

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

Roll Call	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 February 10, 2025, with President Diane Albert presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Kathy Bond, Julie Hedrick, Melody McCray-Miller, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Ngoc Vuong.
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Northeast Magnet JROTC cadets.
Reports	
Good News – Battle of the Books	Gail Becker, Supervisor of Library Media and Textbook Services, recognized student winners of the 30 th annual Battle of the Books competition.
Good News – Horizon Award Winner	Dr. Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education recognized Matt Miller, Truesdell Middle School science teacher, as the KSDE Horizon Award winner.
Good News – JAG K 6 of 6 Award	Christy Pray, Regional Manager of JAG-K, recognized USD 259 JAG-K specialists that received the National JAG 6 of 6 Award.
United Teachers of Wichita – UTW	Katie Warren, UTW President. Topic: Highlighted the importance of the upcoming bond vote and shared comments regarding Pre-K.
Service Employees International Union – SEIU	Esau Freeman, SEIU President. Topic: Shared conditions of district buildings and factors that influence student achievement.
Public Communications	Breanna Maggart, 233 S. Fountain, Wichita KS 67218. Topic: Special Education Ron Hobert, 9545 W. Brookridge Circle, Wichita KS 67205. Topic: Bond Elliana Klaus, Trinity Slater, and Victoria Barnes. Topic: Biomedical Program Becca Davison, 4060 N. Reed Ave, Maize KS 67101. Topic: Bond Jane Keliher, 7823 E. Dublin, Wichita KS 67206. Topic: Bond Kaytreuna Crow, 8904 E. Funston, Wichita KS 67207. Topic: East High Cal Siebenmark, 3939 Edgemont, Wichita KS 67208. Topic: Gratitude for WPS Teachers Stephanie Fuhrmann, 901 Mockingbird Lane, Derby KS 67037. Topic: Bond

	Lisha Watts, 903 N. Market Apt 211, Wichita KS 67214. Topic: School Closures																								
	Kesar Sharma-Crawford, 1050 S. Fabrique Dr., Wichita KS 67218. Topic: ICE																								
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Strategic Plan Goal 2 – Kindergarten Readiness, Elementary Play Initiatives	Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Alison Renner, Allen Elementary School Principal, shared a presentation on the district’s pilot of Kindergarten Purposeful Play and Experiential Recess. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board’s information.																								
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	Ms. Hedrick left the board meeting at 6:59 p.m. and returned at 7:03 p.m.																								
Consent	Ms. McCray-Miller (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education approve Consent as presented. The motion passed 7-0.																								
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.																								
Treasury Warrants: December 2024 Appendix 2	Provided for the Board’s information. No action is requested.																								
Monthly Finance Report: December 2024 Appendix 3	Provided for the Board’s information. No action is requested.																								
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Security Improvement Projects – Construction Manager At Risk – Various GMP #8	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																								
BOE Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2025	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.																								

Appendix 5	
BOE Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2025 Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$15,557.52.00 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Annual East High International Baccalaureate Program Examination and Membership Fees	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Elementary Tier 2 Reading Intervention – Lexia (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Middle School Tier 3 Reading Intervention – Language! Live (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Middle School Tier 2 Literacy Intervention Program - Reading Plus Annual - (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
High School Tier 2 and 3 Reading Intervention – Read 180 HMH (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Financial Resolutions for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year – Update Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Settlement Agreement – Towne et al. v. Unified School District No. 259 Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Board Policy P5116 – Emergency Safety Interventions Appendix 9	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Operations	
Presentation – Bond Election Update	Rachel Bell, Division Director of Strategic Communications, and Luke Newman, Division Director of Facilities, provided an update on the educational effort and planning for the February 25th bond election. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
	Ms. McCray-Miller left the board meeting at 7:33 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m.
	Mrs. Bond left the board meeting at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

Policy	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education approve the policy 5506, 1217, and 6900 as presented. The motion passed 7-0.
Second Review: P5506 – Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission Appendix 10	<u>Recommendation</u> : Board approval.
Second Review: P1217 – Magnet School Programs Appendix 11	<u>Recommendation</u> : Board approval.
Second Review: P6900 – Career and Technical Education Programs Appendix 12	<u>Recommendation</u> : Board approval.
Second Review: P0200 – Board of Education Agendas and Meetings Appendix 13	<u>Recommendation</u> : Board approval. Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved to approve policy 0200 as presented. The motion passed 7-0.
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	Kelly Bielefeld, Superintendent, shared where to find information regarding the bond issue, the legislative agenda including KPERS.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Ms. McCray-Miller shared condolences regarding the plane crash victims.
Executive Session	None Requested.
Adjournment	Mr. Reeser (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 8:20 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Litona Hoyt
Clerk of the Board