

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
April 7, 2025 · 6:00 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 – Southeast High School Color Guard

II. Presentations

A. Good News

1. Student Board Update

Contact(s): President Cohen Richardson, Vice-President Alexis Barkus, Secretary Landon Hauschild

Summary: Leadership from the Student Board will present a summary of activities for this year.

2. Wichita Public Schools Distinguished Classroom Teacher of the Year Awards

Contact(s): Tammy Martin

Summary: The Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award program recognizes outstanding teachers who affect the quality of education in Wichita Public Schools. Each year, awards are given in eight different categories. A selection committee made up of teachers, teaching specialists, school and district-level administrators, and members of the United Teachers of Wichita reviews the nominations and makes the final selections.

B. United Teachers of Wichita

C. Service Employees International Union

III. Public Communications

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1. Dave Fish, 1600 Lynnhurst, Wichita KS 67212. Topic: Master Plan, OK Elementary
2. Jessica Carr, 3428 E. 2nd Street North, Wichita KS 67208. Topic: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

IV. Education

A. Strategic Plan Goal #2: Middle School Progress Monitoring Report

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Purpose: As part of our Future Ready Strategic Plan, we will present regular progress monitoring reports. This report will review the Strategic Plan Interim Goal 2 8th Grade Five-Year Plan data and strategies employed to continue making academic progress in Wichita Public Schools.

Recommendation: This progress monitoring report is for the Board's information.

B. Creative Minds Program Update

Contact(s): Rob Dickson, Olivia Sumner

Purpose: To provide the Board of Education with an update on the Creative Minds program, including program goals, activities, student participation, and preliminary outcomes. The Creative Minds program aims to foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills in students. This update will cover progress made during the current school year and plans for the upcoming year.

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

C. Non-Resident Enrollment and Admission Overview and Seat Capacity Recommendations

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Fabián Armendáriz, Michelle Drumright, Jonathan Wyss

Purpose: To review Wichita Public Schools' policy 5506 – Non-resident Enrollment and Admission (Adopted November 13, 2023) along with seat capacity recommendations to maintain compliance with State statute K.S.A. 72-3123. Board approval is necessary to proceed and implement the adopted policy and the proposed available student seats for the 2025-2026 school year.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the proposal.

V. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: February 2025

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Monthly Finance Report: February 2025

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. Facilities

1. Air Conditioning Unit Leak – East High School

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Luke Newman, Danielle Dettmer

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self-Funded Insurance Reserve, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: On August 5, 2024, an air conditioning unit at East High School leaked water into a classroom. The classroom has wooden floors that were damaged. Reconstruction Services, Inc., was procured to remediate the water damage, repair the floor, and correct the air conditioning unit that caused the leak.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$25,545.62 to be paid to Reconstruction Services, Inc. for services remedying damages at East High School attributed to a leaking air conditioning unit.

2. Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software (Correction)

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: On March 10, 2025 the Board approved the continued use of the Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software. This is the software the Facilities Division uses to track and update facility condition and capital forecasting data. The software licensing is due for renewal.

Recommendation: The previously submitted agenda item listed the overall cost for the software as \$79,350. It is recommended that the annual licensing for Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software be approved in the corrected amount of \$87,281.09 through the Omnia Partners Contract # R210701.

3. Hamilton Middle School - Site Improvements

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for site improvements to Hamilton Middle School. These improvements include the removal of Boston Avenue between Broadway and Market Street to expand the recreation area for students, the extension of parking, and the addition of a sidewalk along the southern boundary of our property.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Pearson Construction, LLC for Hamilton Middle School Site Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$263,768.

D. Operations

1. 2025-26 Crisis Plan Template

Appendix 4

Contact(s): Terri Moses

Purpose: The Building Crisis Plan Template serves as a tool to provide building crisis teams a framework to develop their crisis plans. The Building Crisis Plan Template is reviewed and revised on a yearly basis. This review and revision is completed with the input of members of the District Crisis Team and suggestions from principals. The 2025-26 Building Crisis Plan Template meets the criteria outlined in Standard #5 of the Kansas

State Department of Education Safe and Secure Standards published December 2018.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the 2025-26 Building Crisis Plan Template.

2. Student Transportation Services Contract

Contact(s): Fabián Armendáriz, Lisa Riveros, Addi Lowell, Dan Lawrence, Jonathan Wyss

Funding Source: Multiple (Supplemental General, Special Education, Title, Athletics, Activity Funds, PTO/PTA, McKinney-Vento, other funds sources as warranted), 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: After soliciting the market through an extensive RFP process, it is recommended the District extend the Agreement with First Student for the next five school years to provide various required and requested student transportation services (e.g., regular education, required special education, ADA-504, McKinney-Vento, athletics, fine arts, various shuttle services, charter and activity bus services, etc.) at the annual increases of 27.5% year 1 (2025-26), 6% year 2 (2026-27), and 3% years 3-5 (2027-30), totaling an amount not to exceed \$43 million in year 1.

For required regular education and special education home-to-school transportation, this estimated amount is governed by the volume of services needed to transport students to-and-from schools, and approved activity trips. Approximately 80% of special education transportation (IEP approved) audited expenditures are reimbursed to the District by the State of Kansas during the school year. The current five-year agreement with First Student was negotiated pre-COVID and is reflective of pricing during that time. This recommendation and rate increase for school years 2025-26 through 2029-30 are based upon projected service quantities, a 171 school-day calendar, and are on par with daily rates for other comparable districts post-pandemic.

Recommendation: This item was presented at the April 4, 2025 Board Workshop. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract extension with First Student for student transportation services.

E. Bids

1. Chisholm Trail Elementary School – Bus Drive and Parking Lot Improvements

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies to replace damaged drive and parking lot at Chisholm Trail Elementary School. This project includes improving site drainage and access for buses, garbage trucks, and staff vehicles.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Pearson Construction, LLC for Bus Drive and Parking Lot Improvements at Chisholm Trail Elementary School in the amount not to exceed \$380,746.

2. Exterior Restoration – North High School – Phase Six

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for Phase Six of Exterior Restoration at North High School. The project scope involves exterior masonry renovation of the west wall of the 1928 buildings, including parapet reconstruction and tuckpointing. The recommended bid was submitted by Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc., for Exterior Restoration - North High School - Phase Six in an amount not to exceed \$802,687.

3. Northwest High School – Competition Gym Floor Replacement

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies to replace the wood floor in the competition gym at Northwest High School. The recommended bid was submitted by Creative Floors Coating and Design.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Creative Floors Coating and Design in an amount not to exceed \$392,649.

4. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 5

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Generation Esports	\$37,350.00	Rob Dickson
2. Leader In Me Membership and Coaching	\$40,000.00	Michele Ingenthron
3. Consumable Food – Annual	\$20,000,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
4. K-12 Application & Enrollment Solution Implementation	\$95,616.00	Rob Dickson
5. Wood and Brush Chipper	\$41,832.00	Luke Newman
6. Playground Equipment & Rubberized Mulch – Correction	\$1,000,000.00	Luke Newman
7. Riverside Technologies – Summer Refresh	\$90,000.00	Rob Dickson
8. Food – February 2025	\$168,285.20	Fabián Armendáriz
9. Supply Warehouse Stock – February 2025	\$221,592.35	Fabián Armendáriz

F. Education / Curriculum

1. Professional Communication Textbooks and Online Resources for Business Communications Course

Contact(s): Tim Hamblin, Holly Ingram, Loren Hatfield

Funding Source: Textbook Fund, 2024-25 Budget and 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Purchase 200 textbooks with six-year Canvas access plus an additional 200 online only licenses with six-year Canvas access for online resources for the Business Communications course. The cost attached to this request is \$64,234.37.

Recommendation: It is recommended the board authorize the purchase of the textbooks and Canvas licenses for Business Communications as this class now meets the 0.5 communication credit that the class of 2028 will need.

G. Learning Services / Special Education

1. ESOL Endorsement Program

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Kristina Bowyer

Funding Source: English for Speakers of Other Languages 2024-25 Budget and Title

Purpose: Newman University, Wichita State University, and Kansas State University provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher licensure endorsement programs, available to all Wichita Public Schools teachers working directly with English Language Learners (ELL). ESOL program courses are available through WSU, KSU, and NU in Summer 2025. The Wichita Public Schools ESOL Instructional Services Department provides WPS teachers with the opportunity to acquire ESOL endorsements, making them highly qualified ESOL teachers.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board 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.

H. Renewals

1. Finance Reporting and Compliance Software

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: Supplemental General Fund, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: A subscription renewal from Fifth Asset Inc. (DBA – DebtBook) is being purchased to help the District Finance Department comply with GASB 96 requirements. This standard focuses on the accounting and reporting of subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs). DebtBook's platform assists in tracking, managing, and reporting these arrangements accurately in the district's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the renewal of DebtBook at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

2. Drug Prevention Curriculum (Renewal)

Contact(s): Terri Moses, Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Juul Settlement, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Over 2.1 million U.S. kids used e-cigarettes, both nicotine and THC, in 2023 creating a serious public health problem. Illicit drug use among youth can lead to an array of problems, including academic difficulties, health-related problems (including mental health), poor peer relationships, and involvement with the juvenile justice system. Botvin Lifeskills Training has been selected for implementation in grades 4 and 5. Additional curriculum, available at no cost, has been selected to be implemented in grades 6-12.

Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the purchase of Botvin Lifeskill Training from Princeton Health Press in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

3. Schools for Fair Funding Membership Dues

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: Local Option Budget

Purpose: As a member of Schools For Fair Funding (SFFF), the District in the past provided funds to SFFF that were used by SFFF and its members to pursue litigation in state and appellate courts to compel the state legislature to fund Kansas schools in an equitable and adequate manner, as required by Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas. Litigation effectively concluded in June of 2019, with the Kansas Supreme Court's holding that legislative efforts in 2017, 2018, and 2019 had achieved constitutionally-required minimums. Since then, SFFF has continued to monitor school finance-related developments to ensure continued compliance with the school funding formula. This agenda item requests approval of payment of the District's membership assessment in the amount of \$57,521.75.

Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed \$57,521.75 as membership dues to SFFF.

4. Membership Dues: Kansas Association of School Boards

Appendix 6

Contact(s): Diane Albert

Funding Source: Board of Education General Fund, 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Annual membership in the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) is due by June 3 for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve annual membership in KASB for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$32,778.22 KASB+ Season Pass for \$1,750.00, and the KASB legal assistance fund contract for \$2,750.00.

I. Agreements, Fees, Services, Settlements

1. City of Kechi, Neighborhood Revitalization Program Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld

Purpose: Wichita Public Schools, is being asked to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with the City of Kechi for a Neighborhood Revitalization Program to promote revitalization and development within the community. The plan provides property tax rebates for improvements or renovation of property within designated areas of Kechi.

Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Program interlocal cooperation agreement with the City of Kechi.

2. Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence

Purpose: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for January 2025 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$6,684.93.

Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for February 2025 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$8,746.96.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for February 2025 legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$16,463.29.

This brings the 2024-25 fiscal year-to-date total to \$47,903.81 for Civil Litigation services and \$134,515.98 for Workers' Compensation services.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Workers' Compensation under the school district's self-insured programs for January 2025 in the amount of \$6,684.93 and February 2025 \$8,746.96 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$16,463.29 to McDonald Tinker PA.

3. Workers' Compensation Settlement

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer

Funding Source: 52 Fund, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: C.W. sustained an injury to their right shoulder/upper arm during their employment with USD 259 on April 22, 2024. A settlement order has been issued for \$30,000 as the award for this litigated case. This will close out all future medical on this case. This does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve this agreed upon award for

C.W.'s 2024 work injury in the total amount of \$30,000.

4. Workers' Compensation Settlement

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer

Funding Source: 52 Fund, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: D.C. sustained an injury to their right shoulder and head during their employment with USD 259 on August 24, 2023. A settlement order has been issued for \$50,000 as the award for this litigated case. This will close out all future medical on this case. This does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve this agreed upon award for D.C.'s 2023 work injury in the total amount of \$50,000.

J. Routine Items

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2025 Special Board Meeting Appendix 8

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the February 28, 2025 Special Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. BOE Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2025 Appendix 9

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the March 3, 2025 Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

3. 2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar Revisions Appendix 10

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The 2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar has two revisions to remove the April 14 and June 30 meeting dates, as attached in the appendix. The Good Apple Awards are now being conducted at the individual school buildings and financial business typically conducted at the June 30 Special Board Meeting for will be handled at the July meeting.

Recommendation: Board approval.

K. Policies

1. Policy 4010 - Employment Requirements Appendix 11

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposes the following update(s) of Employment Requirements.

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
P4010	NA	EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS	To update the policy 4010 aligning with federal and state law regarding verification of employment eligibility.

Recommendation: Board approval.

VI. Discussion

A. Policy 5511 - Special Assignment of Students

Appendix 12

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: As part of an ongoing effort to review BOE policies, Administration proposes the following update(s) of Choice Enrollment and Programs policies.

Current Policy	Proposed	Title	Notes
P5511	NA	SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS	To update the policy to better align with future practice and policy 5506. This policy outlines the procedures and criteria for assigning resident (in-district) students to schools outside their designated attendance boundaries. The updated policy aims to ensure that student reassignments are conducted fairly and transparently, with clear guidelines to follow.

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

B. 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Appendix 13

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Litona Hoyt

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: The Board of Education will adopt a resolution stating its 2025-26 and 2026-27 BOE meeting dates, times, and locations. The appendix includes the calendar and overview of the proposed meetings. Additional workshops, retreats, special board meetings, or board quorums may be scheduled for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school year, with notice provided in advance.

Recommendation: This item is being presented for discussion and will be brought back to the next regular board meeting for action.

VII. Reports and Requests

A. Superintendent's Report

B. New Business and Board of Education Requests

VIII. Executive Session

A. Executive Session - Student

IX. Adjournment