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

Roll Call	The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in regular session in the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, 903 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 6:00 p.m., on July 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 Heights High School JROTC Color Guard.
Presentations	
Good News – Celebrating Student Success: Heights High School State Champions in Wheelchair Races	Chris Asmussen, Director of Athletics, recognized Isabel Einwich, a Heights High School student and 2025 State Champion in both the 400m and 1600m wheelchair races.
Good News – Rotary Club – Reading is Fundamental Partnership	Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Instructional Support, recognized Wichita Rotary club for being a valuable partner, donating books and members volunteering time to read with students at local schools.
Good News – District-Level Recognition and Accomplishments	Rachel Bell, Chief Informational Officer, welcomed the new Chief Operations Officer Steve Noble and recognized district staff for outstanding achievements.
United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Warren, UTW President, shared that the district received a $10,000 grant for books and shared concerns regarding Financial Oversight Committee representation and federal funding for public schools.
Service Employees International Union	None.
Public Communications	Matt Malget Topic: Bond Connie Redic Topic: Facilities Greg Tice Topic: Bond Election Charlene Marvin Topic: Native American Program Michelle Cunningham Topic: Funding Chantal Nez Dominguez Topic: Native American Program Trish Hileman Topic: Financial Oversight Committee
Education	
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program Update & Data	Holly Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, and Kristina Bowyer, Director of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Migrant Services, shared information about the District's programming for students who are identified as ESOL.

	The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Reports	
Financial Oversight Committee Report	Addi Lowell, Chief Financial Officer, reported out on a summary of findings from the Financial Oversight Committee's. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Budget Report	Addi Lowell, Chief Financial Officer, provided an updated on the District's budget The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
	At approximately 8:15 p.m. Mr. Reeser left the meeting and returned at approximately 8:20 p.m.
Executive Session	
Attorney Client Privilege	At approximately 9:00 p.m. Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved to go into executive session for consultation with the district's general counsel which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship for 15 minutes following a 5-minute break. The executive session included all the board members present, and General Counsel Dan Lawrence. The motion passed 7-0. The open meeting resumed in boardroom at approximately 9:20 p.m.
Consent	Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed 7-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Recommendation: Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: May 2025 Appendix 2	Recommendation: Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: June 2025 Appendix 3	Recommendation: Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: May 2025 Appendix 4	Recommendation: Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: June 2025 Appendix 5	Recommendation: Board approval.
BOE Resolutions FY26 Appendix 6	Recommendation: Review, sign, and approve.
Investment Purchases, Investment Maturities, and Investment Income for period ending June 30, 2025 Appendix 7	Recommendation: No action required.
Fund Balances, Tax Levy and Outstanding Indebtedness for period ending June 30, 2025	Recommendation: No action required.

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<tr><td>Appendix 8</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Sedgwick County Elections Office
Appendix 9</td><td>Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve payment to Sedgwick County in the amount of $128,156.07.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Report of Balances for Period Ending June 30, 2025
Appendix 10</td><td>Recommendation: No action required.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Safekeeping Collateral Report
Appendix 11</td><td>Recommendation: No action required.</td></tr>
<tr><td>IST Building – Easement Access</td><td>Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the Access Easement Grant to Price Pharmacies, Inc., with no cost or revenue implications for the District.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Anderson Elementary School - Repairs to Air Conditioning</td><td>Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an amount not to exceed $47,331.35 to be paid to Reconstruction Services, Inc. for air conditioning repairs and replacements at Anderson Elementary School.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Facility Needs Reporting - Consulting Services - DLR Group</td><td>Recommendation: It is recommended the Board enter into a contract with DLR Group, for development of the District’s facility dashboard platform in an amount not to exceed $83,000.</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP)
Appendix 12</td><td>Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Interim Healthcare of Wichita (Annual)</td><td>Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Interim Healthcare of Wichita, Inc., during the 2025-26 school year to provide Special Education Health Services, not to exceed a cost of $450,000, to be funded by Special Education.</td></tr>
<tr><td>EverDriven</td><td>Recommendation: It is recommended the Board extend the Agreement with EverDriven for various required and requested student transportation services (e.g., general education, required special education, CTE, ADA-504, McKinney-Vento [homeless services]) from various funding sources, not to exceed the amount of $2,000,000.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Wichita Metro Transit Authority</td><td>Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the continued use of Wichita Metro Transit Authority for additional transportation services for the 2025-26 school year in the amount not to exceed $390,000.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Purchasing Consent
Appendix 13</td><td>Recommendation: Board approval.
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<tr><th>Description of Products/Services</th><th>Amount</th><th>Responsible Party</th></tr>
<tr><td>1. Box, Dinner, 3-Compartment</td><td>$ 37,500.00</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr>
<tr><td>2. Box, Single Compartment</td><td>$ 24,752.00</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr>
<tr><td>3. Meal Kits</td><td>$ 163,030.00</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr>
<tr><td>4. Plastic Bowl, 3" Square, 5 oz</td><td>$ 73,960.00</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr>
<tr><td>5. Plastic Bowl, 12 oz</td><td>$ 21,018.00</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr>
<tr><td>6. Slide Seal Deli Bag</td><td>$ 84,600.00</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr>
<tr><td>7. Towel, Wiping, Disposable</td><td>$ 68,000.00</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr>
<tr><td>8. City Wide Maintenance Janitorial Service</td><td>$ 250,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr>
<tr><td>9. Microfilm Conversion</td><td>$ 30,000.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr>
<tr><td>10. WSU Tech Applied Learning Technology</td><td>$ 250,000.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr>
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	Support		
	11. Daymark Solutions - Annual Service Contract	$ 20,867.00	Fabián Armendáriz
	12. Football Helmet and Shoulder Pad Reconditioning	$ 56,000.00	Loren Hatfield/ Chris Asmussen
	13. Football Helmets	$ 56,000.00	Loren Hatfield/ Chris Asmussen
	14. Audio Visual Equipment, Printers, Accessories & Software	$ 900,000.00	Rob Dickson
	15. Autonomous Floor Scrubber System	$ 457,980.00	Luke Newman
	16. Latchkey Sites Software	$ 42,660.00	Michele Ingenthron
	17. Food - May 2025	$ 130,972.98	Fabián Armendáriz
	18. Supply Warehouse Stock - May 2025	$ 252,530.17	Fabián Armendáriz
Approval of Partnership with Code to the Future for Computer Science Immersion at Spaght Magnet Elementary	Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of the partnership agreement with Code to the Future for the implementation of the computer science immersion program at Spaght Magnet Elementary, as outlined above, for the period June 1, 2025, through August 31, 2030.		
Sign Language Interpreting Services Agreement: Boklund Interpreting Services, LLC. (Renewal) Appendix 14	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Boklund Interpreting Services, LLC from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to provide sign language interpreting services as specified by the district not to exceed a cost of $45,000 to be funded by Special Education.		
Sign Language Interpreting Services Agreement: Sign Language Interpreting Services, Inc. (Renewal) Appendix 15	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with SLIS from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to provide sign language interpreting services as specified by the district not to exceed a cost of $45,000 to be funded by Special Education.		
Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Appendix 16	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to purchase materials, certified trainers' trainings, and annual memberships for district trainers to Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) during the 2025-26 and 2026-2027 school years. The maximum cost for this expenditure is $100,000 and will be funded by Special Education.		
Xello (Renewal)	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the renewal of Xello via Orion (South Central Kansas Education Center) for the use in assessing and aligning students' career interests with course selections to build actionable plans for college and career development in an amount not to exceed $91,000.		
Advance Placement Exam Fees	Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the payment of Advanced Placement Exam invoices in an amount not to exceed $85,000.		
Positive Rhythm Productions - Restorative Practices with Rob Simon (Renewal)	Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an agreement with Rob Simon to provide Restorative Practices in an amount not to exceed $30,000 beginning August 1, 2025, and ending July 31,2026.		
Goodwill Industries (Renewal)	Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc., during the 2025-26 school year to provide special education services for up to six (6) full-time and/or part-time		

	students, not to exceed a cost of $50,000, to be funded by Special Education.
Juvenile Detention Facility and County Detention Facility Services (Renewal) Appendix 18	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion to provide 2025-26 educational services for students placed at either the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility or Sedgewick County Detention Facility in an amount of $897,500 as provided in the Appendix.
Orion Adult Students (Renewal) Appendix 19	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion during the 2025-26 school year, for a diploma completion program for adult students who are completing their high school diplomas.
News-2-you, Unique Learning System, Everway (Renewal) Appendix 20	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of News-2-You and Unique Learning System with Everway for one year in an amount not to exceed $163,647.
Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooding, Coulson & Kitch and McDonald Tinker PA	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 May 2025 in the amount of $7,537.95 to Fleeson, Gooding, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of $11,945.25 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Superintendent's Contract	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the extension of the Superintendent's contract by one year, until June 30, 2028, and authorize the Board President to sign the contract.
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2025 Appendix 21	Recommendation: Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2025 Appendix 22	Recommendation: Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2025 Appendix 23	Recommendation: Board approval.
Behavior Policies Appendix 24	Recommendation: Board approval.
Discussion	
On-Call General Contractor: Various Sites	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an additional $100,000 be added to the contract with Cherokee Construction Inc., for a total amount not to exceed $350,000. Mr. Reeser (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved. The motion passed 6-1.
Action	
Council of Great City Schools Board of Directors Representative	Recommendation: We would ask the board to appoint a board representative to serve on the Council of Great City Schools. Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved to appoint Hazel Stabler for the Council of Great City Schools Board of Directors Representative. The motion passed 7-0.
Policy 1231 – Artificial Intelligence Appendix 9	Recommendation: Board approval. Mr. Reeser (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved. The motion passed 7-0.
Policy 3460 – Unrestricted Reserves	Recommendation: Board approval.

Appendix 10	Mrs. Bond (Mr. Vuong) moved. The motion passed 7-0.
Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld shared his perspective on how society has changed since the 1990s. He reflected on the time when a teacher was selected to go into space, using it as an example of the deep respect the public once had for the teaching profession. He compared that to the current public perception of educators, which has shifted significantly over time. He also addressed concerns about representation on the Financial Oversight Committee, assuring that the district will explore solutions to ensure staff representation. In addition, he highlighted the level of Wichita Public Schools' representation at the state level.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Ms. Albert shared information regarding a recent Town Hall meeting and encouraged the board members to attend another forum that will be held July 29 at 9:00 a.m. and the Kansas Leadership Center. This meeting will be an open public meeting between the Wichita Public Schools, the City of Wichita, and Sedgwick County. Ms. Hedrick requested information on high school classroom sizes.
Adjournment	Ms. McCray-Miller (Mrs. Bond) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 9:42 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Litona Hoyt
Clerk of the Board