

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
October 6, 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 – South High School Color Guard

II. Presentations

A. Good News

1. Wichita Collective Impact Partnership

Diligent 2.1

Contact(s): Amanda Sharshel and Sherrie Frazey (USD259), Sandy Kimball and Tyrone Baker (YMCA)

Summary: Wichita Collective Impact (WCI) is a community-driven initiative supported by Cargill that aligns local organizations and partners to advance Wichita Public Schools' goals, especially in kindergarten readiness and third grade reading proficiency. WCI's structured partnerships—spanning data, programming, philanthropy, and advocacy—enable collaborative success and resource sharing. Ultimately, WCI benefits students in the 67214 ZIP code by improving educational outcomes and promoting long-term economic prosperity.

2. Gates Foundation Partnership – AI Math Tutoring with Edia

Diligent 2.2

Contact(s): Holly Ingram

Summary: Wichita Public Schools has partnered with Edia, an AI-powered math education platform, through a Gates Foundation-supported initiative to improve student outcomes in mathematics. This year, the program is being implemented in Geometry and Algebra 2 classes to provide personalized, adaptive tutoring that supports ACT preparation and strengthens overall math proficiency. By leveraging AI-driven insights, the platform tailors instruction to meet each student's individual needs, helping close achievement gaps and build confidence in problem-solving.

3. Appointment of Director of Partnerships and Belonging

Diligent 2.3

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez

Summary: Corinthian Kelly joins our district as the new Director of Partnerships and Belonging, bringing deep experience in community transformation and youth development. He most recently served as Initiatives Manager at the Stand Together Foundation, leading grassroots efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and empower families. Previously, Corinthian managed access and engagement programs at Wichita State University's Public Policy and Management Center and completed a fellowship with the Sedgwick County Manager's Office. He also served as Outreach Manager for WSU's TRIO Educational Opportunity Centers, connecting under-resourced adults with higher education and support services. His earlier work includes directing after-school programs in Baltimore and Richmond, and serving at Little Early Childhood Center in USD 259 after relocating to Wichita in 2017. Corinthian holds a bachelor's in Public and Urban Affairs from Virginia Tech and a Master of Public Administration from WSU, where he is now pursuing a second master's in Human Resource Management.

We look forward to the positive impact Corinthian's leadership and experience will bring to our students, families and greater Wichita community.

B. United Teachers of Wichita

C. Service Employees International Union

III. Public Communications

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IV. Education

A. Community Schools Pilot: Progress, Partnerships and Possibilities

Diligent 4.1

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, LaTonia Kennedy

Purpose: This presentation provides an update on the Community Schools pilot launched this school year. Focused on seven elementary schools—Adams, Anderson, Colvin, Dodge, Spaght, Stanley, and Washington—the pilot is a collaborative effort to strengthen connections between Wichita Public Schools and the communities we serve. Through strategic partnerships with families, local organizations, and service providers, the initiative integrates academic, social, and health supports to create welcoming, resource-rich environments. Aligned with district goals for student achievement, belonging, and engagement, the pilot reflects our shared commitment to measurable outcomes, sustainable collaboration, and student success. As part of this update, we will also hear directly from school-based practitioners about how the pilot is unfolding in their buildings and communities.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board's information and discussion.

B. Fall Screener Data Presentation

Diligent 4.2

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

Purpose: This presentation will provide the Board with an update on fall screener data for grades K-8 in both reading and math. Data shared will be aligned to Goal 1 of the Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan. Additionally, early literacy data will be shared which the LETRS initiative seeks to impact.

Recommendation: This presentation is for the Board's information.

V. Reports

A. School Facilities Condition Report

Diligent 5.1

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Purpose: The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the Wichita Public Schools facilities conditions and projected large-scale maintenance needs.

Recommendation: The presentation is for the Board's information. No action is requested.

B. Community Engagement Survey Results

Diligent 5.2

Contact(s): Rachel Bell

Purpose: In June 2025, Wichita Public Schools conducted a Community Engagement Survey to gauge understanding and awareness, specifically among community members who do not have students in the district. WPS seeks to better communicate and engage with the community in meaningful ways and results of this survey will assist WPS to do so. Conducting an annual survey will help WPS measure progress over time.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board's information and discussion.

VI. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

Diligent 6.1

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: August 2025

Appendix 2

Diligent 6.2

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Monthly Report

Recommendation: Board Approval

2. Monthly Finance Report: August 2025

Appendix 3

Diligent 6.3

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: This is a monthly report to the Board on the budget and finances of the district.

Recommendation: The report is provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.

C. Facilities

1. Curtis Middle School – Exterior Door Replacement

Diligent 6.4

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding for the replacement of deteriorated exterior doors at Curtis Middle School. The existing doors and hardware have experienced significant wear and present ongoing maintenance issues, impacting functionality and safety. The scope of work includes the replacement of doors, frames, hardware, badge scanners, and automatic door openers.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board accept the low bid from Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc. for the exterior door replacement at Curtis Middle School for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

2. AMAC 905 Office Remodel

Diligent 6.5

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: To facilitate the addition of departments from other non-attendance centers, there was a need to perform demolition and remodeling to room 905 in the Alvin Morris Administrative Center. This included carpet, ceiling, electrical, and paint to make these spaces functional and accommodate additional staff.

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of payment to Cherokee Construction for the remodeling of AMAC office spaces in the amount of \$36,090.

3. AMAC 413/415 Office Remodel

Diligent 6.6

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: To facilitate the addition of departments from other non-attendance centers, there was a need to perform demolition and remodeling to room 413/415 in the Alvin Morris Administrative Center. This included carpet, ceiling, electrical, and paint to make these spaces functional and accommodate additional staff.

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of payment to Cherokee Construction for the remodeling of AMAC office spaces in the amount of \$35,770.

4. Rooftop Unit Replacement – Wilbur Middle School

Diligent 6.7

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The district has a need to update rooftop AC and heating units that are no longer effective or efficient at Wilbur Middle School. The appropriate Trane rooftop units are available for purchase with the use of the Omnia purchasing cooperative

contract, #3341.

Recommendation: It is recommended payment be authorized to Trane U.S. Inc. (Davidson, NC) in the amount not to exceed \$151,522 for the replacement of rooftop AC/Heating units at Wilbur Middle School that are at end of life.

D. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 4

Diligent 6.8

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Travel – Non-Public/Private/Parochial	\$150,000.00	Addi Lowell
2. Oracle ERP Technical Support	\$300,000.00	Addi Lowell
3. PebbleGo – Renewal	\$125,000.00	Rob Dickson
4. Food – August 2025	\$326,982.44	Fabián Armendáriz
5. Supply Warehouse Stock – August 2025	\$135,445.73	Fabián Armendáriz

E. Education/Curriculum

1. Sociology Textbook Purchase

Diligent 6.9

Contact(s): Justin Kasel, Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Textbook Fund; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: With the change in Kansas graduation requirements for the class of 2028 and beyond as well as the adoption of a new graduation policy by the Board of Education, Wichita Public School students have some choices for high school social studies courses. Sociology: A Brief Intro 14th Edition from McGraw Hill will provide teachers and students with an updated text. This purchase also provides online licenses for teachers. This item is to request Board approval to purchase the textbook and online resources for this course.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of the textbooks and licenses for Sociology from McGraw Hill in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

2. Graduation Certification and Risk Assessment Services

Diligent 6.11

Contact(s): Addi Lowell, Loren Hatfield

Funding Source: Supplemental General Fund; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Administration recommends approval to engage Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP to document the district's graduation certification procedures and conduct an independent audit of 2024-25 graduation data. The engagement will evaluate current practices, validate the accuracy of reported rates, and provide recommendations to strengthen internal controls and sustainable processes across schools. Deliverables will include a comprehensive documentation of current graduation data procedures and a final audit report with findings, any recommended actions steps, and a certification of the accuracy

and completeness of the 2024-25 graduation data.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the board approve the purchase of services with Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

F. Renewals

1. ESOL Endorsement Program (Renewal)

Diligent 6.12

Contact(s): Kristina Bowyer, Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Bilingual and Federal Funds; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Newman University, Wichita State University, and Kansas State University provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher licensure endorsement programs, available to all Wichita Public Schools teachers working directly with English Language Learners (ELL). ESOL program courses are available through WSU, KSU, and NU in Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026. The Wichita Public Schools ESOL Instructional Services Department provides WPS teachers with the opportunity to acquire ESOL endorsements, making them highly qualified ESOL teachers.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize payment to Wichita State University, Kansas State University, and Newman University for providing ESOL programming to Wichita Public Schools teachers in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

2. Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. (Renewal)

Diligent 6.13

Contact(s): Dr. Vince Evans, Kimber Kasitz

Funding Source: Special Education; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: In order to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and state guidelines, K.S.A. 72-3403 for mandated services, USD 259 has an existing agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., to provide Health Services as a Special Education Related Service for students who cannot attend school or be transported safely without the support of nursing services. This is a required service for select students. The amount is not to exceed \$125,000 annually.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the district to continue the agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., during the 2025-26 school year to provide Special Education Health Services, not to exceed a cost of \$125,000, to be funded by Special Education.

G. Agreements, Fees, Services, Settlements

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

Diligent 6.14

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund – Special Liability, 52 Fund – Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for August 2025 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$14,473.60.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for August 2025 legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$14,119.05.

This brings the 2025-26 fiscal year-to-date total to \$24,468.81 for Civil Litigation services and \$16,291.29 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 August 2025 in the amount of \$14,473.60 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$14,119.05 to McDonald Tinker PA.

2. Settlement Agreement – Claims of R.D.G. against Unified School District No. 259, et al.

Diligent 6.15

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The district has negotiated a settlement of disputed liability claims brought by R.D.G.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to settle these claims.

H. Routine Items

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2025

Appendix 5

Diligent 6.16

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the September 5, 2025 Special Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. BOE Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2025

Appendix 6

Diligent 6.17

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the September 8, 2025 Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

I. Policies

1. Board Policies

Appendix 7

Diligent 6.18

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence, Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The following are recommended board policy changes. Proposed updates and revisions are attached in the Appendix.

- P0850 - Board Community Relations
 - Revision to change name of "Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee" to "Student Board."
- P1388 - Contracting for Photographs of Student
 - This policy is obsolete and will be deleted.
- P5501 - Privacy of Student Records
 - Revision to emphasize importance of making student records available for inspection by parents.
- P7100 - Building Minor Improvements
 - This policy is obsolete and will be deleted.
- P7311 - School Bus Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Service

- Revision to reflect that the Code of Conduct, P1464, is controlling over any conflicting text in this policy.

Recommendation: Board approval.

VII. Reports and Requests

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

VIII. Adjournment