

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
October 6, 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 October 6, 2025, with President Diane Albert presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Kathy Bond, Julie Hedrick, Stan Reeser, Hazel Stabler, and Ngoc Vuong. Absent: Melody McCray-Miller
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 South High School Color Guard.
Presentations	
Good News – Wichita Collective Impact Partnership	Deputy Superintendent Gil Alvarez and Executive Director of School Support and Improvement Sherrie Frazey shared details about the district's partnership with Wichita Collective Impact, which supports key goals in kindergarten readiness and third-grade reading proficiency.
Good News – Gates Foundation Partnership – AI Math Tutoring with Edia	Holly Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, highlighted the district's partnership with Edia, an AI-powered platform that supports math instruction.
Good News – Appointment of Director of Partnerships and Belonging	Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, introduced Corinthian Kelly as the new Director of Partnerships and Belonging.
United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Warren, UTW President, spoke about class sizes, special education, support systems. Hamilton Elementary teacher Becca Davison shared information about community schools.
Service Employees International Union	None.
Public Communications	Martin Schoket – Financial Oversight Committee and District Listening Tour Dave Fish – Enrollment and Facilities Master Plan Savannah Goodpasture – Student Needs and Support for Educators
Education	
Community Schools Pilot: Progress, Partnerships and Possibilities	LaTonia Kennedy, Director of Parent and Community Support, along with staff from Stanley and Dodge Elementary shared a high-level update on the Community Schools pilot launched this school year focusing on relationships to build a support network for families in our schools. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.

Fall Screener Data Presentation	Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instructional Support, and Justin Kasel, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instructional Support shared an update on K-8 fall screener data in reading and math. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Reports	
School Facilities Condition Report	Luke Newman, Director of Facilities, and Steve Noble, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the district's facilities conditions and projected large-scale maintenance needs. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Community Engagement Survey Results	Rachel Bell, Chief Communications Officer, shared the results from the recent Community Engagement Survey. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Consent	Mr. Reeser (Mrs. Bond) moved the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. Kelly Bielefeld shared more information on the following consent agenda items: • AMAC 905 Remodel • AMAC 413/415 Remodel • Graduation Certification and Risk Assessment Services The motion passed 6-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: August 2025 Appendix 2	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: August 2025 Appendix 3	<u>Recommendation:</u> The report is provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Curtis Middle School – Exterior Door Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
AMAC 905 Office Remodel	<u>Recommendation:</u> Administration recommends approval of payment to Cherokee Construction for the remodeling of AMAC office spaces in the amount of \$36,090.
AMAC 413/415 Office Remodel	<u>Recommendation:</u> Administration recommends approval of payment to Cherokee Construction for the remodeling of AMAC office spaces in the amount of \$35,770.
Rooftop Unit Replacement – Wilbur Middle School	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.

Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.		
	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
Sociology Textbook Purchase	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
Graduation Certification and Risk Assessment Services	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
ESOL Endorsement Program (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
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 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.		
Settlement Agreement – Claims of R.D.G. against Unified School District No. 259, et al.	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to settle these claims.		
BOE Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2025 Appendix 5	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.		
BOE Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2025 Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.		
Board Policies	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval. • 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.		

Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld emphasized the importance of community and engagement. He encouraged everyone to visit schools to see students and facilities firsthand, noting that aligning our systems is key to helping students and achieving district goals.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Kathy Bond recognized World Teacher Day and shared a story. Diane Albert recognized Hazel Stabler, who headlined at New York fashion week, Paris fashion week, and Milan fashion week.
Adjournment	Ms. Albert (Mrs. Bond) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. At approximately 8:36 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Clerk of the Board