount of \$2,500,000 on March 6, 2023, and GMP #2 in the amount of \$487,964 on November 13, 2023. The third Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) award has been established to add controlled access entrances at Lawrence Elementary School and Griffith Elementary School.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #3 in the amount of \$1,332,696. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #3, and previously approved GMP #1 and #2, to \$4,320,660.

D. Programs/Grants

1. 2023 Clean School Bus Rebate Program – Application Approval

Contact(s): Fabián Armendariz  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of the bipartisan infrastructure law to reduce carbon emissions, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates Program which helps school districts replace existing school buses with electric buses at no cost. The program designated \$5 billion to be awarded over five years to not only assist school districts with school bus replacements, but also cover expenses for charging infrastructure.

Since WPS contracts its student transportation services and buses are not property of the District, the BOE must authorize our current contractor, First Student, to apply for the program and be considered for any awards.

There is no cost to apply and if awarded, the funding can be declined without any penalties. Any awards that come as a result of this program will only benefit the district, as it will help pilot how electric buses perform with the current routing structure of WPS at expense. Awards will also result in fuel savings for the buses replaced.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education authorize First Student to apply for the 2023 Clean School Bus Rebate Program funding for Wichita Public Schools (USD 259).

2. Grant Writing Services

Appendix 5

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld  
Funding Source: Non-Federal Gifts and Grants  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Assel Grant Services (AGS) provided extensive grant writing services, including but not limited to review of client information; creation and management of project; creation of narrative, attachment and budget documents and submission of grant package for the federal Perkins Innovation and Modernization Grant project, titled "Transforming Tomorrow: Strategic Partnerships for a Future Ready Workforce." If awarded, this grant will have a \$2.5 million impact on the district and will expand capacity at the current Health Care and Manufacturing FutureReady Centers as well as provide funds for the creation of the IT FutureReady Center and create a new pathway to support electrical engineering and semiconductors.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Assel Grant Services for external grant writing services for the Perkins Innovation and Modernization grant in an amount not to exceed \$27,001.50.

3. Language! Live – Middle School Tier 3 Literacy Intervention Appendix 6

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Holly Ingram  
Funding Source: Textbook Fund, Professional Development Fund  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Language! Live (Voyager Sopris) was piloted and selected to support research-based instruction in Tier 3 Middle School literacy classes. This item is to request Board approval to contract with Voyager Sopris to utilize Language! Live in order to continue to provide instruction and support for middle school students needing Tier 3 Literacy instruction.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Language! Live licenses, professional learning, and resources from Voyager Sopris for one year in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

4. Secondary Core Math Adoption Appendix 7

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Holly Ingram  
Funding Source: Textbook Fund, Professional Development Fund  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: enVision (SAVVAS) was piloted and selected to support research-based instruction in Secondary Core Math classes (middle school math, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2). This item is to request Board approval to contract with SAVVAS to utilize enVision in order to provide core math instruction.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of enVision licenses, professional learning, and resources from SAVVAS for a seven-year adoption in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.

5. Xello Contract Renewal

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Timothy Hamblin  
Funding Source: General Fund  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: Xello is a web-based tool used with middle and high school students to explore career interests, skills inventories, and research postsecondary options. The data collected from Xello is used by school counselors and College and Career Center coordinators in assisting students to select courses to achieve their postsecondary plans. Implementation of Xello will meet KSDE requirements regarding individual plans of study.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the renewal of Xello via Orion Education and Training (South Central Kansas Education Center) for use in assessing and aligning students' career interests with course selections to build actionable plans for college and career development in an amount not to exceed \$86,755.60.

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2023 Appendix 8

Contact(s): Patrick Greene

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2023 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goong, 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  
2023-24 Budget  
Purpose: Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for October 2023 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$5,167.00.  
McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for October 2023 legal services and expenses for Workers’ Compensation in the amount of \$12,599.80.  
This brings the 2023-24 fiscal year-to-date total to \$42,905.37 for Civil Litigation services and \$44,918.91. 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 October 2023 in the amount of \$5,167 to Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$12,599.80 to McDonald Tinker PA.
  
3. Settlement Agreement – K.O. and S.O. v. Unified School District No. 259, et al.  
Contact(s): Dan Lawrence  
Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management  
2023-24 Budget  
Purpose: The district has negotiated a settlement of liability claims brought by K.O. and S.O.  
Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed \$325,690 to obtain a release of claims by K.O. and S.O. and to pay associated mediation costs.
  
4. Release and Authorization to Return Earnest Money  
Contact(s): Dan Lawrence, Luke Newman, Shane Schumacher  
Funding Source: NA  
Purpose: The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize Security 1<sup>st</sup> Title to return the earnest money deposited by the prospective purchaser under the now-terminated real estate purchase contract between the District and Garvey Ventures LLC for Garvey’s purchase of the former Price Elementary School building located at 6123 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Wichita, KS.  
Recommendation: It is recommended the Board execute the agreement and authorize Security 1<sup>st</sup> Title to return Garvey’s earnest money deposit.

5. Optum – New Stop Loss Carrier Contract

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer  
Funding Source: 47 Fund  
2023-24 Budget

Purpose: At the June 12, 2023, Board Meeting, annual budget items were approved for the medical, pharmacy, vision, and dental benefits as part of the Employee Benefits package. Symetra was named as the carrier of the specific stop loss policy with a deductible of \$750,000 on each individual claim (meaning the district is reimbursed from the stop loss carrier on expenses on any one claim after they reach \$750,000), with an aggregating specific corridor of an additional \$300,000 in plan liability. At this time, the expected annual premium for stop loss was expected to total \$1,311,281 (or \$18.39 per employee per month enrolled in one of the health plans). Stop loss policies renew based on calendar year, meaning that each year our renewal for the stop loss carrier does not begin until subsequent to the presentation of our annual budget items each summer. This is a carrier that can frequently change in order to secure the most financially conservative rates.

Renewal rates for Symetra came in with a 24.9% increase. Competitor Optum came in with a 3.8% increase (or 16.9% reduction from the renewal quote from Symetra). Neither quote sought to change the current policy deductible of \$750,000 or additional liability of \$300,000, leaving these flat. The annual estimated premium total for Symetra would total \$1,637,853 (or \$22.97 per employee per month enrolled on one of the health plans), as compared to the competitor quote from Optum of \$1,361,193 (or \$19.09 per employee per month enrolled on one of the health plans). Of note is that there were a few other competitor quotes provided that were at significantly higher rates that were not considered due to the vast difference in pricing.

We are not given a choice on renewal but to increase the cost by at least \$49,912 per year. By choosing Optum, we would be saving \$276,660 over renewing with Symetra.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve a new contract with Optum for the stop loss carrier on the health plans as of 2024 for an estimated total premium of \$1,361,193. This is an estimated total as it is based on health plan enrollment numbers, and these numbers can fluctuate. Premium will be based on \$19.09 per employee per month enrolled on one of the district health plans.

**VII. Operations**

A. District Facilities Master Planning

Contact(s): Luke Newman, Fabian Armendariz  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: In July of 2023, the Board was presented with information related to facility assessments and long-range capital forecasting. In conjunction with that effort, the district has been studying and evaluating district-wide building utilization and demography data. Cooperative Strategies, LLC was retained to consolidate and evaluate the outcomes from these studies and help establish the district's long-range master plan.

The purpose of this presentation is to inform the Board of the District's preliminary findings and current status regarding facility master planning.

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

**VIII. Finance – None submitted.**



**IX. Policy**

A. Second Review: Proposed Update of Human Resources Policy

Appendix 9

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposes the following update of Human Resources policy.

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
P3714	NA	Voluntary Early Retirement Program	Comply with industry and current practices.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board adopt the proposed update.

B. First Review: Proposed Updates of BOE Policies

Appendix 10

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Loren Hatfield, Vince Evans  
Funding Source: NA

Purpose: As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposes the following updates of Secondary Office, Learning Services, and Student Support Services policies.

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
P6326	NA	Course Credit - Secondary	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas
P6327	NA	Issuing Credit for Travel and/or Field Experiences	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas
P6334	NA	Graduation Requirements for Students with Disabilities	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas
P6725	NA	Mathematics Education	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas
P6791	NA	Physical Education	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas
P6800	NA	Reading	Update to align with P6333 – Graduation Rule and Diplomas

Recommendation: This item provides for the Board’s first review of the above policies.

**X. Reports**

- A. United Teachers of Wichita
- B. Service Employees International
- C. Superintendent’s Report
- D. Board of Education

**XI. Miscellaneous**

- A. New Business
- B. Board of Education Requests
- C. Adjournment