

**Board of Education Agenda**  
**Wichita Public Schools · USD 259**  
**January 13, 2025 · 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

**II. Reports**

- A. Good News
  - 1. Recognition of Board Members for School Board Appreciation Month
- B. United Teachers of Wichita
- C. Service Employees International Union

**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. Jennifer Kupke, 1115 Forest, Wichita, KS 67203. Topic: Social Studies Curriculum
- 2. Walt Chappell, 3165 N. Porter Ave., Wichita, KS 67204. Topic: Design Services and Bond

**IV. Education**

- A. Strategic Plan Goal #2: High School Interim Goal Data Update

Contact(s): Branden Johnson, Holly Ingram

Purpose: As part of our Future Ready Strategic Plan to prepare students for life, college and career, we will share an update on the high school interim goal. This report will provide first semester data, areas for improvement, and continued strategies.

Recommendation: This strategic plan update that is for the Board's information.

B. 2025 Legislative Agenda Appendix 1

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to discuss the agenda for the 2025 legislative session. The legislative agenda allows for a targeted and focused approach to educating and advocating for issues impacting our district.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to advocate for identified issues and to educate legislators regarding issues impacting the district.

V. **Consent**

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report Appendix 2

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Finance

1. Monthly Finance Report: November 2024 Appendix 3

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

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. Athletic Floor Refinishing	\$450,000.00	Luke Newman
2. Translation Services – Annual	\$150,000.00	Shannon Benoit
3. Copier Lease Payments	\$80,000.00	Fabian Armendariz
4. Student Device Repair Services	\$90,000.00	Rob Dickson/Sean Hudspeth
5. Supply Warehouse Stock – November 2024	\$277,808.30	Fabian Armendariz

D. Programs/Grants

E. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2024 Appendix 5

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2024 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Pre-Bond Program – Design Services

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay

2024-25 Budget

Purpose: In the event of a successful bond election on February 25, 2025, the District will need critical trade partnerships established in advance in order to accommodate design and construction timelines and have the first group of projects complete and ready for occupancy by fall semester of 2027. An essential first step is to select design firms for the following projects: Rebuild of Black Elementary, Rebuild of McLean Elementary, Construction of new Coleman Middle, Construction of New Future Ready Center, Expansion of Wells Alternative Middle (to house Sowers Alternative High), and Expansion of Cessna Elementary (convert to K-8).

The bond oversight committee accepted proposals, conducted interviews, and selected the following firms for the associated projects: Incite Design Studio – Black and McLean Rebuilds; Schaefer + Dake Wells Partnership – New Coleman Middle; SPT + DLR Partnership – New Future Ready Center and Expansion of Cessna Elementary; Alloy Architecture – Expansion of Wells Alternative Middle.

All firms are proceeding with design development work at their own risk, and understand that their fee and payment (for services rendered) is solely dependent upon successful passage of the proposed bond.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into contracts (contingent upon successful bond passage) with the following firms: Incite Design Studio - Black and McLean Rebuilds, in an amount not to exceed \$3,870,589; Schaefer + Dake Wells Partnership – New Coleman Middle, in an amount not to exceed \$3,477,000; SPT + DLR Partnership – New Future Ready Center and Expansion of Cessna Elementary, in an amount not to exceed \$3,253,500; Alloy Architecture – Expansion of Wells Alternative Middle, in an amount not to exceed \$550,500.

3. Design Services – Kelly Elementary School Parking Lot Expansion

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay

2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Design services are required to expand the parking lot at Kelly Elementary School. The scope includes the addition of diagonal off-street parking in front of the school for visitors as well as an extension to the current parking lot off Glenn Avenue to accommodate additional parking and a drop-off drive for the Latchkey Program.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Tessere, Inc., for architecture, civil, and site design services to expand parking at Kelly Elementary in an amount not to exceed \$25,500.

4. East High School Trip to Branson, MO

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Branden Johnson

Funding Source: Student Funded

Purpose: On 3/14/2025 to 3/17/2025, East High Fine Arts/Band will participate in a performance at Grand Shanghai Theatre in Branson, MO. Approximately 100 students, 3 teachers and 3 parent chaperones will also participate. The trip also includes 3 music shows.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve for East High Fine Arts

orchestra to attend the performance at Grand Shanghai Theatre, in Branson, MO in an amount not to exceed \$35,000. No vendor has been contracted for trip services.

- 5. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goings, 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, Goings, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for November 2024 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$3,180.50.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for November 2024 legal services and expenses for Workers’ Compensation in the amount of \$15,770.00.

This brings the 2024-25 fiscal year-to-date total to \$27,726.19 for Civil Litigation services and \$71,498.91 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 November 2024 in the amount of \$3,180.50 to Fleeson, Goings, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$15,770.00 to McDonald Tinker PA.

- 6. Resolution 2025-1: Resolution to Authorize Disposition of Former Payne Elementary School, Clark Elementary School and Jardine Middle School Appendix 6

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

2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The board voted in March of 2024 to close Payne Elementary School, Clark Elementary School and Jardine Middle School, and approved a resolution in October of 2024 to designate the properties as surplus property pursuant to board policy P7170. The properties remain vacant, with no readily-apparent and viable plan to repurpose them, while the district incurs and will continue to incur expenses associated with their upkeep for so long as it retains title to them. Administration recommends that the board authorize disposition of these properties following notice to the legislature as required by law, as more fully described in Resolution 2025-1.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 2025-1.

**VI. Operations** – None submitted.

**VII. Finance** – None submitted.

**VIII. Policy**

- A. First Review: P5506 – Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission Appendix 7

Contact(s): Daniel Lawrence

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Revisions to this policy reflect an office title change to Choice Enrollment and Programs.

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
5506	5506	Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission	Revisions to policy 5506 reflect an office title change.

Recommendation: This item provides for the Board's first review of the above policy.

- B. First Review: P1217 – Magnet School Programs Appendix 8

Contact(s): Daniel Lawrence

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Revisions to P1217 concerning the meeting schedule for the Magnet School/ Community Advisory Committee, timelines related to discontinuation of a magnet program, and organization of the policy.

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
1217	1217	Magnet School Programs	Revisions to P1217 concerning the meeting schedule for the Magnet School/ Community Advisory Committee, timelines related to discontinuation of a magnet program, and organization of the policy.

Recommendation: This item provides for the Board's first review of the above policy.

- C. First Review: P6900 – Career and Technical Education Programs Appendix 9

Contact(s): Daniel Lawrence

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Revisions to this policy reflect an office title change to College and Career Readiness.

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
6900	6900	Career and Technical Education Programs	Revisions to policy P6900 reflect an office title change.

Recommendation: This item provides for the Board's first review of the above policy.

- D. Second Review: P0200 – Board of Education Agendas and Meetings Appendix 10

Contact(s): Daniel Lawrence

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Revisions to this policy BOE meetings and agendas, to improve organization, conform policy to existing practice, and improve clarity.

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
0200	0200	Board of Education Agendas and Meetings	Revisions to policy P0200, concerning BOE meetings and agendas, to improve organization, conform policy to existing practice, and improve clarity.

Recommendation: This item provides for the Board's second review of the above policy.

**IX. Miscellaneous**

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. New Business and Board of Education Requests

C. Executive Session – Attorney Client Privilege

D. Election of Officers (Board of Education)

In accordance with BOE Policy 0100 – Organization of the Board: “At the Board’s first meeting on or after the second Monday in January of each year, the Board shall elect a president and vice president from its members, each of whom shall serve for one year or until his/her successor is elected.” The election of officers shall be by open ballot. Board policy stipulates that each member may vote for any member of the Board and successive ballots shall be taken for each office until one member receives four votes. The newly elected president and vice-president shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected.

Election of President

Election of Vice-President

**X. Adjournment**