

**Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas**

Roll Call	<p>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 October 7, 2024, with President Stan Reeser presiding.</p> <p>Present: Diane Albert, Kathy Bond, Julie Hedrick, Melody McCray-Miller, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Ngoc Vuong.</p>
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	<p>The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the Southeast High School JROTC Cadets.</p>
Reports	
Wichita Public Schools Student Board	<p>Representatives: Cohen Richardson (East), Alexis Barkus (South), and Landon Hauschild (Northeast Magnet).</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> New WPS Student Board format.</p>
Good News	<p>EmpoweringED</p> <p>Contact(s): Chris Wendt, Dyane Smokorowski, Tammy Martin</p> <p>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.</p>

<p>Good News <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>Legacy Fund Golf Classic Update and Sponsor Recognition</p> <p>Contact(s): Holly Wilson</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>A list of VIP sponsors can be found in Appendix 00.</p> <p>Voter Registration and Civic Engagement</p> <p>Contact(s): Loren Hatfield</p> <p>Loren Hatfield and Rob Maddux briefed the board on the district's partnership 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.</p>
<p>United Teachers of Wichita – UTW</p>	<p>Katie Warren, UTW President. <u>Topic:</u> Reading Opens the World grants; Cessna incident; and student behavior.</p>
<p>Service Employees International – SEIU</p>	<p>Esau Freeman, SEIU Business Representative. <u>Topic:</u> Cessna incident.</p>
<p>Public Communications</p>	<p>Jana Price, 1047 N. Stratford Lane, Wichita, KS 67206. <u>Topic:</u> Changes at Isely.</p> <p>At approximately 7:11 p.m., Mr. Reeser left the board room.</p> <p>At approximately 7:21 p.m., Mr. Reeser returned to the board room.</p> <p>Scottie Schmedeler, 1804 S. Market St., Wichita, KS 67211. <u>Topic:</u> Building construction.</p> <p>Courtney Vanek, 482 E. Cheyenne, Kechi, KS 67067. <u>Topic:</u> Isely mixed abilities program.</p>

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Strategic Plan Goal #1: System Support Interim Goal – Increase Fully Qualified Staff	Sean Hudspeth, Chief Human Resources Officer, briefed the Board on regular process monitoring reports, as part of the Future Ready Strategic Plan. The report reviewed the Human Resources System Support Interim Goal of increasing fully qualified staff in order to continue making academic progress in Wichita Public Schools. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board’s information.																		
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business. The motion passed 7-0.																		
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.																		
Treasury Warrants: September 2024 Appendix 2	Board approval.																		
Monthly Finance Report: August 2024 Appendix 3	Provided for the Board’s information. No action is requested.																		
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	Board approval. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description of products/services</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Responsible Party</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Corwin Professional Development</td> <td>\$200,000.00</td> <td>Susan Willis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Legacy Golf Tournament Expenses</td> <td>\$25,000.00</td> <td>Gil Alvarez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Student Data/MIFI Services</td> <td>\$300,000.00</td> <td>Rob Dickson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food – June 2024</td> <td>\$423,695.43</td> <td>Fabian Armendariz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supply Stock Orders - August 2024</td> <td>\$383,320.54</td> <td>Fabian Armendariz</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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
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Security Improvement Projects - Construction Manager at Risk - Various - GMP #7 Appendix 5	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.																		
Prime Fit (Renewal)	Ms. McCray-Miller pulled this item for further discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4 of these minutes.																		
Rise Up for Youth (Renewal) Appendix 6	Ms. McCray-Miller pulled this item for further discussion. Please see “Action on Pulled Consent Items” on Page 4 of these minutes.																		
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BOE Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2024 Appendix 7	Board approval.																		
Fleeson, Goong, 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 August 2024 in the amount of \$2,041.50 to Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$19,088.00 to McDonald Tinker PA.																		
ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual) Appendix 8	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.																		
Consulting Services – Chisholm Trail Elementary	Enter into a contract with Professional Engineering Consultants for design and engineering services for School Bus Drive and Parking																		

School Bus Drive and Parking Lot	Lot replacement at Chisholm Trail Elementary School in the amount not to exceed \$47,500.
Consulting Services – East High School Exterior Renovation – Phase Three	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.
Groundwater Interim Remedial Measures Project	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.
Resolution 2024-08: Resolution to Declare Former Payne Elementary School, Clark Elementary School, and Jardine Middle School Surplus Appendix 9	Approve Resolution 2024-08.
Professional Coaching Agreement – L.L. Grubs, Executive Coach	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.
Approval of Recommended Findings and Conclusions Regarding ESI Complaint (P5116) Appendix 10	Approve the proposed findings.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: S.B.	Approve this agreed upon award for S.B.'s 2023 work injury in the total amount of \$28,000.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Prime Fit (Renewal) Rise Up for Youth (Renewal) Appendix 6 Untamed Athletes (Renewal)	Ms. McCray-Miller pulled these items to highlight their importance and effectiveness, and reports she met with several community members involved with the related programs. Ms. McCray-Miller suggested these and other organizations meet in the future with each other to coordinate their efforts. Ms. McCray-Miller (Ms. Hedrick) moved 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; approve the agreement with Rise Up for Youth for the 2024-25 school year to provide mentoring and accountability programs at seven high schools in an amount not to exceed \$21,000; and 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. The motion passed 7-0.
	At approximately 7:55 p.m., Mr. Reeser announced the Board would take a brief recess. At approximately 8:07 p.m., the Board returned.
Operations	
Presenting the New WPS Website	Suzy Finn, Marketing and Strategic Partnership Supervisor, briefed the Board on the new WPS website. The Strategic Communications team has led more than 300 district employees in transforming usd259.org into a resource that will help current and prospective

	<p>parents, students and staff discover all that the district has to offer. District staff shared about the process leading to the new product and invited feedback on continuous improvements.</p> <p>The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.</p>
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visited with U.S. Navy Blue Angels pilots after their recent demonstration in Wichita. Reports the pilots spend two hours after every performance reviewing their actions and looking for ways to improve. - Thanked Maintenance and Facility workers who moved classroom supplies from recently closed buildings to teachers' new assignments. - Shared "District at a Glance" and "Literacy Summit" handouts with Board members. - Reported to the Board that staff will receive training on handling transcripts for students in foster care. - Recognized district committee addressing surplus buildings. - Met with Hispanic community leaders, and reports this will be a monthly occurrence. - Announced that future Board meetings and presentations will be more thematic and feature information from Board members' visits to district buildings and programs.
New Business	None submitted.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	None submitted.
Adjournment	<p>Mrs. Bond (Ms. Albert) moved the meeting adjourn.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>At approximately 8:48 p.m., the meeting adjourned.</p>