

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
May 19, 2025 · 12:00 p.m.
Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center · Room 809
903 S. Edgemoor · Wichita KS



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I. Roll Call

II. Consent

A. Facilities

1. South High School Baseball Field Lighting Replacement

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies to replace the baseball field lights at South High School. The existing lights are past the end of life and repairs are increasingly difficult to complete due to their age. The new lights will be LED. We will purchase these fixtures through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative contract #041123-CPL.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board replace these stadium lights through Cooper Lighting, LLC, using the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative contract #041123-CPL in the amount not to exceed \$175,000.

2. South High School Parking Lot Lighting Replacement

Contact(s): Luke Newman, Terri Moses

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies to replace lighting in the main student parking lot at South High School. The existing lights are at end of life and this replacement includes retrofitting to LEDs. This replacement increases the amount of light in the main student parking lot, enhancing safety and effectiveness of security cameras. We will purchase these fixtures through the Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED) State Contract #51089.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board replace the main student parking lot lighting at South High School through Rensenhouse, LLC, using the CED State Contract #51089 in the amount not to exceed \$26,575.

3. Heights High School Auditorium Lighting Replacement

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies to replace Heights High School Auditorium Lighting. The existing lights are at end of life and this replacement includes retrofitting to LEDs. We will purchase these fixtures through the CED State Contract #51089.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board replace auditorium lighting at Heights High School through Rensenhouse, LLC, using the CED State Contract #51089 in the amount not to exceed \$49,350.

4. Heights High School Parking Lot Lighting Replacement

Contact(s): Luke Newman, Terri Moses

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies to replace Heights High School Parking Lot Lighting. The existing lights are at end of life and this replacement includes retrofitting to LEDs. This work is to replace heads of the lights only, not the entire light pole. We will purchase these fixtures through the CED State Contract #51089.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board replace parking lot lighting at Heights High School through Rensenhouse, LLC, using the CED State Contract #51089 in the amount not to exceed \$78,350.

B. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 1

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Business U License	\$24,530.00	Tim Hamblin/Rob Dickson
2. E-Rate Management Services-Annual	\$75,000.00	Rob Dickson
3. Microsoft Imagine Academy - Annual	\$66,000.00	Rob Dickson
4. Multi-Factor Authentication - Annual	\$40,000.00	Rob Dickson
5. SNAP Software Support and Maintenance - Annual	\$82,500.00	Rob Dickson
6. eDynamic Learning	\$50,000.00	Rob Dickson
7. Freshservice - IST Helpdesk Solution/Device Asset Manager	\$115,000.00	Rob Dickson
8. Job Ready Work-Based Learning Software	\$31,200.00	Tim Hamblin/Loren Hatfield
9. Employee Benefits Care Package Items	\$36,000.00	Sean Hudspeth
10. Design & Hosting Services, Ally & Parent Link - Annual	\$272,000.00	Rob Dickson
11. Duplo 700I Booklet System and Collator	\$168,950.67	Fabian Armendariz
12. Nutrition Services Meal Order, Planning & Inventory Management Software	\$87,530.00	Fabian Armendariz
13. PE T-Shirts	\$70,000.00	Loren Hatfield
14. Certified Evaluation Tool - Annual	\$210,000.00	Rob Dickson/Sean

		Hudspeth
15. Destiny Library System Maintenance & Support - Annual	\$177,000.00	Rob Dickson
16. Facility Management Software - Annual	\$221,000.00	Luke Newman/Rob Dickson
17. Edulog Support & Maintenance - Annual	\$120,000.00	Rob Dickson
18. SMART Notebook Software - Annual	\$60,000.00	Rob Dickson
19. Synergy Software Enrollment, Maintenance, Support & Enhancements - Annual	\$650,000.00	Rob Dickson
20. Time Clock Software Support - Annual	\$225,000.00	Rob Dickson
21. Food - April 2025	\$202,654.35	Fabian Armendariz
22. Supply Warehouse Stock - April 2025	\$404,738.30	Fabian Armendariz

C. Learning Services / Special Education

Appendix 2

1. 2025-26 Local Education Agency Assurances for IDEA Federal Funds (Annual)

Contact(s): Vince Evans

Funding Source: Federal Funding; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: In order to receive approximately \$14 million in Federal funds to provide Special Education Services under the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) guidelines, USD 259 must provide the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) an assurance that the district will comply with all Federal and State special education requirements. Once assurances are provided, Wichita Public Schools will provide KSDE with the district's proposed budget for the 2025-26 school year by June 2025. The district will then provide a finalized expended budget to KSDE in June 2026.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the KSDE Local Education Agency (LEA) Application for the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) Part B Funds, as attached in the appendix.

2. YESS Camp

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Vince Evans, Ryan Alliman

Funding Source: Special Education; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: AbilityPoint, in partnership with the Wichita Public Schools, will provide summer learning opportunities for community students with developmental disabilities for the 2025 summer. The partnership allows students to learn in district classroom settings in combination with community inclusion opportunities.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with AbilityPoint to provide summer learning opportunities for community students with developmental disabilities for the 2025 summer.

3. Rainbows United, Inc. (Renewal)

Appendix 4

Contact(s): Vince Evans, Hollie Dawson-Butler

Funding Source: Special Education; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: In order to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and with the state guidelines for mandated services (K.S.A. 72-3403), USD 259 proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Rainbows United, Inc., to serve community-based students, for the provision of special education services under an Individualized Education Program or Individualized Family Services Plan. By this contract, Rainbows

United, Inc. agrees to provide community-based instruction and training for students ages 3-5, as selected by the district. The base amount for this agreement is \$180,000; the cost may increase for additional services requested by the district but will not exceed \$240,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Rainbows United, Inc. during the 2025-26 school year to provide special education services for community-based children ages 3-5, selected by the district, not to exceed \$240,000 to be funded by Special Education.

4. Forgivable Loan to Certify Special Education Teachers (Annual)

Contact(s): Vince Evans, Justin Hawpe

Funding Source: Special Education; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: To meet the growing demand for highly qualified Special Education teachers, in 1999 a committee comprised of Special Education and Human Resources staff developed a plan of financial support for certifying Special Education teachers. The plan will continue to provide financial support for up to 70 individuals with general education certification who wish to pursue a Special Education endorsement and/or licensure. The funds will be allocated to teachers employed by the district in the most difficult to fill positions as determined annually by the forgivable loan committee.

The estimated cost impact from Special Education funds for 2025-2026 is not to exceed \$330,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the district to continue to pay for 2025-26 school year tuition and book expenses for up to 70 teachers to become certified in Special Education. Costs are not to exceed \$330,000 and will be funded by the Special Education budget.

5. Independent Contractor Agreement for Braille Transcription

Appendix 5

Contact(s): Vince Evans, Hollie Dawson Butler

Funding Source: Special Education; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: In order to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and with the state guidelines, K.S.A. 72-3403, for mandated services, USD 259 proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Miranda Broderick to provide braille transcription and modify instructional materials into large print based on the District's specifications for the 2025-26 school year. Miranda Broderick agrees to provide up to and not exceeding 40 hours of service per week to support the instructional needs of students with visual impairments across the District. The maximum contract cost is not to exceed \$69,000.00, to be funded by Special Education. This contract runs from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Miranda Broderick during the 2025-26 school year to provide braille transcription and instructional material modification services for up to 40 hours per week, not to exceed a cost of \$69,000.00 to be funded by Special Education.

6. Destination Innovation (Formerly Rise Up for Youth) Agreement

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: Rise Up for Youth is merging out of existence with Destination Innovation, a new non-profit that will assume Rise Up's obligations. This requires the board's consent to the agreement with the new non-profit, Destination Innovation. At this time there is no cost being requested, just board consent with the new organization.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the assignment of an agreement with Destination Innovation.

III. Reports

A. Building Needs Assessment

Contact(s): Addi Lowell, Gil Alvarez

Purpose: The Kansas Statute K.S.A. 72-1163, Sub for HB2567, requires each school to conduct a building needs assessment, which must be included in the budget review and approval process. Wichita Public Schools (WPS) aligns this with their strategic plan goals. The assessments must be published online, and the Board of Education (BOE) meeting minutes must reflect that these assessments were provided, evaluated, and used in budget approval. The BOE must also review state assessments and address barriers to student proficiency, budget actions to remove these barriers, and the estimated time for all students to achieve proficiency above level 2. District Leadership will start the process by presenting summarized building needs assessment data, as well as the 2023-24 state assessment data.

Recommendation: This report on the building needs assessment is for the Board's information.

IV. Adjournment