

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
April 7, 2025

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 April 7, 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 Southeast High School Color Guard.
Reports	
Good News – Student Board Update	Cohen Richardson, President, and Landon Hauschild, Secretary from the district's Student Board reported on the organization's Winter Leader Conference and spoke about the exposure and early leadership development.
Good News – Wichita Public Schools Distinguished Classroom Teacher of the Year Awards	Tammy Martin, Executive Coordinator of Instructional Support, recognized the district's Distinguished Classroom Teachers for the 2024-2025 school year, a program which recognizes outstanding teachers who affect the quality of education in Wichita Public Schools.
United Teachers of Wichita – UTW	Mike Harris, UTW Vice President. <u>Topic:</u> Community Schools; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
Service Employees International Union – SEIU	None.
Public Communications	Dave Fish, 1600 Lynnhurst, Wichita KS 67212. Topic: Master Plan, OK Elementary Jessica Carr, 3428 E. 2 nd Street North, Wichita KS 67208. Topic: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Education	
Strategic Plan Goal #2: Middle School Progress Monitoring Report	Branden Johnson, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, and Tim Hamblin, Director of College and Career Readiness, updated the Board on the middle school progress monitoring as part of our Future Ready Strategic Plan. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
	Mrs. Bond left the meeting at 6:44 p.m. and returned at 6:47 p.m.
Creative Minds Program Update	Rob Dickson, Chief Information Officer, and Olivia Sumner, Teacher at Creative Minds Vertical School, provided an update on the Creative Minds program including program goals, activities, student participation, and preliminary outcomes.

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	Ms. McCray-Miller left the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and returned at 7:19 p.m.
	Ms. Hedrick left the meeting at 7:31 p.m. and returned at 7:34 p.m.
Non-Resident Enrollment for Admission Overview and Seat Capacity Recommendations	Jonathan Wyss, Director of Purchasing, and Michelle Drumright, Executive Director of Choice Enrollment and Programs, reviewed the district's seat capacity recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information. Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board approve the non-resident enrollment and admission overview and seat capacity recommendations for the 2025-26 school year as presented. The motion passed 7-0.
Consent	Ms. Albert (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved the Board of Education approve Consent as presented. The motion passed 7-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: February 2025 Appendix 2	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Monthly Finance Report: February 2025 Appendix 3	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Air Conditioning Unit Leak – East High School	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software (Correction)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Hamilton Middle School – Site Improvements	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
2025-26 Crisis Plan Template Appendix 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve the 2025-26 Building Crisis Plan Template.
Student Transportation Services Contract	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Chisholm Trail Elementary School – Bus Drive and Parking Lot Improvements	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Exterior Restoration – North High School – Phase Six	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.

Northwest High School – Competition Gym Floor Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Creative Floors Coating and Design in an amount not to exceed \$392,649.		
Purchasing Consent Appendix 5	Board approval.		
	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
Professional Communication Textbooks and Online Resources for Business Communications Course	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
ESOL Endorsement Program	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
Finance Reporting and Compliance Software	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
Drug Prevention Curriculum (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve the purchase of Botvin Lifeskill Training from Princeton Health Press in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.		
Schools for Fair Funding Membership Dues	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
Membership Dues: Kansas Association of School Boards Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
City of Kechi, Neighborhood Revitalization Program Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Program interlocal cooperation agreement with the City of Kechi.		
Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		

Workers' Compensation Settlement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve this agreed upon award for C.W.'s 2024 work injury in the total amount of \$30,000.
Workers' Compensation Settlement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve this agreed upon award for D.C.'s 2023 work injury in the total amount of \$50,000.
BOE Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2025 Special Board Meeting Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2025 Appendix 9	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar Revisions Appendix 10	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Policy 4010 - Employment Requirements Appendix 11	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Discussion	
Policy 5511 - Special Assignment of Students Appendix 12	Policy 5511 Special Assignment of Students was presented for first review. Changes to the policy were recommended 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. This updated policy aims to ensure that students' reassignments are conducted fairly and transparently, with clear guidelines to follow.
2025-26 and 2026-27 Board of Education Meeting Calendar Appendix 13	The 2025-26 and 2026-27 board meeting dates, time, and locations were presented for first review. The recommendation asks the Board to adopt a resolution for the approval of these dates.
Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Kelly Bielefeld, Superintendent, shared comments on the Horizon Nominees and the district following laws.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Ms. Albert shared information regarding the district's Financial Oversight Committee, which is currently taking applications.
Executive Session	
Student	Ms. Albert (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person such as a student, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by that person; to protect the privacy rights of a student who is identifiable for 15 minutes. The executive session included all the Board members present, General Counsel Dan Lawrence, Board Clerk Litona Hoyt, and Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld. The motion passed 7-0. The open meeting resumed in the boardroom at approximately 8:25 p.m.
Adjournment	Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 8:26 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Litona Hoyt
Clerk of the Board