

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
August 4, 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 August 4, 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 Northeast Magnet Color Guard.
Presentations	
Good News – Future Ready Starts Here – Read to Succeed	Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum, and Mary K. Vaughn, United Way of the Plains volunteer, recognized the partnership between Wichita Public Schools and United Way of the Plains. This collaboration connects volunteers reading coaches with students who need extra support. United Way of the Plain staff members Logan Bradshaw and Amy Holly were also recognized for their contribution to the partnership. The organization also called for volunteers.
United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Warren, UTW President, shared information regarding activities of UTW including grants and helping staff with recertifications. Ms. Warren also shared concerns regarding the DOJ settlement procedures, staffing levels, heat in classroom buildings at the start of the school year, and maintenance concerns.
Service Employees International Union	Esau Freeman, Service Employees International Union representative, shared information regarding a recent food drive and expressed gratitude for the WPS foundation and friendship fund. Mr. Freidman also spoke regarding proposed legislation regarding minimum wage for service workers.
Public Communications	Kendrell Holly – Administration of Albuterol Charlene Marvin – Native American Education Walt Chappel – Revenue Neutral Rate Rebecca Armstrong – Staff Input and Engagement Trish Hileman – Revenue Neutral Rate Melinda Ware – Title VI for the Native American Program
Education	
Individual Plan of Study Report	Tim Hamblin, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education, and Laura Barker, Individual Plan of Study/Work-Based Learning Specialist, highlighted key learning and exploration opportunities with the Individual Plan of Study for the middle and high school level.

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	At approximately 7:15 p.m. Mr. Vuong left the meeting and returned at approximately 7:17 p.m.
Second Step Report	Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction, and Justin Kasel Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction, reported out on the Second Step curriculum utilized in elementary and middle school that provides instructions related to academic perseverance, pro-social behavior, and positive relationships while contributing to safety and belonging. Teacher Hannah Evans-Mendoza shared her experiences with Second Step in the classroom. 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 7:32 p.m. Mr. Reeser left the meeting and returned at approximately 7:39 p.m.
Reports	
Budget Report: Authorization to Publish the Notice of Hearing and Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025-26 Budget	Addi Lowell, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the budget process including the building needs assessments, and barriers. Holly Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, shared comparative district outcome data from 2023 and 2024. <u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the board approved 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 8, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center. Ms. Hedrick (Mr. Reeser) moved the Board of Education authorize the publication of the notice of hearing and the notice of exceeding the revenue neutral tax rate for the 2025-26 school year in the paper of record and establish the budget hearing and revenue neutral rate hearing for Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, 903 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, KS 67218. The motion passed 7-0. 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 8:50 p.m. Mr. Vuong left the meeting and returned at approximately 8:51 p.m.
	At approximately 9:07 p.m. Ms. Stabler left the meeting and returned at approximately 9:09 p.m.
Consent	
	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed 7-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Design Services – Enders – Parking Expansion	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																																										
Design Services - Northwest – Commons Restroom Remodel	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																																										
Purchasing Consent Appendix 3	Recommendation: Board approval. <table><tr><th>Description of Products/Services</th><th>Amount</th><th>Responsible Party</th></tr><tr><td>1. Asbestos Repair & Removal – Annual</td><td>\$200,000.00</td><td>Terri Moses</td></tr><tr><td>2. Security Services</td><td>\$500,000.00</td><td>Terri Moses</td></tr><tr><td>3. Building & Grounds – Mowing Service</td><td>\$95,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr><tr><td>4. Dry Mop Service – Annual</td><td>\$35,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr><tr><td>5. Common Sense Media</td><td>\$50,000.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr><tr><td>6. Canvas</td><td>\$210,475.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr><tr><td>7. Playground Equipment & Rubberized Mulch</td><td>\$500,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr><tr><td>8. ClassLink Launch Pad</td><td>\$150,368.80</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr><tr><td>9. Edgenuity – Imagine Learning - Additional</td><td>\$20,000.00</td><td>Holly Ingram/Rob Dickson</td></tr><tr><td>10. Assel Grant Writing Services</td><td>\$150,000.00</td><td>Addi Lowell/Holly Wilson</td></tr><tr><td>11. Weather Monitoring and Notification Services</td><td>\$20,262.64</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr><tr><td>12. Food - June 2025</td><td>\$4,805,284.83</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr><tr><td>13. Supply Warehouse Stock - June 2025</td><td>\$3,273.36</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr></table>	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
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Correction	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the board approve a correction 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 which 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.																																										
Technology Repair and Replacements Order - Multiple Sites	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																																										
EveryDay Labs (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																																										
Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																																										

Worker's Compensation Settlement: [L.E.]	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Agreement with Evergy Concerning Increases to Electrical Rates Charged to USD 259 Schools	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the acceptance of Evergy's proposal and execute the agreement memorializing the parties' compromise.
Sale of Property Known as Reserve A, USD 259 5th Addition	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve the sale of Reserve A to the adjacent property owner.
Mental Health Intervention Team (renewal and additional agreement)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
City of Kechi, Neighborhood Revitalization Program Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Update Appendix 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the board approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Program interlocal cooperation agreement with revisions.
P1230 - Acceptable Device and Communication Use by Staff, Students, and the District Appendix 5	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Resolution – Destruction of Certain District Records Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Resolution - Alignment of BOE Policies Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve Resolution: Alignment of BOE Policies, as provided in the appendix.
BOE Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2025 Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2025 Appendix 9	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2025 Appendix 10	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld shared staffing numbers and information about the District's Rally at the Roundhouse event.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Ms. McCray-Miller and Mrs. Bond welcomed all staff and students back for the 2025-26 school year. Ms. Hedrick shared information on high school capacity. Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld and Assistant Superintendent Loren Hatfield shared that the district accepted 225 students at Northeast Magnet.

Adjournment	Mrs. Bond (Ms. McCray-Miller) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 9:26 p.m., the meeting adjourned.
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Clerk of the Board