

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
November 3, 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

1. Moment of Silence
2. Pledge of Allegiance – East High School Color Guard

II. Presentations

A. Good News

1. Technology Future Ready Center

Diligent 2.1

Contact(s): Eric Shipman

Summary: The Technology FutureReady Center began this August 2025 as the third FutureReady Center (after Manufacturing and Healthcare). Its goal is to prepare Wichita Public Schools students for high-demand careers in information technology and computer sciences, while also supporting the broader workforce needs of the region. The FRC Director, Eric Shipman, will give a brief overview of the program and an update from all FutureReady Centers.

2. Implementation of Code to the Future Program at Spaght Elementary

Diligent 2.2

Contact(s): Rob Dickson

Summary: This year, Code to the Future has been implemented at Spaght Elementary, introducing an innovative program that integrates coding into the elementary curriculum to help students build critical thinking, problem-solving, and technology skills from an early age. A program representative will be embedded at the school throughout the year to support teachers and provide hands-on training. By next year, Spaght educators will be fully equipped to lead the program independently, creating sustainable, technology-rich learning experiences.

3. McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary honored as a 2025 National Blue Ribbon School

Diligent 2.3

Contact(s): Chris Wendt

Summary: McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary has been honored as a

2025 National Blue Ribbon School, one of just three elementary schools in Kansas to receive this prestigious distinction. This recognition reflects extraordinary achievement on state assessments and affirms McLean's role as a transformative force in elementary education. This is the first time McLean Science Technology Magnet has received the Blue Ribbon distinction and they are the sixth school in the district to receive the award.

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

III. Public Communications

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IV. Education

- A. Middle School Opportunities

Diligent 4.1

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Summary: This presentation will cover the unique courses and extracurricular opportunities available to Wichita Public Schools' middle school students.

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

- B. Spring 2025 State Assessment Update

Diligent 4.2

Contact(s): Holly Ingram

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to share an update on Spring 2025 state assessment results. This update will include information about the changes to the assessment and new cut scores. The state assessments given in the spring of 2025 were new which then delayed when scores were released to districts and schools.

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

- C. Kansas Alternative Early Literacy Screener (KAELS) Overview

Diligent 4.3

Contact(s): Ryan Alliman, Nicki Seeley

Summary: This presentation will provide the Board with an overview of the Kansas Alternative Early Literacy Screener (KAELS) and the implementation of the screener in the district. This work is aligned to Goal 1 of the Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan.

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

V. Consent

- A. Human Resources

- 1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

Diligent 5.1

Contact(s): Susan Willis

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: September 2025

Appendix 2

Diligent 5.2

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Monthly Report

Recommendation: Board Approval

2. Monthly Finance Report: September 2025

Appendix 3

Diligent 5.3

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. Design Services – Mead Middle School – Window Replacement

Diligent 5.4

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Design services are needed for the Mead Middle School Window Replacement project. The single-pane steel windows are original to the building, and due for replacement.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Schaefer Architecture for design services for the Mead Middle School Window Replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$40,500.

2. Design Services – North Structural Repairs

Diligent 5.5

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: On July 31, 2023, the Board entered into an agreement with Schaefer Architecture for professional design services for structural repairs at North and Northwest High Schools. The initial scope included Design Services for Phases 1 and 2 in the amount not to exceed \$991,608.30.

Design Services needs continue for North High School into Phase 3, which encompasses structural work beneath the Auditorium, Original Gymnasium, and West Mechanical Tunnel. The cost for Phase 3 is not to exceed \$286,383.02.

This brings the total for Design Services for Phases 1 through 3 to \$1,267,991.32. At least one additional phase is expected during summer of 2027 to fully repair structural issues at North High School.

11/3/2025: BOE Approval for Design Services with Schaefer Architecture (North & Northwest High Schools Structural Repairs)			
Phase 1	Phase 1: Added Scope	Phase 2	Phase 3
7/31/2023	11/13/2023	3/3/2025	11/3/2025
\$440,000	\$80,000	\$461,608.30	\$286,383.02
Total			\$1,267,991.32
C-Hall and Commons	"B - Hall" and "J- Hall"	"A-Hall" and "Mechanical Room in A-Hall"	Auditorium, Original Gymnasium, and West Mechanical Tunnel

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve Phase 3 Design Fees for North Structural Repairs in the amount of \$286,383.02.

3. Design Services – Various Sites – Roof Replacement

Diligent 5.6

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Design services are needed for roof replacement at multiple district sites. These services are necessary to address roofing systems that have reached the end of their service life, as identified in the Summer 2025 Roof Audit.

The Summer 2025 Roof Audit assigned a grade of “F” to the roofs listed below, indicating an estimated remaining life of 1–2 years before failure. Timely replacement is critical to prevent further deterioration and potential disruption to operations. The roofs scheduled for replacement are as follows:

- Alvin E. Morris Administration Center (AMAC) – Roof Sections 12, 25, 27, 46, and 47
- Caldwell Elementary School – Roof Sections: 10, 11, and 12
- Curtis Middle School – Roof Section 4
- Hyde Elementary School – Full Roof Replacement except for Section 5
- Jefferson Elementary School – Roof Sections: 9, 11, and 12
- Lawrence Elementary School – Roof Sections: 9, 10, 11, and 13
- South High School – Roof Sections: 7 and 28
- Mead Middle School – Roof Section 15

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Alloy Architecture for design services for roof replacement at various district sites in an amount not to exceed \$169,750.

4. Amendment to Purchase Agreement of Property to DLK Enterprises, LLC, also known as

Pyxis, Inc. – Former Payne Elementary

Diligent 5.7

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: DLK Enterprises, LLC, also known as Pyxis, Inc., and Wichita Public Schools, USD 259, have agreed to terms on a Real Estate Purchase agreement in the amount of \$415,000 for property at 1601 South Edwards Avenue, formerly known as Payne Elementary. Due to the hailstorm that occurred in September of 2025, amended transfer of ownership will occur on or before November 30, 2025, so repairs to the roof can be completed prior to closing.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the BOE approve the amended date for the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with DLK Enterprises, LLC, also known as Pyxis, Inc., for \$415,000. BOE General Counsel has approved the Real Estate Purchase Agreement.

5. Heat Pump Condensers: Cleaveland Elementary School

Diligent 5.8

Contact(s): Susan Willis, Boni Burkhart, Luke Newman, Shane Schumacher

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self-Funded Insurance Reserve; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: On August 8, 2025, it was discovered that three heat pump condensers on the roof of Cleaveland Elementary School were damaged. Unknown individuals stripped the units of cables and copper wiring, rendering them inoperable. Costs to replace missing materials and restore the heat pump condensers to working order are estimated at \$138,710.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$152,410 (\$138,710 plus \$13,700 for potential overage) with Reconstruction Services to replace missing materials and restore the heat pump condensers at Cleaveland Elementary School to working order.

6. Buckner Playground Drainage Improvements – Additional Fund Request

Diligent 5.9

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Additional funds are requested for the Buckner Playground Drainage Improvements project to address unforeseen site conditions. During construction, it was determined that the existing rip rap (rock drainage) on the north side of the play field was ineffective and beyond repair. To ensure proper drainage and long-term durability, a concrete flume needs to be installed in place of the rip rap. This scope change requires an additional \$6,466.60 to cover the cost of removal and replacement. These additional funds will be allocated from the 2025–26 Capital Outlay budget.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board increase the contract with Multicon, Inc., in the amount of \$6,466.60 for a new total of \$199,675.60.

D. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 4

Diligent 5.10

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Groundwater Interim Remedial Measures Project	\$149,600.00	Terri Moses
2. Two-Way Radios and Accessories	\$125,000.00	Terri Moses
3. Band Uniforms	\$150,000.00	Holly Ingram
4. Hand Soap, Cleaning Chemicals and Sanitary Dispensers	\$170,000.00	Luke Newman
5. Food – September 2025	\$449,605.54	Fabián Armendáriz
6. Fuel – July, August, September 2025	\$606,654.41	Fabián Armendáriz
7. Supply Warehouse Stock – September 2025	\$205,243.32	Fabián Armendáriz

E. Education/Curriculum

1. Friends Tuition for Early College Academy Students

Diligent 5.11

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Funding Source: Grants, Student Fees, General Funds; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Early College Academy (ECA) is a program intentionally designed to promote access and opportunity for more students to obtain a college degree. In partnership with Friends University, ECA will allow students to take more classes for college credit earlier in high school. When students in the program graduate from Northwest, they will have the chance to earn up to 57 college credits.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve payments to Friends University not to exceed \$140,000.

F. Renewals

1. Lexia Learning Systems LLC – LETRS Volume 1 and 2 & Early Childhood LETRS materials and professional development (Renewal)

Diligent 5.12

Contact(s): Holly Ingram, Amanda Sharshel

Funding Source: Professional Development Funds and At-Risk Funds; 25-26 Budget

Purpose: LETRS is professional development for literacy. It has earned accreditation through the International Dyslexia Association. LETRS is designed to provide our teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to plan for, instruct and assess literacy skill development. This renewal allows us to support teachers in completing LETRS to be able to add the Seal of Literacy to their teaching license.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of LETRS Volume 1-2 & LETRS Early Childhood materials and professional development from Lexia Learning Systems LLC in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.

G. Agreements, Fees, Services, Settlements

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

Diligent 5.13

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 September 2025 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$12,364.59

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for September 25 legal services and expenses for Workers’ Compensation in the amount of \$10,064.52.

This brings the 2025-26 fiscal year-to-date total to \$36,833.40 for Civil Litigation services and \$40,474.86 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 September 2025 in the amount of \$12,364.59 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$10,064.52 to McDonald Tinker PA.

H. Routine Items

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2025

Appendix 5

Diligent 5.14

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the October 3, 2025 Board Workshop are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. BOE Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2025

Appendix 6

Diligent 5.15

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the October 6, 2025 Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

3. Out of State Travel Request - Northwest High School to Dallas, TX

Diligent 5.16

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Branden Johnson

Funding Source: Student payments and fundraisers; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: On 3/13/2026 to 3/16/2026, Northwest High School Music Program will participate in a Music Performance. Approximately 100 students will participate.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve for the Northwest High School Music Program to attend the performance and other activities in Dallas TX in an amount not to exceed \$62,000.

4. Out of State Travel Request - Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet School to Puerto Rico

Diligent 5.17

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield, Branden Johnson

Funding Source: Local Gifts & Grants; Wichita Public Schools Foundation, Anonymous Donor

Purpose: On 5/26/2026 to 5/30/2026, Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet School 8th Grade Students will participate in a trip to Puerto Rico to explore the Dual Language usage in real world scenarios through EF Educational Tours. Approximately 48 students, and five teachers will participate.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve for Horace Mann to attend the activities in Puerto Rico and to approve the donation/gift from anonymous donor to pay for the trip expenses in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.

I. Policies

1. Board Policy 5506 - Nonresident Enrollment and Admission Board Policy [Appendix 7](#)

[Diligent 5.18](#)

Contact(s): Michelle Drumright

Purpose: These policy changes are to align with current Kansas law.

Recommendation: Board approval.

VI. Discussion

- A. Board Policy 6336 - Graduation and Certification Audit

[Appendix 8](#)

[Diligent 6.1](#)

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Loren Hatfield

Purpose: This policy establishes a process for independent review and certification of graduation data to ensure consistent and reliable reporting across the district. It outlines procedures for documenting and auditing graduation certification practices, including verification of data accuracy and evaluation of compliance with state requirements.

Recommendation: This item is being presented for discussion only.

VII. Reports and Requests

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

VIII. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session - For the purpose of discussing matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting student.

IX. Adjournment