

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
August 4, 2025 · 6:00 p.m.
Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center
903 S. Edgemoor · 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 – Northeast Magnet Color Guard

II. Presentations

A. Good News

- 1. Future Ready Starts Here – Read to Succeed

Diligent 2.1

Contact(s): Amanda Sharshel

Summary: Every child deserves the opportunity to unlock their full potential, and it begins with the ability to read. Read to Succeed is a powerful collaboration between Wichita Public Schools and United Way of the Plains, connecting volunteer reading coaches with students who need extra support to reach grade-level reading by the end of third grade. In just 20 minutes a week, these one-on-one sessions create meaningful moments that strengthen literacy skills, build confidence, and set the foundation for long-term academic and personal success. By investing in early literacy, we are shaping brighter futures—one reader at a time.

- B. United Teachers of Wichita
- C. Service Employees International Union

III. Public Communications

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IV. Education

A. Individual Plan of Study Report

Diligent 4.1

Contact(s): Holly Ingram, Tim Hamblin, Laura Barker

Purpose: Individual Plan of Study that middle and high school students work in throughout their time in Wichita Public Schools. This will highlight the key learning and exploration opportunities the Individual Plan of Study provides all students to help prepare them for postsecondary success.

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

B. Second Step Report

Diligent 4.2

Contact(s): Holly Ingram, Amanda Sharshel, and Justin Kasel

Purpose: This report will provide an overview of the Second Step curriculum utilized in elementary and middle schools. Second Step provides instructions related to academic perseverance, pro-social behavior, and positive relationships while contributing to safety and belonging.

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

V. Report

A. Budget Report: Authorization to Publish the Notice of Hearing and Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025-26 Budget

Appendix 1

Diligent 5.1

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The proposed 2025-26 district budget will be shared with the Board of Education. The 2025-26 Notice of Hearing and Notice of Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate is provided in Appendix.

Recommendation: District administration recommends that the board approve the publication of the 2025-26 Notice of Hearing and Notice of Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate, setting the budget and revenue neutral rate hearings for Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center.

VI. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 2

Diligent 6.1

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Facilities

1. Design Services – Enders – Parking Expansion

Diligent 6.2

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Design services are needed to expand the parking lots at Enders Elementary School. The project aims to address a significant shortage of parking by increasing the number of available stalls to better align with current staffing levels and applicable building codes. The proposed expansion will convert existing green spaces near the current parking lots on all sides of the campus into functional parking areas. These improvements aim to enhance accessibility, safety, and the overall efficiency of daily operations.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Professional Engineering Consultants for design and engineering services to expand the parking lots at Enders Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$47,300.

2. Design Services - Northwest – Commons Restroom Remodel

Diligent 6.3

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Design services are needed for the remodel of restrooms L3, L4, G14, and G15 located in the commons area at Northwest High School. These restrooms are currently outdated, non-compliant with ADA standards, and in poor condition due to years of wear. The proposed project will bring these facilities up to current district specifications and standards, ensuring ADA accessibility, improved functionality, and a more modern, durable design. This remodel is essential to provide a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and visitors.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with SPT Architecture for architectural and engineering design services to remodel the restrooms in the commons area of Northwest High School in an amount not to exceed \$36,750.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 3

Diligent 6.4

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Asbestos Repair & Removal – Annual	\$200,000.00	Terri Moses
2. Security Services	\$500,000.00	Terri Moses
3. Building & Grounds – Mowing Service	\$95,000.00	Luke Newman
4. Dry Mop Service – Annual	\$35,000.00	Luke Newman
5. Common Sense Media	\$50,000.00	Rob Dickson
6. Canvas	\$210,475.00	Rob Dickson
7. Playground Equipment & Rubberized Mulch	\$500,000.00	Luke Newman
8. ClassLink Launch Pad	\$150,368.80	Rob Dickson
9. Edgenuity – Imagine Learning - Additional	\$20,000.00	Holly Ingram/Rob Dickson

10. Assel Grant Writing Services	\$150,000.00	Addi Lowell/Holly Wilson
11. Weather Monitoring and Notification Services	\$20,262.64	Fabián Armendáriz
12. Food - June 2025	\$4,805,284.83	Fabián Armendáriz
13. Supply Warehouse Stock - June 2025	\$3,273.36	Fabián Armendáriz

D. Correction

1. Correction

Diligent 6.5

Contact(s): N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: As the result of a clerical error, item V.A.3 under the "Consent" section of the agenda for the Board's April 7, 2025 meeting did not identify the budget year from which that item would be paid. The purpose of this agenda item is to amend item V.A.3 of the April 7, 2025 agenda, recognizing item V.A.3 as payable from the 2024-25 budget, and ratifying the Board's previous vote approving such item.

Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the correction.

E. Agreements, Fees, Services, Settlements

1. Technology Repair and Replacements Order - Multiple Sites

Diligent 6.6

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer, Rob Dickson, Chris Hurd

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self-Funded Insurance Reserve, 08 Fund - Supplemental General, and Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: To maintain access to reliable technology for district students, it is necessary to allocate funds for the repair and replacement of student-assigned devices. This allocation supports ongoing technology needs, including but not limited to tablets, iPads, SurfacePros, and accessories.

An allocation of \$250,000 is expected to satisfy the identified requirements. This amount will be set aside from the district's self-funded insurance reserve. This reserve covers losses under the district's insurance deductible. A cost-sharing agreement between Risk Management and IST has been established to appropriately distribute costs and provide oversight of expenditures.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve a not to exceed amount of \$250,000 for the repair and replacement of student technology devices at multiple sites. Purchases will be made through Riverside Technology (RTI), Apple, Dell, Microsoft, and other approved vendors as necessary.

2. EveryDay Labs (Renewal)

Diligent 6.7

Contact(s): Addi Lowell, Sherry Frazey, Denise Fuoco

Funding Source: Federal Funds – Title I; Budget Year 2025-26

Purpose: EveryDay Labs, under the agreement with Wichita Public Schools, will provide a targeted scientific approach to address our district's Chronic Absenteeism. EveryDay Labs researched based solutions include EveryDay-Intervention which engages families

as partners in overcoming barriers to their student's attendance and align supports to keep students on track and empower families to act. EveryDay-Pro makes it easy for staff to understand and act on attendance. By providing all the necessary data and is presented in easy-to-understand dashboards from the district level down to the individual student. EveryDay-Learning brings teams together with tailored professional learning and multi-tiered systems of support to meet each student's specific attendance goals. At this time there are a total of 45 schools (41 Elementary Schools and 4 Middle Schools) participating in the program. Participating schools were selected based on their School Improvement status (ISI, CSI, TSI and ATS).

Recommendation: In direct support of the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Goal of Creating and Enhancing Safety and belonging by supporting the interim goal of increased daily attendance, it is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with EveryDay Labs for the 2025-2026 school year. This contract shall not exceed \$165,000.00. Funded through federal Title I funds.

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

Diligent 6.8

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund – Special Liability, 52 Fund – Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund; 2024-25 Budget.

Purpose: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for June 2025 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$7,359.95.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for June 2025 legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$15,806.20.

This brings the 2024-25 fiscal year-to-date total to \$84,370.73 for Civil Litigation services and \$193,016.90 for Workers' Compensation services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation and Workers' Compensation under the school district's self-insured programs for June 2025 in the amount of \$7,359.95 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$15,806.20 to McDonald Tinker PA.

4. Worker's Compensation Settlement: [L.E.]

Diligent 6.9

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Danielle Dettmer

Funding Source: 52 Fund; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: L.E. sustained an injury to lumbar spine during their employment with USD 259 on August 25, 2022. A settlement order has been issued for \$30,418 as the award for this litigated case. This does not close out future medical on this case nor does it include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon award for L.E.'s 2022 work injury in the total amount of \$30,418.

5. Agreement with Evergy Concerning Increases to Electrical Rates Charged to USD 259 Schools

Diligent 6.10

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 52 Fund; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The district joined other interested parties in opposing the January 31st, 2025

application by Evergy, Inc., to the Kansas Corporation Commission, to substantially increase electrical rates Evergy charges to the district and other Kansas customers. The district and other intervenors have negotiated a compromise with Evergy that will limit the increase to USD 259's electrical rates to a lesser amount than originally sought by Evergy, starting with Evergy's October 2025 billing cycle.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the acceptance of Evergy's proposal and execute the agreement memorializing the parties' compromise.

6. Sale of Property Known as Reserve A, USD 259 5th Addition

Diligent 6.11

Contact(s): Luke Newman and Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget Year

Purpose: In 2010 the District purchased property now known as USD 259 5th Addition, which includes a Lot, a Block, Reserves and a Street. USD 259 5th Addition is the site of Christa McAuliffe Academy. Reserve A is a tract of approximately 1.369 acres reserved for open space, landscaping, lakes, berms, floodplain and roadway drainage purposes and utilities as confined to easements. No buildings are to be constructed or placed on that tract. Reserve A is virtually undevelopable, requires ongoing maintenance, and has limited, if any, market value. An adjacent property owner is willing to purchase Reserve A with the current restrictions in place for the sum of \$2,000.00.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the sale of Reserve A to the adjacent property owner.

7. Mental Health Intervention Team (renewal and additional agreement)

Diligent 6.12

Contact(s): Vince Evans, Stacie Morris

Funding Source: Local Gifts and Grants Fund; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: In 2025, the Kansas Legislature has renewed the Mental Health Intervention Team Program (MHIT) grant for 2025-2026. The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) approved grant requests for the second year of the MHIT grant which was moved from the oversight of Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). The district has been selected as a recipient of the grant for the seventh year. One of the requirements for the grant is that the district must have agreements with Sedgwick County through Comcare and with TAG Treatment Center, LLC, d/b/a Therapeutic Alliance Group (TAG) who will provide mental health services for students. Under the agreement, the district will compensate Comcare in the amount of \$636,694. The district will compensate TAG in the amount of \$90,956. The grant will fund all compensation that will be paid to Comcare and TAG.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the contract for mental health services between Sedgwick County and the district and TAG and the District, as provided in appendix.

8. City of Kechi, Neighborhood Revitalization Program Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Update

Appendix 4

Diligent 6.13

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: At the April 7, 2025 board meeting, Wichita Public Schools Board of Education

approved the Neighborhood Revitalization Program interlocal cooperation agreement with the City of Kechi 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. Since then, the City of Kechi has made contract language changes and would ask the Board approve the revised agreement.

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

F. Board Policy

1. P1230 - Acceptable Device and Communication Use by Staff, Students, and the District

Appendix 5

Diligent 6.14

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: Language to include personal electronic devices that was previously found in policy 1464.

Recommendation: Board approval.

G. Routine Items

1. Resolution – Destruction of Certain District Records

Appendix 6

Diligent 6.15

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: Resolution is presented for Board action.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Resolution - Alignment of BOE Policies

Appendix 7

Diligent 6.16

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Dan Lawrence, Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The proposed Resolution authorizes the Superintendent to approve limited revisions to the Administrative Implemental Procedures (AIPs) and Administrative Responsibility of BOE Policies that relate to the organizational chart, other staff positions noted in AIPs, standard district terminology, building addresses, cross-referencing, and renumbering of policies. The revisions will help the Board, district staff, and the public understand policies according to the current organization. Upon approval by the Superintendent, the Clerk of the Board will publish all revised policies on the BOE Policies web site and send updates to Board members, Administration, principals, and school office staff. Board Counsel has reviewed the proposed Resolution.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve Resolution: Alignment of BOE Policies, as provided in the appendix.

3. BOE Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2025

Appendix 8

Diligent 6.17

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the July 2, 2025 Board Workshop are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

4. BOE Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2025

Appendix 9

Diligent 6.18

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the July 7, 2025 Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

5. BOE Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2025

Appendix 10

Diligent 6.19

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the July 17, 2025 Board Workshop are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

VII. Reports and Requests

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. New Business and Board of Education Requests

VIII. Adjournment