

**Board of Education Agenda**  
**Wichita Public Schools · USD 259**  
**March 9, 2026 · 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 – Northwest High School Color Guard

**II. Presentations**

A. Good News

1. National Association of School–University Partnerships Award Presentation

**Diligent 2.1**

Contact(s): Tammy Martin and Holly Ingram

Summary: Wichita Public Schools and Wichita State University are recipients of the Exemplary School–University Partnership Award given by the National Association of School–University Partnerships (NASUP), which recognizes collaborative partnerships that demonstrate excellence in educator preparation through aligned coursework, high-quality clinical experiences, strong mentoring, and a shared commitment to student success.

In addition, Stacy Chestnut, English Language Arts Teacher at Wichita East High School, has been named the recipient of the Exemplary Mentor Teacher Award. This award honors outstanding PK–12 educators who exemplify excellence in mentoring student teachers through effective instructional practices, meaningful coaching, and support of professional growth. Also recognized as a nominee for this award is Demarla Martinez, PE teacher at OK Elementary.

Together, these recognitions highlight the impact of a strong WPS–WSU partnership in building a powerful educator pipeline—supporting students as they pursue teaching pathways, preparing them through high-quality experiences, and welcoming them back to serve Wichita classrooms and strengthen our community

2. 2026 Magnet Awards

**Diligent 2.2**

Contact(s): Jesse Milne and Amber Burkrink

Summary: Riverside Leadership Magnet, Earhart Environmental Magnet, and Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet have all won Merit Awards from Magnet Schools of America. Each school received Merit Award of Distinction, which only goes to the best

magnet schools in the country.

Their programs are rated on MSA's Five Pillars of Magnet, which includes Diversity, Innovative Curriculum and Professional Development, Academic Excellence, Leadership, and Family and Community Partnerships.

3. 2026 Scholastic Art and KMEA All-State Music Honors

**Diligent 2.3**

Contact(s): Shawn Chastain

Summary: This year, 205 student works from eight WPS high schools and four middle schools were selected for the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards. Honors include American Vision, Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention. The exhibition is currently on display at Mark Arts, 1307 N. Rock Road, through March 26, 2026.

In addition, 51 students representing eight WPS high schools and three middle schools were selected to perform in the 2026 Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) All-State Ensembles. All-State rehearsals and performances took place during the KMEA 2026 In-Service Workshop, held February 26–28 at Wichita's Century II.

4. Integrating AI and Environmental Learning at Coleman

**Diligent 2.4**

Contact(s): Katelyn Schoenhofer and Rob Dickson

Summary: Coleman Environmental Magnet is leading an innovative initiative that combines classroom hydroponic Grow Towers with a custom AI Copilot tool to deepen student learning and support teachers. The Grow Towers give students hands-on experiences with plant growth, data collection, and environmental stewardship, while the AI agent helps teachers seamlessly integrate these experiences into standards-aligned instruction across all content areas. Supported by a \$25,000 Education First + Coherence grant, this work ensures AI is used responsibly – enhancing planning, differentiation, and engagement without adding to teacher workload or reducing student thinking. By thoughtfully pairing environmental learning with ethical AI practices, Coleman is modeling how technology and sustainability can work together to elevate student curiosity, academic rigor, and real-world connections.

B. United Teachers of Wichita

C. Service Employees International Union

**III. Public Communications**

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#### IV. Action

##### A. Timeline of School Closures

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Steve Noble

Summary: At the previous regular Board meeting, an Operations Report was presented to share key findings from ongoing structural assessments and the fall district listening tour. The report reviewed facility capital improvement and maintenance needs in the context of district enrollment trends and included recommended timelines for previously identified school closures. For this meeting, the Board will review the proposed timeline for school closures.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the school closure timeline as presented.

#### V. Education

##### A. Student Board Update

Diligent 4.1

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Purpose: The 2025-26 student board officers will present an update about the progress of the student board committees as well as an overview of the student leadership conference held on February 10, 2026.

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

##### B. Accreditation Update

Diligent 4.2

Contact(s): Holly Ingram and Kelly Bielefeld

Purpose: The purpose of this presentation is to update the board on the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) process. This presentation will share about the school improvement day our district team participated in on February 18th and share the next steps we will take in our next district school improvement plan.

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

#### VI. Reports

##### A. Human Resources Department Report

Diligent 5.1

Contact(s): Stephen Christian

Purpose: The report will include updates from Human Resources regarding staffing needs and recruitment efforts, guest services trends, viability of our healthcare plan, initial results on our benefits survey, and how employee voice is supporting our steps towards a thriving workplace.

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

#### VII. Consent

##### A. Human Resources

###### 1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 2

Diligent 6.1

Contact(s): Stephen Christian

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: January 2026

Appendix 3

**Diligent 6.2**

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Monthly Report

Recommendation: Board Approval

2. Monthly Finance Report: January 2026

Appendix 4

**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. East High School – Exterior Renovation – Phase 4

**Diligent 6.4**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding for Phase Four of Exterior Renovation at East High School. The project scope involves exterior masonry renovation of the 1922 structure's west wall, including tuckpointing and structural repairs. Bids for this project were received on January 23, 2026, in accordance with scoping documents prepared by Sheldon Architecture, Inc, dated January 5, 2026.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Icon Structures, Inc, for East High School Exterior Renovation Phase 4 in an amount not to exceed \$1,512,000.

2. Northwest High School – Auditorium Ceiling Repairs

**Diligent 6.5**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding for repairs to the wood ceiling in the Northwest High School Auditorium. The project scope includes sanding and staining in areas where deterioration or damage has been identified. Due to the height of the auditorium space, the work requires use of scaffolding, which contributes to the overall project cost.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a service contract with Commerce Construction Services, Inc, for \$26,970.00.

3. Various – Emergency Roof Repairs

**Diligent 6.6**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding to address emergency roof leaks identified through ongoing roof audits across all district buildings. To date, audits have been completed on 40 buildings, with an additional 46 buildings remaining. Preliminary findings show an average of \$10,000 per building in active leaks requiring immediate repair.

In addition to identifying urgent maintenance needs, these audits provide a comprehensive grading of all roof sections and will support long-term capital improvement planning. Future roof replacements identified through this process will be procured through competitive bid projects.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Mahaney Roofing to repair emergency roof leaks at all buildings in an amount not to exceed \$860,000.

4. East High School – Electrical Panel Replacement

**Diligent 6.7**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding to replace aging electrical panels at East High School. The project scope includes removing and replacing 44 electrical panels installed in the 1950s that are no longer reliable and do not meet current safety standards. Upgrading these panels will improve system performance, enhance safety, and reduce the risk of equipment failures.

Bids for this project were received on January 23, 2026, in accordance with scoping documents prepared by Basis Consulting Engineers, LLC, dated December 13, 2025.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Atlas Electric, LLC, for East High Electrical Panel Upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$297,850.

5. West High School – Storm Water Remediation

**Diligent 6.8**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding for stormwater improvements in the four west courtyards at West High School. The existing downspout system directs water into the building's underground tunnels, causing interior flooding, standing water, and moisture-related damage.

The scope of work includes demolishing the existing stormwater routing and installing a new concrete surface flume system in each west courtyard to redirect runoff to Osage Street. This improvement will eliminate persistent drainage issues and protect building structure.

The scope also includes tracing the stormwater lines serving the east courtyards, identifying and repairing any faulty connections or leaks within the tunnel system to ensure proper drainage.

Bids for this project were received on January 30, 2026, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Professional Engineering Consultants, PA, dated January 5, 2026.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Seaton Construction Group for Storm Water Remediation at West High School in an amount not to exceed \$100,925.00.

6. Various – Concrete Replacement

**Diligent 6.9**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding for partial replacement of deteriorating exterior concrete at Hyde Elementary School, Price-Harris Elementary School, and Spaght Elementary School. The project will address aging concrete in parking and student waiting/loading areas to enhance safety.

Bids for this project were received on January 30, 2026, in accordance with scoping documents prepared by USD 259 Design and Construction Team.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Encore Pavement, LLC, for exterior concrete replacement at the schools listed above in an amount not to exceed \$78,843.

7. Exterior Restoration – North High School – Phase Seven

**Diligent 6.10**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for Phase Seven of Exterior Restoration at North High School. The project scope involves exterior masonry restoration of the northwest walls of the 1928 buildings, including parapet reconstruction, and tuckpointing. Bids for this project were received on February 2, 2026, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Mauler Engineering, LLC, dated January 5, 2026.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc, for Exterior Restoration - North High School - Phase Seven in an amount not to exceed \$955,020.

8. Various – Equipment Security Fence Enclosures

**Diligent 6.11**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding for fencing installation around major mechanical equipment to increase security and reduce vandalism at the following buildings found to be deficient:

- Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center
- Black Elementary School
- Bostic Elementary School
- Bryant Opportunity Academy
- Cessna Elementary School
- Cleaveland Elementary School
- Dodge Elementary School
- Franklin Elementary School
- Gordon Parks Academy

- Isely Traditional Magnet
- Jackson Elementary School
- Christa McAuliffe Academy
- Mueller Elementary School
- OK Elementary School
- Robinson Middle School
- Seltzer Elementary School
- South High School
- Stucky Middle School
- Washington Elementary School
- Wilbur Middle School

Bids for this project were received on December 18, 2025, in accordance with scoping documents prepared by USD 259 Design and Construction Team.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with American Fencing Company, Inc, for the Equipment Security Fence Enclosures at the schools listed above in an amount not to exceed \$160,309.60.

9. Various – Equipment Security Camera Installation and Lighting Upgrades

**Diligent 6.12**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding for security camera installation and lighting upgrades around major mechanical equipment to increase security and reduce vandalism at the following buildings found to be deficient:

- Anderson Elementary School
- Black Elementary School
- Caldwell Elementary School
- Chisholm Trail Elementary School
- Cloud Elementary School
- College Hill Elementary School
- Colvin Elementary School
- Curtis Middle School
- East High School
- Irving Elementary School
- Information Services and Technology (IST)
- Jackson Elementary School
- Kensler Elementary School
- Little Early Childhood Center
- OK Elementary School
- Ortiz Elementary School
- Pleasant Valley Elementary School
- Price-Harris Elementary School
- Southeast High School
- Spaght Elementary School
- West High School

Bids for this project were received on December 19, 2025, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by USD 259 Design and Construction Team.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Southwestern Electrical Company, Inc, to install security cameras and update the security lighting around mechanical equipment at the schools listed above in an amount

not to exceed \$43,945.

10. Various – Stage Rigging Inspection Repairs

**Diligent 6.13**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The Capital Outlay Budget includes funding to repair any deficient items found during yearly auditorium stage rigging inspections. Items that need repaired or replaced include lighting safety cables, rope clips, concrete anchors, apron points, arbors, chains, line sets and flywheels.

This year's inspection found deficiencies in the auditoriums of the following schools:

- Curtis Middle School
- Mead Middle School
- Minneha Elementary School
- Brooks Middle School
- Isely K-8 School
- Robinson Middle School
- Truesdell Middle School
- Northwest High School
- Hadley Building

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with A to Z Theatrical Supply and Service, Inc, to repair deficient stage rigging inspection items in the schools listed above in an amount not to exceed \$38,851.

11. Chester Lewis – Moving Services Additional Fees

**Diligent 6.14**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: On November 19, 2025, the Board entered into an agreement with Air Capital Office Movers, LLC, for professional moving services to relocate the Chester Lewis Academic Learning Center from the former Chester Lewis/Mathewson Junior High School (1847 N Chautauqua) to the former Cleaveland Elementary School (3345 W 33rd Street South). The initial scope included moving fees of \$17,020.00. The move required more time and staff to complete than originally anticipated. Based on the final invoiced amount, an additional \$7,303.75 in fees are required, bringing the total owed to \$24,323.75.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amendment to the agreement with Air Capital Office Movers, LLC, for professional moving services in the amount of \$7,303.75, bringing the total to \$24,323.75.

12. Temporary Construction Easement Agreement – Seltzer

**Diligent 6.15**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: The Bennett Group, LLC has requested to enter into a temporary construction right-of-way and easement agreement for the purposes of access, construction, and re-grading for drainage improvements on the southwestern corner of the Seltzer Elementary School property near the corner of Lincoln Street and Bristol Circle. Access is granted for

the purposes of the construction and will terminate upon completion.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with The Bennett Group, LLC for a temporary construction right-of-way and easement agreement at Seltzer Elementary School. District General Counsel has approved of this agreement.

13. Purchase of Property from Skinner Estates LLC – Robinson

**Diligent 6.16**

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Skinner Estates, LLC, and Wichita Public Schools, USD 259, have entered into a Real Estate Purchase agreement in the amount of \$155,000 for 7,733 square feet or 0.178 acres to expand parking at Robinson Middle School. The district owns property adjacent to the address on both sides. Skinner Estates, LLC, intends to sell the property and has offered it to the district at a reduced cost prior to listing it on the open market.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Skinner Estates, LLC, for \$155,000. BOE General Council has approved of this agreement.

14. Exterior Masonry and Structural Repairs – Mueller Elementary School

**Diligent 6.17**

Contact(s): Stephen Christian, Boni Burkhart, Luke Newman, Shane Schumacher

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

Purpose: On September 19, 2024, an impaired driver struck the southwest corner of Mueller Elementary School during evening hours. No students or staff were present at the time. Total repair costs amounted to \$63,762.78.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize payment to Reconstruction Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$63,762.78 for necessary repairs to Mueller Elementary School.

15. Boiler Room Leak – East High School

**Diligent 6.18**

Contact(s): Stephen Christian, Boni Burkhart, Luke Newman, Shane Schumacher

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

Purpose: On January 26, 2026, freezing temperatures caused water within a copper coil in the East High School boiler room to freeze and puncture the line. The leak was discovered promptly after thawing, preventing significant water damage. Reconstruction Services was retained for repair and remediation.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize an amount not to exceed \$61,000 to be paid to Reconstruction Services for boiler room repairs and damage remediation at East High School.

D. Operations

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 5

**Diligent 6.19**

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Registration Fees for IB Global Conference	\$35,000.00	Loren Hatfield
2. Radio Repeaters – Security	\$31,704.92	Terri Moses
3. Spider Lift	\$89,225.00	Luke Newman
4. Flooring Replacement – Annual	\$350,000.00	Luke Newman
5. HVAC RTU Replacement	\$156,065.00	Luke Newman
6. Interactive Flat Panel Installation Phase 5	\$350,000.00	Luke Newman
7. Wireless & Switching Infrastructure Upgrade (E-Rate)	\$4,369,906.00	Rob Dickson
8. K-12 Application & Enrollment Solution Implementation	\$140,000.00	Rob Dickson
9. Office & Training Room Furniture	\$150,000.00	Steve Noble, Luke Newman, Fabián Armendáriz
10. Food Safety Health Inspection License Renewals (CORRECTION)	\$340.00	Fabián Armendáriz
11. Food Report – January 2026	\$423,877.99	Fabián Armendáriz
12. Supply Warehouse Stock – January 2026	\$415,162.37	Fabián Armendáriz
13. Fuel Report – July – December 2025	\$1,403,697.43	Fabián Armendáriz

E. Learning Services

1. Edia Math Support Software

**Diligent 6.20**

Contact(s): Holly Ingram and Justin Kasel

Funding Source: Textbook Fund and Professional Development Fund; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Edia Math provides secondary math teachers with standards-aligned resources, instant data, and clear insights to monitor progress and guide instruction. It gives students targeted practice, real-time feedback, and support that helps build skills and confidence in math. Edia math will be utilized to support core instruction alongside our adopted core math curriculum in 6th-12th grade math classrooms as well as state assessment prep and other standardized test prep like ACT. This item is to request Board approval to purchase licenses and professional development to utilize in secondary math core classes for the next three years.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the purchase of the licenses and professional development from Edia in an amount not to exceed \$260,000 annually or \$780,000 across the next three years.

2. Classroom Observation Tool Annual Subscription

**Diligent 6.21**

Contact(s): Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Professional Development Fund; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The classroom observation tool from Classroom Mosaic (Benty LLC) will provide a digital walk-through tool to be utilized in all classrooms in all buildings for all

3,000+ teachers in Wichita Public Schools. Principals, assistant principals, instructional coaches, district leaders, and others will be trained to utilize the tool and participate in calibration walk-throughs of the tool. This tool will provide building level and district level reports to identify trends, areas of growth and areas needing further support in alignment to our district and building school improvement plans.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the purchase of Classroom Mosaic from Benty LLC for an observation tool and professional development in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

#### F. Renewals

##### 1. Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremonies

###### Diligent 6.22

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Funding Source: General Fund; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Students may graduate high school and be issued a credit-based diploma when the principal determines that the student has met the requirements for graduation established by the Board of Education. A high school principal administers the issuance of high school diplomas to students meeting graduation requirements.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve payments to Koch Arena and Century II for the class of 2026 Graduations not to exceed \$50,000.

##### 2. High School Tier 2 and 3 Reading Intervention – Read 180 HMH (Renewal)

###### Diligent 6.23

Contact(s): Holly Ingram and Justin Kasel

Funding Source: Textbook Fund and At-Risk; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Read 180 (HMH) on Ed (Comprehension & Code) is the literacy intervention curriculum program for high school Tier 2 and Tier 3 students. Teachers provide whole group and small group instruction with support for individualized instruction in the online platform. The program is designed for students who are identified at risk in literacy on our district's Fastbridge reading screener.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of HMH Read 180 on Ed (Comprehension & Code) materials and online licenses from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in amount not to exceed a total of \$160,000.

##### 3. Middle School Tier 3 Reading Intervention – Language! Live (Renewal)

###### Diligent 6.24

Contact(s): Holly Ingram and Justin Kasel

Funding Source: Textbook Fund; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Language! Live (Lexia Voyager Sopris) is the adopted research-based instruction in Tier 3 Middle School literacy classes which we began using in the 24-25 school year. This item is to request Board approval to purchase licenses and print resources with Lexia Learning Systems to utilize Language! Live in order to continue to provide instruction and support for middle school students needing Tier 3 Literacy instruction.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Language! Live licenses from Lexia Voyager Sopris in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.

##### 4. Middle School Tier 2 Reading Intervention – Reading Plus (Renewal)

**Diligent 6.25**

Contact(s): Holly Ingram and Justin Kasel

Funding Source: Textbook Fund; 2025-26 Budget and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Reading Plus (Discovery Education) is the adopted research-based instructional tool in Tier 2 Middle School literacy classes. This item is to request Board approval to purchase licenses with Discovery Education to utilize Reading Plus in order to continue to provide instruction and support for middle school students needing Tier 2 Literacy instruction.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Reading Plus licenses from Discovery Education in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.

5. Elementary Tier 2 Reading Intervention – Lexia Core 5 & PowerUp (Renewal)

**Diligent 6.26**

Contact(s): Holly Ingram and Amanda Sharshel

Funding Source: Textbook Fund; 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Lexia Core 5 & PowerUp (Lexia Learning Systems) is an adopted research-based instructional tool in Tier 2 elementary intervention. This item is to request Board approval to purchase licenses with Lexia Learning System to utilize Lexia Core 5 & PowerUP in order to continue to provide instruction and support for elementary students needing Tier 2 Literacy instruction.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Lexia Core 5 & PowerUp licenses from Lexia Learning System in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.

G. Agreements, Fees, Services, Settlements

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

**Diligent 6.27**

Contact(s): Stephen Christian and 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, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for December 2025 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$15,691.50.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for December 25 legal services and expenses for Workers’ Compensation in the amount of \$13,110.68.

This brings the 2025-26 fiscal year-to-date total to \$90,629.51 for Civil Litigation services and \$84,279.59 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 January 2026 in the amount of \$15,691.50 to Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$10,783.30 to McDonald Tinker PA.

2. Workers’ Compensation Settlement: [J.S.]

**Diligent 6.28**

Contact(s): Stephen Christian and Boni Burkhardt

Funding Source: 52 Fund; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: J.S. sustained an injury to the cervical spine, bilateral shoulders, wrists, and thumbs during their employment with USD 259 on May 17th, 2023. A settlement order has been issued for \$90,000 as the award for this litigated case. This does close out future medical on this case but does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon award for J.S.'s 2023 work injury in the total amount of \$90,000.

3. Agreement with Evergy Concerning Nuclear Production Tax Credit Tariff

**Diligent 6.29**

Contact(s): Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: Along with other interested parties, the District intervened in an application by Evergy, Inc., to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for approval of a plan to distribute to Evergy's Kansas electrical consumers (including the District) refunds from Production Tax Credits earned by Evergy related to electrical production at the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant. Evergy asked that the PTC refunds be distributed over the course of five years; the District and co-intervenors advocated for a more rapid distribution. This settlement distributes refunds over a three-year period starting in June of 2026 and is anticipated to forestall Evergy from applying for an increase to its base rates charged to the District and other electrical consumers until at least 2028.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the acceptance of Evergy's proposal and execute the agreement memorializing the parties' compromise.

H. Routine Items

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2026 Board Workshop

**Appendix 6**

**Diligent 6.30**

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the January 30, 2026 Board Workshop are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. BOE Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2026 Board Meeting

**Appendix 7**

**Diligent 6.31**

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the February 2, 2026 Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

3. BOE Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2026 Board Workshop

**Appendix 8**

**Diligent 6.32**

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the February 20, 2026 Board Workshop are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

I. Policies

1. Board Policies

**Appendix 9**

### Diligent 6.33

Contact(s): Various

Purpose: We bring forward the following changes to board policies which have been revised to reflect our current district practices and align with processes.

- P0275 Requests for Information - BOE Requests
- P1401 Development of School Emblems
- P1412 Donations - Computer Technology, Equipment, Materials & Supplies
- P1800 Comprehensive Assessment Protocol
- P2212 Parent Teacher Groups
- P3360 Adding or Deleting Items from Stock
- P3422 School Related Organizational Funds
- P5505 Resident Enrollment and Partial Enrollment Admissions
- P5511 Special Assignment of Students
- P7302 Procedures for Initiating Changes in Student Transportation

Recommendation: Board approval.

## **VIII. Reports and Requests**

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

## **IX. Adjournment**