

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
February 2, 2026

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 February 2, 2026, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Stan Reeser, and Amy Warren. Absent: Amy Jensen, Melody McCray-Miller, and Ngoc Vuong.
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 Northwest High School Color Guard.
Public Hearing Regarding School Closing and Student Reassignment	A public hearing was held regarding the advisability of closing Chester I. Lewis Alternative Education Academy. LaVonta Williams shared her experience at Chester I Lewis and asked the board to consider bringing the name back. Martin Schoket shared his experience as a Chester I. Lewis teacher.
Presentations	
Good News – Above and Beyond Award Presented to BOE from Employer Support for the Guard	Corinthian Kelly, Director of Partnerships and Belonging, along with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Volunteer Clint Moyer, presented the Above and Beyond Award to the USD 259 School Board from the Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.
Good News – Battle of the Books 2026	Gail Becker, Library Media and Textbook Services Supervisor, shared results from the 31st Battle of the Books competition and recognized the following teams: <u>Buckner Elementary</u>: Matthew O'Dell, Theo Borst, Gen Rhoades, and Thomas Bartkoski <u>College Hill Elementary</u>: Charlie Woods, Lea Gilmore, Ko Sage, and Layla Baker <u>Hyde Elementary</u>: Henry Lyman-Myers, Cora Merrill, Clara Musaji, and Emma Pendergraft <u>Riverside Elementary</u>: Azadi Roberts, Paislee Hoffman, Abigail Wine-Strole, and Lillah Geren
Good News – Wichita Public Schools Foundation Superintendent's Breakfast Recap	Greer Cowley, Director of the Wichita Public Schools Foundation, shared an overview of the 2nd annual Superintendent's Breakfast and the funds raised for supporting various district programs.
Good News – Recognizing Microsoft Office Specialist State Top 10 Student Achievements	Amanda Young, Principal at Education Imagine Academy, recognized high school students who placed top 10 in state for the Fall Qualifier of the 2026 Microsoft Office Specialist US National Championships: Sean Jamis – Education Imagine Academy Joseph Palanga – Education Imagine Academy

	Mia Wu – Education Imagine Academy Ilina Kulkarni – East High School Gaurish Sridhar – East High School Minh Nguyen – East High School Jack Merrick – East High School Yusuf Bravo – East High School Elijah Corpus – East High School
United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Warren, UTW President, urged the board to review policies P1221 and P1229 as they relate to class sizes.
Service Employees International Union	Katie Warren, relayed a message from Esau Freeman, expressing gratitude regarding the recent Superintendent's Breakfast and looking forward to district collaboration.
	Ms. Hedrick left the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and returned at 6:34 p.m.
Public Communications	Trish Hileman – School closures Josh Fredrick – Budget and school closures Walt Chappell – School closures Rebecca Armstrong – Inclusion of community in District decisions Socorro Esqueda – Safety at Horace Mann Elementary School Claire Willenberg – Neighborhood schools Aaron Andrews – School closures Fatima Sonora – OK Elementary Amy Draut – School closures
Education	
Reading Interventions in Wichita Public Schools	Amanda Sharshel, Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, and Justin Kasel, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, provided an overview of the district's multi-tiered system of supports and intentional programming. They also shared the district's winter assessment data, including results from Really Great Reading and the Fastbridge aReading screener for middle school. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Report	
Facilities and Enrollment Review	Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, and Steve Noble, Chief Operations Officer, shared results from the staff listening tour, spoke to the district's ongoing engagement efforts, and gave an overview of the facilities master plan. 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 (Ms. Hedrick) moved the Board of Education approve the consent agenda with the exception of item E.1, Edia Math Support Software which will come back for consent on the March board meeting. The motion passed 4-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 2	<u>Recommendation</u> : Board approval.

WPS Claim – September 3-4, 2025 Hailstorm	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board authorize an amount not to exceed \$5,921,458 for damage and expenses related to hailstorm occurring September 3-4, 2025.
2026-27 Calendar Revision Appendix 3	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board adopt the revised 2026-27 District Calendar, including move of the District Inservice Day from November 23 (Monday) to Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day), Conference Release Day from November 24 (Tuesday) to November 23 (Monday), Observance of Veterans Day on November 11 (Wednesday) to November 24 (Tuesday), and designating November 11 (Wednesday) as a day in which school is in session.
2027-28 Calendar Appendix 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board adopt the 2027-28 District Calendar, including the First Day of School on August 12, 2027 and Last Day of School on May 24, 2028.
Treasury Warrants: December 2025 Appendix 5	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board Approval
Monthly Finance Report: December 2025 Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board Approval
Financial Resolutions – Update Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve the following resolutions: 1) Resolution – Depository Banks 2) Resolution – Municipal Investment Pool 3) Resolution – Activity Funds 4) Resolution – Credit Card Authorization 5) Resolution – Commerce Bank Credit Card Accounts 6) Resolution – Authorization to Transfer 7) Resolution – Certification of Authorization to Transfer 8) Resolution – Home Rule No 1 – Donations 9) Resolution – Information Management: Destruction of Certain District Documents
Design Services – North Structural Repairs – Phase 3 Additional Fees	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve an amendment to Schaefer Architecture’s contract for Phase 3 Design Services for North High School structural repairs in the amount of \$39,961.57, bringing the total Phase 3 design fees to \$326,344.59 and the overall design services total for Phases 1 through 3 to \$1,307,952.89.
Various – Stage Curtain Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Omaha Stage Equipment, Inc., to replace the stage curtains at the schools listed above, in an amount not to exceed \$357,362.50.
Dodge – Refinish Concrete Floors	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a service contract with Reddi Flooring to refinish the concrete floors at Dodge Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$40,600.
Hyde – Structural Repairs	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC, for structural repairs in the tunnels of Hyde Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.
Wilbur – Roof Top Unit Installation	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a service contract with Kruse Corporation for the installation of three RTUs at Wilbur Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$52,876.80.

Chisholm Trail – Chiller Installation	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a service contract with Kruse Corporation for the installation of two chillers at Chisholm Trail Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$84,364.																										
Bostic – Chiller Installation	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a service contract with Kruse Corporation for the installation of a chiller at Bostic Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$53,975.																										
Future Ready Center – Ceiling and Lighting Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Cherokee Construction, Inc, to replace the ceiling and lighting at the Future Ready Center, in an amount not to exceed \$48,895.00.																										
Design Services – Northwest and West Roof Top Unit and Roofing Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with SPT Architecture for design services related to the replacement of the RTUs and roofing system above the competition gym at Northwest High School and roofing system above the competition gym at West High School, in amount not to exceed \$60,000.																										
Property Rentals and Management Software – Facilitron, Inc.	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with Facilitron, Inc, for the implementation of their Property Rentals and Management Software. District General Counsel has approved of this agreement.																										
Cross-Lot Access Agreement – City of Wichita – Colvin	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with City of Wichita for a cross-lot access agreement at Colvin Elementary School. District General Counsel has approved of this agreement.																										
Purchasing Consent Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval. <table><tr><th>Description of Products/Services</th><th>Amount</th><th>Responsible Party</th></tr><tr><td>1. Security Device Installation</td><td>\$600,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman/Terri Moses</td></tr><tr><td>2. Power Generator System</td><td>\$42,681.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr><tr><td>3. Power Generator Installation</td><td>\$51,370.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr><tr><td>4. WebCRD Support and Maintenance</td><td>\$22,464.99</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr><tr><td>5. Food safety health inspection license renewals</td><td>\$30,070.00</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr><tr><td>6. Food – December 2025</td><td>\$4,547,030.94</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr><tr><td>7. Supply Warehouse Stock – December 2025</td><td>\$169,033.10</td><td>Fabián Armendáriz</td></tr></table>			Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party	1. Security Device Installation	\$600,000.00	Luke Newman/Terri Moses	2. Power Generator System	\$42,681.00	Luke Newman	3. Power Generator Installation	\$51,370.00	Luke Newman	4. WebCRD Support and Maintenance	\$22,464.99	Fabián Armendáriz	5. Food safety health inspection license renewals	\$30,070.00	Fabián Armendáriz	6. Food – December 2025	\$4,547,030.94	Fabián Armendáriz	7. Supply Warehouse Stock – December 2025	\$169,033.10	Fabián Armendáriz
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Teeter Leadership Group Contract (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the renewal of leadership coaching and professional development from Teeter Leadership Group in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.																										
Annual East High International Baccalaureate Program Examination and Membership Fees	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve payments to International Baccalaureate Organization not to exceed \$49,000.00.																										

Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch 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 December 2025 in the amount of \$18,028.72 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$10,783.30 to McDonald Tinker PA.
BOE Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2026 Board Workshop Appendix 9	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2026 Board Meeting Appendix 10	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Board Meeting Date Changes Appendix 11	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Resolution - School Closure Appendix 12	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld made brief comments regarding the recent snow day and thanked essential staff.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	None
Adjournment	Ms. Albert (Ms. Warren) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 4-0. At approximately 8:34 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Litona Hoyt
Clerk of the Board