

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
December 1, 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 December 1, 2025, with President Diane Albert presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Stan Reeser, and Ngoc Vuong. Absent: Kathy Bond, Melody McCray-Miller, and Hazel Stabler
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 North High School Color Guard.
Presentations	
Good News – Wichita Public Schools Launch New Career Pathway in Mental and Behavioral Health	Tim Hamblin, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education, and Cathy Mong, Career and Technical Education Specialist announced that the district's Family, Community, and Consumer Services Pathway added a new focus area in mental and behavioral health.
Good News – WPS Announces New Human Resources Officer	Rachel Bell, Chief Communications Officer, introduced the new Chief Human Resources Officer, Stephen Christian.
Good News – Dr. Loren Hatfield Chosen to Participate in Leadership Institute	Rachel Bell, Chief Communications Officer, recognized Dr. Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, on being selected to participate in the Council of Great City Schools' Michael Casserly Urban Executive Leadership Institute for Superintendents.
United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Warren, UTW President, shared concerns about teacher workload and provided recommendations for board consideration.
Service Employees International Union	None.
Public Communications	Morgan Jamis – Art Education Jana Price – Mixed Abilities at Robinson Mark Barlow – New Chautauqua Movement Cal Siebennark – Community Schools Positive Impact Mark Shoket – Chester Lewis Shana Balton – Teacher Workload
Education	
Future Ready Strategic Plan High School Interim Goal 1: ACT and ACT WorkKeys	Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, shared a progress update of the Strategic Plan Goal 1 High School Interim Goal to increase the graduation rate from 84.3% to 85% by 2029. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
	Ms. Hedrick left the meeting at 6:43 p.m. and returned at 6:45 p.m.

Strategic Plan Goal 3; Create and Enhance Safety and Belonging	Michele Ingenthron, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools, and Terri Moses, Director of Safety and Environment, shared an update on the Strategic Plan Goal 3 Create and Enhance Safety and Belonging, highlighting the results of the district's recent survey and strategies for continued improvement. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Report	
Chester Lewis Board Report	Steve Noble, Chief Operations Officer, gave a report on Chester Lewis relocation plan prompted by recently identified structural issues. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
	Mr. Reeser left the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and returned at 7:42 p.m.
Consent	Mr. Reeser (Mr. Vuong) moved the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed 4-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: October 2025 Appendix 2	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: October 2025 Appendix 3	<u>Recommendation:</u> The report is provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Civic Engagement on 2026-27 Budget Consultation Fees	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the board approve the purchase of services with Kansas Public Finance Center in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
Peterson – Boiler Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with The Waldinger Corporation for the replacement of the small boiler at Peterson Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$87,480.
IST – Server Room Deficiency Repairs	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP to perform the necessary repairs to the Sapphire Suppression System in the Information Services and Technology Building Server Room, in an amount not to exceed \$23,245.35.
Former Clark Elementary School – Disposition of Generator	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve the sale of the generator located at Clark Elementary School for \$25,000 to Classical School of Wichita.
Heights – Media Center Air Handling Unit (AHU) Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with The Waldinger Corporation for the replacement Air Handling Unit at Heights High School, in an amount not to exceed \$392,460.
Design Services – CMAR Security Improvements – Various	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve payment to Incite Design Studio in the amount not to exceed \$167,120.00 for fees associated with Security Improvement Projects at various district sites using 2025-26 funds.
Heights High School – Structural Repairs – Additional	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board increase the contract with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc., in the

Funds Concrete Placement – Various Sites	amount of \$3,071 for a new total of \$654,281. <u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Pearson Construction, LLC, for the replacement of concrete at Brooks Middle School, Buckner Elementary School, and Wilbur Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$216,000.																								
Design Services – Robinson Middle School – Student Entrance Site Improvements	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Tessere, Inc., for design, engineering, and construction administration services for Student Entrance Site Improvements at Robinson Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.																								
Design Services – Chisholm Trail Elementary School – Exterior Renovations and Restroom Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Schultz Squared Architects, LLC, for design services and construction administration services for Chisholm Trail Elementary School Exterior Renovations and Restroom Replacement, in an amount not to exceed \$145,840.																								
East High School Structural Repairs	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC, for repairs and boiler replacement in Mechanical Room B103 at East High School, in an amount not to exceed \$1,052,822.																								
Various Middle Schools – Sidewalk Trip Hazard Repairs	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Precision Concrete Cutting Midwest to repair sidewalk trip hazards at various middle schools in an amount not to exceed \$62,310.14.																								
Water Damage – Northeast Magnet High School	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$277,000 for remediation, repair, and replacement costs associated with water damage at Northeast Magnet High School. Of this, up to \$247,212 is authorized for Reconstruction Services, LLC (\$224,738 plus \$22,474 in potential overage). The remaining \$29,788 is for district and employee personal property replacement and related expenses.																								
Water Line Replacement – Earhart Environmental Magnet Elementary School	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board authorize an amount not to exceed \$51,300.00 to be paid to Utility Maintenance Contractors, LLC, to replace the cracked water line.																								
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval. <table><tr><th>Description of Products/Services</th><th>Amount</th><th>Responsible Party</th></tr><tr><td>1. HVAC Chillers</td><td>\$321,504.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr><tr><td>2. K-12 Application & Enrollment Solution Implementation</td><td>\$92,160.00</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr><tr><td>3. Movie Licensing Services – Annual</td><td>\$29,658.15</td><td>Rob Dickson</td></tr><tr><td>4. Public Sector Treasury Software</td><td>\$25,000.00</td><td>Addi Lowell</td></tr><tr><td>5. Security Camera Installation – East and Northwest</td><td>\$35,000.00</td><td>Terri Moses</td></tr><tr><td>6. Food – October 2025</td><td>\$405,512.56</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr><tr><td>7. Supply Warehouse Stock – October 2025</td><td>\$168,640.50</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr></table>	Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party	1. HVAC Chillers	\$321,504.00	Luke Newman	2. K-12 Application & Enrollment Solution Implementation	\$92,160.00	Rob Dickson	3. Movie Licensing Services – Annual	\$29,658.15	Rob Dickson	4. Public Sector Treasury Software	\$25,000.00	Addi Lowell	5. Security Camera Installation – East and Northwest	\$35,000.00	Terri Moses	6. Food – October 2025	\$405,512.56	Fabián Armendáriz	7. Supply Warehouse Stock – October 2025	\$168,640.50	Fabián Armendáriz
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Purposeful Play Training & Support	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board authorize the contract of services with ESSDACK in an amount not to exceed \$30,0000.																								
Premier Executive Education	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve the																								

Coaching Institute	contract of services with Premier Executive Education Coaching Institute not to exceed \$32,000.
Middle School Tier 3 Reading Intervention – Language! Live (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of additional Language! Live licenses from Lexia Learning Systems in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
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 October 2025 in the amount of \$8,058.21 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$11,926.75 to McDonald Tinker PA.
BOE Meeting Minutes for October 31, 2025 Appendix 5	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2025 Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Board Policy 1116 – Sexual Harassment of Students Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Board Policy 1117 – Title IX Sexual Harassment and Complaint Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Board Policy 1500 – Excuses from Participation in Educational Activities Appendix 9	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Action	
Board Policy 6336 - Graduation and Certification Audit Appendix 10	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval. Mr. Reeser (Mr. Vuong) moved to approve changes to board Policy 6336. The motion passed 4-0.
Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld expressed condolences for East High School staff member Kenny Taylor, thanked Board Members Kathy Bond and Hazel Stabler for their service, recognized the Career and Technical Education department, and noted that additional information about school closures will be shared in January.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Mr. Vuong made a BOE request for a Board Workshop to have discussion on the implementation of strategies, interventions, and policies to address youth substance use, violence, and mental health issues.
Adjournment	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 4-0. At approximately 8:15 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Litona Hoyt
Clerk of the Board