

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

<b>Roll Call</b>	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 November 4, 2024, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Kathy Bond, Julie Hedrick, Melody McCray-Miller, Stan Reeser, and Ngoc Vuong. Absent: Hazel Stabler
<b>Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance</b>	The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Wichita East High School JROTC cadets.
<b>Reports</b>	
Good News	<p>Kansans Can STAR Recognition Award Contact(s): Shannon Benoit, Tim Hamblin Summary: Wichita Public Schools has achieved recognition in the 2024 Kansans Can Star Recognition Program, demonstrating our commitment to the state's vision for education - Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. This year, we have earned a Bronze Star for Kindergarten Readiness and a Copper Star for our Individual Plan of Study (IPS) initiative. The Bronze Star reflects our high-quality early childhood education program, which emphasizes family engagement, a safe learning environment, a developmentally appropriate curriculum, and qualified staff. The Copper Star recognizes our ongoing efforts to ensure that all 8th graders have a five-year plan in place by May 2025, supporting their academic and career readiness.</p> <p>Tim Hamblin, Executive Director of College and Career Readiness, shared recognition with Laura Barker, IPS and Work Based Learning Specialist in the Office of College and Career Readiness. Shannon Benoit, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, shared recognition with her early childhood team: Jenny Flood (ECO teacher), Erica Hartzler (EC Teaching Specialist), Allison Harris (EC Teaching Specialist), and Stephanie Goetz (EC Teaching Specialist).</p>
United Teachers of Wichita – UTW	Katie Warren, UTW President. <u>Topic</u> : Voting, polling locations, and support for teachers.
Service Employees International – SEIU	None submitted.
<b>Public Communications</b>	<p>Courtney Vanek, 482 E. Cheyenne, Kechi, KS 67067. Topic: Isely mixed abilities program.</p> <p>Jana Price, 1047 N. Stratford Lane, Wichita, KS 67206. Topic: Changes at Isely.</p> <p>Rodney Price, 1047 N. Stratford Lane, Wichita, KS 67206. Topic: Mixed abilities class.</p> <p>David Edleston, 6126 Quail Ridge St., Bel Aire, KS 67220. Topic: Isley transition.</p>

	Kevin Yale, 3801 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> Apt. 406, Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: Safety guidance.
<b>Education</b>	
Strategic Plan Goal 1 - Graduation Rate Progress Monitoring Report <a href="#">Appendix 1</a>	Dr. Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools, shared information regarding regular progress monitoring reports. This report will review the Strategic Plan Goal 1 graduation rate baseline data, a Class of 2024 update, and strategies employed to continue making academic progress in Wichita Public Schools. Dr. Hatfield shared two documents detailing the Graduation Rates in Wichita Public Schools along with Program and Credit Opportunities.  The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
Strategic Plan Goal 1 – Elementary and Middle School Interim Goal Data  <a href="#">Appendix 2</a>	Holly Ingram, Secondary Executive Director of Curriculum and Instructional Support, and Amanda Sharshel, Elementary Executive Director of Curriculum and Instructional Support, gave a presentation on the Elementary and Middle School Interim Goal Data, which is part of the district's Future Ready Strategic Plan to increase academic success and graduation rate. This report updated the board on the elementary and middle school interim goals and detailed progress monitoring for the elementary and middle school level.
<b>Consent: Disposal of Routine Business</b>	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business except for E.5 Isley K-8 Transition Plan and Boundary Change which was pulled for further discussion.  The motion passed 6-0 with Board member Ms. Stabler noted absent.
Human Resources Report <a href="#">Appendix 3</a>	Board approval.
Financial Resolutions <a href="#">Appendix 4</a>	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve the following resolutions: 1. Resolution – Depository Banks 2. Resolution – Municipal Investment Pool 3. Resolution – Activity Funds 4. Resolution – Credit Card Authorization 5. Resolution – Commerce Bank Credit Card Accounts 6. Resolution – Authorization to Transfer 7. Resolution – Certification of Authorization to Transfer 8. Resolution – Home Rule No 1 – Donations 9. Resolution – Information Management: Destruction of Certain District Documents
Appointment of Trustee for USD 259 Early Retirement Incentive Plan and Retiree Health Benefits Trust <a href="#">Appendix 5</a>	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board appoint Addi Lowell, Chief Financial Officer, as the trustee of the USD 259 Early Retirement Incentive Plan and Retiree Health Benefits Trust.
Treasury Warrants: October 2024 <a href="#">Appendix 6</a>	Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: September 2024 <a href="#">Appendix 7</a>	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.

Purchasing Consent Appendix 8	Board approval.		
	Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
	1. CTE Equipment – Aidex PLC Learning System	\$62,200.00	Loren Hatfield, Tim Hamblin
	2. Budget Reporting Support	\$100,000.00	Addi Lowell
	3. Postage Metering Machine	\$29,332.20	Fabián Armendáriz
	4. Food – September 2024	\$383,954.50	Fabián Armendáriz
5. Supply Stock Orders - September 2024	\$110,645.24	Fabián Armendáriz	
Legal Services: Fleeson, Goosing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA  Appendix 9	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 September 2024 in the amount of \$5,755.50 to Fleeson, Goosing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$17,900.12 to McDonald Tinker PA.		
Design Services – Heights High School Structural Repairs	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Alloy Architecture for architecture, engineering, and structural design services to address structural deficiencies at Heights High School in an amount not to exceed \$40,154.		
Design Services – Buckner Elementary School Playground Reconstruction	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Baughman Company, P.A., for engineering services to reconstruct and expand the Buckner Elementary School playground, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.		
Resolution to Adopt Kansas Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan  Appendix 10	Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve and sign the Kansas Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan. For the plan to be valid it must be adopted by all the taxing entities in the county, including school districts.		
Isely K-8 Transition Plan and Boundary Change	Mrs. Bond pulled this item for further discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items" on Page 4 of these minutes.		
Energy Service Contract (ESCO) Selection – United States Department of Energy Renew America Grant	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the selection of Navitas, LLC, as the Energy Service Company (ESCO) for the United States Department of Energy's Renew America Grant project. It is further recommended the Board approve entering into a contract with Navitas, LLC, for the first phase of the project (Investment Grade Audit) in a total amount not to exceed \$1,052,632.		
BOE Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2024 Appendix 11	Recommendation: Board approval.		
Appointment of Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer	Recommendation: Board approval.		
Freedom of Information Officer Appointment (Annual)	Recommendation: It is recommended the Board appoint Litona Hoyt, Clerk of the Board, as the district's Freedom of Information Officer to serve effective immediately for the remainder of fiscal year 2024-25 or until further order of the Board.		

<b>Action on Pulled Consent Items</b>	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
E.5 Isley K-8 Transition Plan and Boundary Change	<p>Fabián Armendáriz, Division Director of Operations, shared a presentation detailing the current elementary boundary for Isley and Stucky.</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> <p><u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve splitting the current Isely boundary using Oliver Street as the dividing line. Students residing east of Oliver Street inside the current Isely boundary will be assigned there moving forward. Students residing west of Oliver Street will be assigned to Chisholm Trail for elementary and will continue to attend Stucky for middle school. Since Isely will remain a traditional magnet, current Isely students residing in the impacted area west of Oliver will be allowed to remain there and be magnetized for the remainder of their K-8 school experience. Isely will transition to K-6 for the 2025-26 school year, K-7 in 2026-27, and will become a full K-8 in 2027-28.</p> <p>Mr. Reeser (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved the board approve the Isley K-8 Transition Plan and Boundary Change as presented.</p> <p>The motion passed 4-2 with Board member Ms. Stabler noted absent.</p> <p>Yeas: Ms. Albert, Ms. Hedrick, Ms. McCray-Miller, and Mr. Reeser.</p> <p>Nays: Mrs. Bond and Mr. Vuong.</p>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Superintendent’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanked the board for their involvement in school visits.</li> <li>- Informed the board of the upcoming JROTC Veterans Day Assembly event.</li> <li>- Encouraged the board to promote and share information about the Literacy Summit.</li> <li>- Notified the board of the Board Workshop on Cell Phone Policy scheduled for Monday, November 18.</li> <li>- Reminded the board of Thanksgiving Break.</li> </ul>
New Business	- None submitted.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	- None submitted.
Executive Session – Personnel Matters for Non-Elected Personnel	Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved the board go into executive session for discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual for 10 minutes following a 5-minute break at 8:37 p.m. The executive session included all the board members present and General Counsel Dan Lawrence and Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld. The open meeting resumed in the board room at approximately 8:52 p.m. The motion passed 6-0 with Board member Ms. Stabler noted absent.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0 with Board member Ms. Stabler noted absent.

	- At approximately 8:52 p.m., the meeting adjourned.