

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
March 9, 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, Amy Jensen, Stan Reeser, Ngoc Vuong, and Amy Warren.
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence in honor of Melody McCray-Miller followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Northwest High School Color Guard.
Presentations	
Good News – National Association of School–University Partnerships Award Presentation	Dr. Heidi Stinchcomb from WSU and Holly Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, recognized the recipients of the Exemplary School-University Partnership Award and East High School English Language Arts teacher Stacy Chestnut as the Exemplary Mentor Teacher.
Good News – 2026 Magnet Awards	Jesse Milne, Building Instructional Tech Specialist, and Amber Burkrink, Curriculum Coach, recognized Earhart Environmental Magnet, Riverside Leadership Magnet, and Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet for receiving Merit Awards from the Magnet Schools of America.
Good News – 2026 Scholastic Art and KMEA All-State Music Honors	Shawn Chastain, Executive Coordinator of Fine Arts, recognized students selected for the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards and schools that were selected to perform at the 2026 Kansas Music Educators Association All State Ensembles.
Good News – Integrating AI and Environmental Learning at Coleman	Katelyn Schoenhofer, Artificial Intelligence Specialist, recognized Coleman Environmental Magnet for innovative AI Learning with classroom hydroponic grow towers.
United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Warren, UTW President, honored Melody McCray-Miller for her service to Wichita Public Schools and shared concerns regarding class sizes, urging the board to look at board policies concerning numbers.
Service Employees International Union	None.
Public Communications	Ashley Baughn – Update to JAG Program Isabel Einwich – ADA concerns Tessa Hoffman – Personal Electronic Devices Trish Hileman – Facilities Master Plan Amy Draut – School closures
Action	
Timeline of School Closures Appendix 1	The board discussed the timeline of school closures.

	Ms. Warren (Mr Vuong) made a motion to reopen the Facilities Master Plan. Motion failed 2-4. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) made a motion to adopt the timeline of school closures as presented. Motion passed 4-2.
Education	
Student Board Update	Landon Huaschild, Jerimiah Olguin, and Kimora Potter, officers from the 2025-26 Student Board, shared a high-level overview of the board, shared information regarding their various committees, and gave a brief overview of their events. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Accreditation Update	Holly Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, presented information regarding the district's Kansas Education Systems Accreditation process, highlighting the school improvement day on February 18 and shared next steps for the district's school improvement plan. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Report	
Human Resources Department Report	Stephen Christian, Chief Human Resources Officer, reported out on the district's Human Resources 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. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Consent	
	Ms. Albert (Ms. Jensen) moved the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed 6-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 2	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: January 2026 Appendix 3	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board Approval
Monthly Finance Report: January 2026 Appendix 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board Approval
East High School – Exterior Renovation – Phase 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Northwest High School – Auditorium Ceiling Repairs	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a service contract with Commerce Construction Services, Inc, for \$26,970.00.
Various – Emergency Roof Repairs	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.

East High School – Electrical Panel Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.								
West High School – Storm Water Remediation	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.								
Various – Concrete Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Encore Pavement, LLC, for exterior concrete replacement in an amount not to exceed \$78,843.								
Exterior Restoration – North High School – Phase Seven	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.								
Various – Equipment Security Fence Enclosures	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with American Fencing Company, Inc, for the Equipment Security Fence Enclosures in an amount not to exceed \$160,309.60.								
Various – Equipment Security Camera Installation and Lighting Upgrades	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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 in an amount not to exceed \$43,945.								
Various – Stage Rigging Inspection Repairs	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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 an amount not to exceed \$38,851.								
Chester Lewis – Moving Services Additional Fees	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.								
Temporary Construction Easement Agreement – Seltzer	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.								
Purchase of Property from Skinner Estates LLC – Robinson	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.								
Exterior Masonry and Structural Repairs – Mueller Elementary School	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.								
Boiler Room Leak – East High School	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.								
Purchasing Consent Appendix 5	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval. <table><tr><th>Description of Products/Services</th><th>Amount</th><th>Responsible Party</th></tr><tr><td>1. Registration Fees for IB Global Conference</td><td>\$35,000.00</td><td>Loren Hatfield</td></tr></table>			Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party	1. Registration Fees for IB Global Conference	\$35,000.00	Loren Hatfield
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	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
Edia Math Support Software	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
Classroom Observation Tool Annual Subscription	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremonies	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
High School Tier 2 and 3 Reading Intervention – Read 180 HMH (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
Middle School Tier 3 Reading Intervention – Language! Live (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.		
Middle School Tier 2 Reading Intervention – Reading Plus (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Reading Plus licenses from Discovery Education in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.		

Elementary Tier 2 Reading Intervention – Lexia Core 5 & PowerUp (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
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 January 2026 in the amount of \$15,691.50 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$10,783.30 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: [J.S.]	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Agreement with Evergy Concerning Nuclear Production Tax Credit Tariff	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the acceptance of Evergy's proposal and execute the agreement memorializing the parties' compromise.
BOE Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2026 Board Workshop Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2026 Board Meeting Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2026 Board Workshop Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Board Policies Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld reflected on his 3-year anniversary for being selected as Superintendent and honored Melody McCray-Miller for her service on the Board of Education.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Mr. Reeser shared that the district is moving forward with a bright future ahead with a community engagement process. Mr. Vuong shared that he will be making two Board Requests regarding participation in free universal school meals and policies for standardization with regard to attendance and absences. Ms. Warren shared that she will be making a Board Request to review policies 1221 and 1229 in relation to class sizes. Mr. Reeser reminded the board that board requests will be reviewed by the Board President and Superintendent.
Adjournment	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. At approximately 8:39 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Clerk of the Board