

**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 March 3, 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 Northwest High School Color Guard.
Reports	
Good News – Elementary and Middle School Screener Growth	Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, and Holly Ingram, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, recognized six 3 rd grade teachers for reading growth and three top middle schools for improving math scores.
Good News – Award Winning Magnet Schools	Jesse Milne, Magnet Schools Instructional Tech Specialist, recognized Allison Traditional Magnet and Earhart Environmental Magnet for winning the Merit Award from Magnet Schools of America, the top award given out to all magnet schools.
Good News – CTE Career & Technical Education Outstanding Senior Awards	Tim Hamblin, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education, recognized the 2024-2025 WPS seniors that were nominated and selected as “Outstanding Seniors,” in various CTE Pathways.
Good News - 2024 Scholastic Art Awards	Shawn Chastain, Executive Coordinator of Fine Arts, shared information regarding WPS students and the 2024 Scholastic Art Awards, highlighting that 221 works from eight WPS high schools being selected for the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards.
United Teachers of Wichita – UTW	Katie Warren, UTW President. <u>Topic</u> : State standards, teachers, and critical thinking.
Service Employees International Union – SEIU	None.
Public Communications	Dave Fish, 1600 Lynnhurst, Wichita KS 67212. Topic: Master Plan, OK Elementary Jeff Janusz, 1727 N. Sabin St., Wichita KS 67212. Topic: Master Plan, OK Elementary Genevia Holloway, 2823 E. 9 th St., Wichita KS 67214. Topic: Teacher Retention Charles McAfee, 16 Crestview Lake Estates, Wichita KS 67220. Topic: L’Ouverture School
Education	
Strategic Plan Goal #1: Progress Monitoring - High	Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, updated the board on the High School Interim Goal 1 data.

School Interim Goal 1	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 & Middle School Interim Goal Data Update	Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, and Holly Ingram, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction shared information regarding Interim Goals, elementary and middle school benchmarks for aReading and aMath. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.																					
	At approximately 7:50 p.m. Ms. Stabler (Mrs. Bond) moved that the Board take a 10 minute break. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 8:00 p.m. the meeting reconvened.																					
Consent	Mrs. Bond (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: January 2025 Appendix 2	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.																					
Monthly Finance Report: January 2025 Appendix 3	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.																					
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Security Improvements Projects - Construction Manager at Risk - Various - GMP #9	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #9 in the amount of \$1,981,621. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #9, and previously approved GMP awards #1 through #8, to \$14,566,610. This will be the final GMP for the Security Improvement Projects.																					
BOE Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2025 Appendix 5	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.																					
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Legal Services: McDonald Tinker PA	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation under the school district's self-insured programs for in the amount of \$15,226.26 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremonies	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve payments to Koch Arena and Century II for the class of 2025 graduation ceremonies not to exceed \$47,000.
2025-2026 District Calendar Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board adopt the revised 2025-26 District Calendar with August 14, 2025, as the first day of school, and May 21, 2026, as the last day of school and Winter Break being updated to December 23, 2025 to January 1, 2026 to allow for the appropriate number of contract days for certified and classified staff.
2026-2027 District Calendar Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed 2026-27 District Calendar with August 13, 2026, as the first day of school, and May 25, 2027, as the last day of school.
Teeter Leadership Group Contract (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the renewal of leadership coaching and professional development from Teeter Leadership Group in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.
Second Step (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Committee for Children, Second Step materials for three years in an amount not to exceed \$490,000.
Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the annual licensing for Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software be approved in an amount not to exceed \$79,350 through the Omnia Partners Contract # R210701.
Design Services – Structural Repairs at North High School	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve Phase 2 Design Fees for North Structural Repairs in the amount of \$461,608.30.
Switchgear Replacement – School Service Center	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$176,000 to be paid to Reconstruction Services, Inc. to replace the damaged switchgear at the SSC.
Structural Repairs at North High School – Constructional Manager at Risk – GMP #4	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #4 in the amount of \$4,548,326. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #1 through #4 to \$22,741,807. In addition, it is recommended that the Board enter into contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC, for \$3,893,672.
Structural Repairs – Heights High School	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$651,210 for construction services to address structural deficiencies at Heights High School.
Request to Disburse Funds from Wichita Foundation for Education EDGE Projects	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the transfer of funds from the Wichita Foundation in the following amounts: Athletics: \$203,181 Fine Arts: \$250,000; and Classroom Mini-Grants: \$208,000 for a total requested amount of \$661,181.
Boosting Achievement Professional Development for Newcomer Buildings	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board of Education approve funding for all Newcomer sites to have the Boosting Achievement Training during the 2025-26 school year. Training, consulting, and materials should not exceed \$95,000.
Operations	

2025 Legislative Update – Capitol Strategies	Sean Miller, Associate from Capitol Strategies, updated the board on activity during the 2025 legislative session to date, impacting public schools.
Finance	
Budget Report	Addi Lowell, Chief Financial Officer, shared a high-level overview of the district’s budget, enrollment audit results, and budget estimates. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board’s information.
Miscellaneous	
Superintendent’s Report	Kelly Bielefeld, Superintendent, spoke regarding the recent Bond Vote.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Kelly Bielefeld, Superintendent, shared information regarding the recent Department of Education guidance. Ms. Albert shared a statement regarding the recent executive orders. As the Board of Education of Wichita Public Schools, we have worked diligently and remain committed to providing an impactful educational experience to every student in our district so they can be future ready. We know that actions speak louder than words and we are committed to serving every single student. We are and will continue to be law-abiding. We will be reviewing policies that the US Department of Education believes may be incongruent to their current guidance. We look forward to getting clarity from the Department of Education.
Executive Session – Negotiations	Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved that the board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency; to protect the district’s right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest for 20 minutes. The executive session included all the board members present, General Counsel Dan Lawrence, and Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld. The open meeting resumed in the boardroom at approximately 9:41 p.m. The motion passed 7-0. The board reconvened at 9:41 p.m.
Adjournment	Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 9:43 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Clerk of the Board