

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
May 5, 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 May 5, 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 – Inaugural Welcoming Schools Microgrant Recipients	Wendy Johnson, Executive Director of Parent and Community Support, recognized the six schools that received the Welcoming Schools Microgrants which awards schools enhancing safety and belonging in their school communities.
Good News – Senior Celebration	Tim Hamblin, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education, reported that a reception was held for seniors prior to the board meeting. Seniors recognized were selected by their principal for their hard work, dedication, and embodiment of Every Student Future Ready.
United Teachers of Wichita – UTW	Katie Warren, UTW President. <u>Topic:</u> Shared gratitude for educators and expressed concerns for educator voices on district committees.
Service Employees International Union – SEIU	None.
Public Communications	Dave Fish, 1600 Lynnhurst, Wichita KS 67212. Topic: Master Plan, OK Elementary Aaron Andrews, 1715 N. Joann, Wichita KS 67203. Topic: OK Elementary Rebecca Armstrong, 4306 N. Rushwood, Bel Aire KS 67226. Topic: Spraying of glyphosate Jessica Carr, 3428 East 2nd Street North, Wichita KS 67208. Topic: DEI Marty Fish, 1600 Lynnhurst, Wichita KS 67212. Topic: School Closures Jeff Janusz, 1727 N. Sabin St., Wichita KS 67212. Topic: OK Elementary Elaine Janusz, 1727 N. Sabin St., Wichita KS 67212. Topic: OK Elementary

	Trish Hileman, 139 S. Fountain, Wichita KS 67218. Topic: School Closures John Profaizer, 1621 N. Lynnhurst, Wichita KS 67212. Topic: School Closure Walt Chappell, 3165 N. Porter Ave., Wichita KS 67204. Topic: Keeping Schools Open
Education	
Strategic Plan Goal #2: High School Interim goal update	Holly Ingram, Executive Director of Instructional Support, and Tim Hamblin, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education, reported out on the Strategic Plan Goal #2 sharing the interim goal by spring of 2025 the district will have a fully implemented system to track postsecondary assets. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was provided for the Board's information.
Consent	Mr. Reeser (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: March 2025 Appendix 2	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Monthly Finance Report: March 2025 Appendix 3	Provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Design Services – North High School Exterior Restoration Phases 7, 8, 9	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Mauler Engineering, LLC, for design services of North High Exterior Restoration Services at North High School Phases 7, 8, 9 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.
Design Services – Isely Kitchen Expansion	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Basis Consulting Engineers, LLC, for design services to expand the kitchen at Isely in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.
West High – “A” and “D” Hall Ceiling and Lighting Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC, for Ceiling and Lighting Replacement at West High School in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.
East High School Structural Repairs – Boiler Room E127	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC, for East High School Structural Repairs to Boiler Room E127 in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.
Kelly Elementary School Parking Lot Expansion	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Pearson Construction, LLC, to expand parking at Kelly Elementary in an amount not to exceed \$257,887.
Beech Elementary – Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Atlas Electric, LLC, for the Beech Elementary electrical infrastructure upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$122,056.
Nutrition Services Expansion Design Professional – Construction Manager At Risk –	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board increase the contract to Professional Engineering Consultants in the amount of \$103,000 to bring the new contract amount total not to exceed to

Nutrition Services SSC	\$953,000.																																																
Various Schools – Water Quality Project	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Cherokee Construction, Inc. for the Water Quality Project in an amount not to exceed \$87,725.																																																
Stadium Lighting Replacements for South (Carpenter), Heights, and Northwest High Schools	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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 \$450,000.																																																
Buckner Playground Drainage Improvements	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Multicon, Inc. for playground improvements at Buckner Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$193,209.																																																
East High School Exterior Renovation – Phase Three	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with McCownGordon Construction for Exterior Masonry Renovation at East High School Phase Three in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,790.																																																
Energy Service Contract (ESCO) – Construction Contract, Phase 2	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Navitas, LLC, for Energy Service Company (ESCO) Construction Phase 2 in a total amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.																																																
Design Services – East High School Exterior Renovation – Phase Four	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with Shelden Architecture, Inc. for design of Exterior Renovation at East High School Phase Four in an amount not to exceed \$98,000.																																																
Security Improvement Projects – Construction Manager at Risk – Various - GMP #10	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #10 in the amount of \$414,667. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #10, and previously approved GMP awards #1 through #9, to \$14,981,277.																																																
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	15. Hustler Mowers	\$42,150.00	Luke Newman
	16. Cisco Networking Equipment, Security & Services – Annual (Renewal)	\$5,200,000.00	Rob Dickson
	17. Copy Machines – Annual (Renewal)	\$650,000.00	Rob Dickson
	18. Storage Area Network (SAN) Products & Support Services – Annual (Renewal)	\$800,000.00	Rob Dickson
	19. AESOP Substitute Placement Program – Annual (Renewal)	\$65,000.00	Rob Dickson
	20. Edgenuity – Imagine Learning (Renewal)	\$242,200.00	Holly Ingram/Rob Dickson
	21. Facility Management Software – Annual (Renewal)	\$221,000.00	Rob Dickson/Luke Newman
	22. Fiber, Internet, Local Access & Telecom Services – Annual (Renewal)	\$1,500,000.00	Rob Dickson
	23. Hall Pass – Annual (Renewal)	\$50,000.00	Rob Dickson
	24. Microsoft Premier Support – Annual (Renewal)	\$175,000.00	Rob Dickson
	25. My Learning Plan Maintenance & Support – Annual (Renewal)	\$115,000.00	Rob Dickson
	26. Seesaw Learning (Renewal)	\$152,000.00	Rob Dickson
	27. Food – March 2025	\$181,216.92	Fabian Armendariz
	28. Fuel – Jan. Feb. Mar 2025	\$608,888.73	Fabian Armendariz
	29. Supply Warehouse Stock – March 2025	\$211,322.04	Fabian Armendariz
Jobs for America's Graduates – Kansas (JAG-K) Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve JAG-K contract in an amount not to exceed \$109,784 for the renewal of programs at North, Northwest, South, Southeast, West, and the addition of two programs; second program at West and one program at Sowers.		
Accounting & Advanced Accounting Textbooks and 5-year access to online resources through Canvas Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board authorize this purchase of Century 21 Accounting: General Journal, 11th edition with three simulations from Cengage for 375 students each year for the next five years in an amount not to exceed \$73,000.		
Lexia LETRS	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board authorize the purchase of LETRS Volume 1-2 materials and professional development from Lexia Learning Systems LLC in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.		
AP & Advanced Chemistry Textbooks (renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board authorize the purchase of the textbooks and licenses for AP & Advanced Chemistry from Cengage in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.		
AP Environmental Science Textbooks	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board authorize the purchase of the textbooks and licenses for AP Environmental Science from Bedford, Freeman & Worth in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.		

AP Biology Textbooks	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of the textbooks and licenses for AP Biology from Pearson in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.
YMCA Child Development Centers	<u>Recommendation:</u> Per BOE Policy 3304, it is reported payment will be made to the Greater Wichita YMCA (Wichita, KS), in an amount not to exceed \$235,000 for the operation of child development centers at each of the comprehensive high schools.
High School Tier 2 and 3 Reading Intervention – Read 180 HMH (Additional)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended 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 a total of \$130,000.
Membership Dues: Council of Great City Schools	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve annual membership in the Council of Great City Schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$49,496.00.
Amendment of Restrictive Covenant relating to Reserve C of Seltzer Elementary property	<u>Recommendation:</u> We recommend the Restrictive Covenant Amendment be approved by the Board and that the Board President be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the district.
Workers' Compensation Settlement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve this agreed upon award for R.W.'s 2022 work injury in the total amount of \$80,000.
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 March 2025 in the amount of \$12,076.52 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$15,246.67 to McDonald Tinker PA.
BOE Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2025 Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2025 Appendix 9	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Discussion	
Policy 1231 – Artificial Intelligence Appendix 10	A new Board Policy 1231 on Artificial Intelligence was brought forward for board consideration.
Policy 3460 – Unrestricted Reserves Appendix 11	A new board policy on Unrestricted Reserves was recommended by the district's Financial Oversight Committee. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.
	Mr. Reeser left the meeting at approximately 7:53 p.m. and returned at approximately 7:56 p.m.
Finance – Budget Report – Phase 4 Budget Reductions	Addi Lowell, Chief Financial Officer, shared information regarding the District's budget. 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. Vuong left the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m. and returned at approximately 8:17 p.m.
Action	

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. Ms. Hedrick (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved. The motion passed 7-0.
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. Ms. McCray-Miller (Ms. Hedrick) moved. The motion passed 7-0.
Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld clarified that the Financial Oversight Committee will be working on long-term funding options, not re-evaluating the Facilities Master Plan, recognized that highly qualified teachers make a difference for student success, and shared that May is a month of celebrations for students graduating and staff events at Botanica and the Sedgwick County Zoo.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Mr. Vuong encouraged administration to include individuals who didn't get selected to serve on the Financial Oversight Committee in other district involvement opportunities and asked for the new AI policy to consider a broader digital citizenship aspect.
Adjournment	Ms. McCray-Miller (Ms. Albert) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 8:59 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Clerk of the Board