

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
February 10, 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 – Northeast Magnet JROTC

II. Reports

A. Good News

1. Battle of the Books and Big Read

Contact(s): Gail Becker

The 30th annual Battle of the Books competition was held January 22nd-29th at AMAC, with 45 elementary schools participating. This event was organized and directed by Library Media and Textbook Services and produced by Media Productions.

2. Horizon Award Winner

Contact(s): Dr. Loren Hatfield

Each year the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) recognizes 32 teachers, 4 elementary and 4 secondary classroom teachers from each of the four Congressional districts in the state, as Horizon Award winners. The Horizon Award identifies and recognizes excellence in teaching for educators who just completed their first year in the classroom.

Last spring, Matt Miller, a science teacher at Truesdell Middle School was awarded the Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award (DCTA) for New Secondary and now he is being honored as a KSDE Horizon Award recipient.

3. JAG-K 6 of 6 Award

Contact(s): Christy Pray (Regional Manager JAG-K)

Christy Pray, JAG-K Regional Manager, would like to recognize USD 259 JAG-K Specialists that received the National JAG 6 of 6 award.

The "6 of 6" Award is presented to schools with JAG-K programs that reach and exceed high benchmarks for their JAG-K students including graduating, becoming employed following graduation, entering military service, or entering post-secondary educational institutions. Both JAG National and JAG Kansas are proud to grant this award to West High School, Specialist DaMarshae Franklin, Wichita North High, Specialist Kareema

Williams and Wichita Southeast, Specialist Ashley Baughns, the highest of national JAG awards. Their incredible support, connect and passion for student success are evident by the high standards by which they run their program. All of these programs had a 100% graduation rate.

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. Breanna Maggart, 233 S. Fountain, Wichita KS 67218. Topic: Special Education
2. Ron Hobert, 9545 W. Brookridge Circle, Wichita KS 67205. Topic: Bond
3. Elliana Klaus, Trinity Slater, and Victoria Barnes. Topic: Biomedical Program
4. Becca Davison, 4060 N. Reed Ave, Maize KS 67101. Topic: Bond
5. Jane Keliher, 7823 E. Dublin, Wichita KS 67206. Topic: Bond
6. Kaytreuna Crow, 8904 E. Funston, Wichita KS 67207. Topic: East High
7. Cal Siebenmark, 3939 Edgemont, Wichita KS 67208. Topic: Gratitude for WPS Teachers
8. Stephanie Fuhrmann, 901 Mockingbird Lane, Derby KS 67037. Topic: Bond
9. Lisha Watts, 903 N. Market Apt 211, Wichita, KS 67214. Topic: School Closures
10. Kesar Sharma-Crawford, 1050 S. Fabrique Dr., Wichita KS 67218. Topic: ICE

IV. Education

A. Strategic Plan Goal 2 - Kindergarten Readiness, Elementary Play Initiatives

Contact(s): Amanda Sharshel, Alison Renner

Purpose: We have been piloting Kindergarten Purposeful Play and an Experiential Recess at Allen Elementary, Caldwell Elementary, Gammon Elementary, Gordon Parks Academy, Kelly Elementary, OK Elementary and Woodman Elementary during the 2024-2025 school year. This item is to share information about these two pilots, the outcomes we hope to achieve, how things have gone so far and plans for expansion.

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

V. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report
Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth
Purpose: Report.
Recommendation: Board approval.

Appendix 1

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: December 2024
Contact(s): Addi Lowell
Purpose: Monthly report.
Recommendation: Board approval.

Appendix 2

2. Monthly Finance Report: December 2024
Contact(s): Addi Lowell
Funding Source: NA

Appendix 3

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
Purpose: Report
Recommendation: Board approval.
Summary

Appendix 4

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Laguna Tools Bandit 220V three phase 5/3 edge bander	\$57,899.00	Luke Newman
2. Ohm's Law Electric Circuit Trainers	\$36,700.00	Tim Hamblin/Loren Hatfield
3. Food Safety Health Inspection License Renewals	\$29,945.00	Fabian Armendariz
4. Food – November 2024	\$275,034.52	Fabian Armendariz
5. Food – December 2024	\$3,277,083.18	Fabian Armendariz
6. Fuel – July to December 2024	\$1,459,037.56	Fabian Armendariz
7. Supply Warehouse Stock – December 2024	\$191,173.78	Fabian Armendariz

2. Security Improvements Projects - Construction Manager at Risk - Various - GMP #8
Contact(s): Luke Newman
Funding Source: Capital Outlay and Safety & 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 #7 in the cumulative amount of \$9,084,474. Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #8, in the amount of \$3,500,515, has been established for North High School and South High School Secured Entries, Elevator Security – various sites, and Intercom Headend Installation – Phase 2.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board amend the contract with Hutton

Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #8 in the amount of \$3,500,515. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #8, and previously approved GMP awards #1 through #7, to \$12,584,989.

D. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2025

Appendix 5

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2025 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. BOE Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2025

Appendix 6

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2025 are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

3. Legal Services: Fleeson, Goosing, 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, Goosing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for December 2024 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$4,745.73.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for December 2024 legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$15,557.52.

This brings the 2024-25 fiscal year-to-date total to \$32,471.92 for Civil Litigation services and \$102,826.43 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 December 2024 in the amount of \$4,745.73 to Fleeson, Goosing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$15,557.52.00 to McDonald Tinker PA.

4. Annual East High International Baccalaureate Program Examination and Membership Fees

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Sara Richardson, Emily Tanner

Funding Source: General Fund and Student Funded, 2024-25 Budget, 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Juniors and seniors in the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) at East High School sit for examinations in May as part of their IB requirements. Additionally, in order to maintain membership as an IB Diploma Program, an annual fee is assessed by IB. This fee is allocated from the 06 fund at East High.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve payment to the International Baccalaureate Organization in an amount not to exceed \$49,000.00 for the payment of IB examination fees for the May 2025 IB exam session and the annual membership fee. \$36,114 for the 2025 May exams and approximately \$12,666 for the 2025-2026 IB annual fee.

5. Elementary Tier 2 Reading Intervention – Lexia (Renewal)

Contact(s): Amanda Sharshel, Gil Alvarez

Funding Source: Textbook fund and At-Risk, 2024-25 Budget, 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: LexiaCore5 is the literacy intervention curriculum program for elementary school Tier 2 students. Teachers provide whole group and small group instruction with support for individualized instruction in the online platform. The programs are designed for students who are identified at risk in literacy on our district's Fastbridge reading screener.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Lexia Core5 professional development and online licenses from Lexia in amount not to exceed \$105,000.

6. Middle School Tier 3 Reading Intervention – Language! Live (Renewal)

Contact(s): Holly Ingram, Gil Alvarez

Funding Source: Textbook fund and At-Risk, 2024-25 Budget, 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Language! Live (Voyager Sopris) is the adopted research-based instruction in Tier 3 Middle School literacy classes which we began using in the 24-25 school year. This item is to request Board approval renew the 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 \$80,000.

7. Middle School Tier 2 Literacy Intervention Program - Reading Plus Annual - (Renewal)

Contact(s): Holly Ingram, Gil Alvarez

Funding Source: Textbook fund, 2024-25 Budget, 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Reading Plus (Discovery Education) is the literacy intervention curriculum program for middle school Tier 2 students. Teachers provide whole group and small group instruction with support for individualized instruction in the online platform. The program is designed for students who are identified at risk in literacy on our district's Fastbridge reading screener.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Reading Plus online licenses and training from Discovery Education in amount not to exceed \$190,000.

8. High School Tier 2 and 3 Reading Intervention – Read 180 HMH (Renewal)

Contact(s): Holly Ingram, Gil Alvarez

Funding Source: Textbook fund and At-Risk, 2024-25 Budget, 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Read 180 (HMH) on Ed (Comprehension & Code) is the literacy intervention curriculum program for high school Tier 2 and Tier 3 students. Teachers provide whole group and small group instruction with support for individualized instruction in the online platform. The program is designed for students who are identified at risk in literacy on our district's Fastbridge reading screener.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of HMH Read 180 on Ed (Comprehension & Code) materials and online licenses from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in amount not to exceed \$110,000.

9. Financial Resolutions for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year – Update

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Annual authorization for financial reports and transactions, updated for new

Board president Diane Albert.

Recommendation: Board approval.

10. Settlement Agreement – Towne et al. v. Unified School District No. 259 [Appendix 8](#)

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The district has negotiated a settlement of claims brought by a putative class of similarly situated individuals.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the board approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed \$325,000 to obtain a release of putative class members' claims.

11. Board Policy P5116 – Emergency Safety Interventions [Appendix 9](#)

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: NA

Purpose: Revisions to P5116

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
5116	5116	Emergency Safety Interventions	Various revisions to P5116 to comply with requirements set out in the July of 2024 agreement with Dept. of Justice.

Recommendation: Board approval.

VI. Operations

A. Presentation – Bond Election Update

Contact(s): Rachel Bell, Luke Newman

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the educational effort and planning for the February 25th bond election.

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

VII. Policy

A. Second Review: P5506 – Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission [Appendix 10](#)

Contact(s): Michelle Drumright, Gil Alvarez

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: Board approval.

B. Second Review: P1217 – Magnet School Programs [Appendix 11](#)

Contact(s): Michelle Drumright, Gil Alvarez

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: Board approval.

C. Second Review: P6900 – Career and Technical Education Programs

[Appendix 12](#)

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Gil Alvarez

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: Board approval.

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

[Appendix 13](#)

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt, Dan 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 to improve organization, conform policy to existing practice, and improve clarity.

Recommendation: Board approval.

VIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. New Business and Board of Education Requests
- C. Executive Session - None requested to date.

IX. Adjournment