

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
April 6, 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 April 6, 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by North High School Color Guard.
Presentations	
Good News – Recognizing 2025 GWAL Academic All-City Teams	Dr. Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, and Chris Asmussen, Director of Athletics, recognized students who placed on the 2025 Greater Wichita Athletic League (GWAL) Academic All-City Teams.
Good News – Wichita Public Schools Distinguished Classroom Teacher of the Year Awards 2026	Tammy Martin, Executive Coordinator of Instructional Support, recognized the outstanding teachers who won the Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award (DCTA) for the 2025-26 school year.
Good News – Elementary Summer Literacy Program Partnership	Holly Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, presented information on the Elementary Summer Literacy Program, a partnership with Wichita State University, the Kansas State Department of Education, and the Kansas Board of Regents. The program will be offered at three elementary schools: Mueller, Spaght, and Washington.
United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Warren, UTW President, congratulated the DCTA winners, shared concerns regarding educator representation on committees, the need for a bond issue, upcoming listening sessions, staff feedback, and class size policy.
Service Employees International Union	None.
Public Communications	Mike Harris – Bond Jennifer Szambecki – District Public Engagement
Reports	
2026 Bond Planning Update and Bond Proposal Development	Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, and Addi Lowell, Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation outlining bond planning, bond proposal development, community and staff engagement, as well as proposed options. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
	At approximately 8:11 p.m. Stan Reeser called for a 10-minute recess. The open meeting returned at approximately 8:23 p.m.

Consent	Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Albert) moved that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda with the exception of item 21 – Chisholm Trail Elementary School Exterior Renovations and Restroom Replacement and 22 – Structural Repairs at North High School Construction Manager at Risk GMP #4. The motion passed 6-0. At approximately 8:22 p.m. Ms. Albert left the board room. Mr. Reeser (Mr. Vuong) moved the Board of Education approve consent agenda 22 – Structural Repairs at North High School Construction Manager at Risk GMP #4. The motion passed 5-0. At approximately 8:24 p.m. Ms. Albert returned to the board room. Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved that the Board of Education approve consent agenda 21 – Chisholm Trail Elementary School Exterior Renovations and Restroom Replacement. The motion passed 5-1.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: February 2026 Appendix 2	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board Approval
Monthly Finance Report: February 2026 Appendix 3	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board Approval
Design Services – Hyde Elementary School – Exterior Preservation	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Mauler Engineering, LLC for design services for exterior preservation of Hyde Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$46,500.
Design Services – Mead Middle School Window Replacement – Reimbursable Expenses	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve payment to Schaefer Architecture for reimbursable expenses associated with Mead Middle School window replacement project in the amount of \$4,815.
Wilbur – Roof Top Unit (RTU) Installation	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a service contract with Kruse Corporation for the installation of two RTUs at Wilbur Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$47,527.
Mead Middle School – Window Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Cherokee Construction, Inc, to replace the exterior windows at Mead Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$980,424.
Chester Lewis High School – Demolition	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with So Kan Excavating LLC for the demolition of the former Chester Lewis High School in an amount not to exceed \$1,575,981.51.
West High School – Exterior Door Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Icon Structures, Inc, to replace exterior Doors 3, 4, 5, and 6 at West High School in an amount not to exceed \$39,450.50.
Design Services – Various – FEMA Shelter Door Replacements	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with SPT Architecture for design services to replace the FEMA Shelter Doors at Washington Elementary School and Jackson Elementary School in amount not to exceed \$31,000.
Enders Elementary School – Parking Expansion	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Pearson Construction, LLC, to expand the parking lots

	at Enders Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$652,363.
Northwest High School – Commons Restroom Remodel	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Simpson Construction Services to remodel the restrooms in the commons area of Northwest High School in an amount not to exceed \$535,920.
Northwest High School – Parking Lot Asphalt Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Pearson Construction, LLC, to replace asphalt in the parking lot and entry roads of Northwest High School an amount not to exceed \$397,579.
Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the annual licensing for Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software be approved in an amount not to exceed \$96,009.24.
Marshall Middle School – ADA Ramp Addition	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Seaton Construction Group to add an ADA-compliant exterior ramp at Marshall Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$91,423.
Various – Flooring Replacement – Group 2	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Floor Perfect, LLC, for flooring replacement for Brooks Middle School, Buckner Elementary School, Heights High School, Wilbur Middle School, College Hill Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$318,742. It is further recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Star Lumber and Supply Company, Inc, for flooring replacement for Coleman Middle School, Linwood Elementary School, Northeast High School, South High School, Spaght Elementary School, Chisholm Life Skills Center, in an amount not to exceed \$459,196.
Gordon Parks K-8 School – Roof Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Farha Roofing, LLC, to fully replace the roof at Gordon Parks K-8 School in an amount not to exceed \$928,656.
Various Sites – Roof Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Commerce Construction Services, Inc, for roof replacements at Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, Caldwell Elementary School, Curtis Middle School, Hyde Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Lawrence Elementary School, South High School, and Mead Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$2,844,044.
West High School – Code Deficiency Corrections	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Harman Huffman Construction Group to correct code deficiencies at West High School in amount not to exceed \$218,900.
Temporary Construction Easement Agreement – COW – SSC	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with City of Wichita for a temporary construction right-of-way and a smaller permanent easement agreement at the School Service Center.
Riverside Elementary School – Exterior Preservation	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc, for exterior preservation of Riverside Elementary School in amount not to exceed \$951,165.
Design Services – Heights High School – Site Access and Parking Improvements	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Professional Engineering Consultants, PA, design services to develop site access and parking improvements at Heights High School in amount not to exceed \$86,420.
Design Services – Stucky Middle School – Spillway Bridge	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Professional Engineering Consultants,

Improvements	PA, for design services to improve the Stucky Middle School Spillway Bridges in amount not to exceed \$24,780.		
Chisholm Trail Elementary School – Exterior Renovations and Restroom Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Harman Huffman Companies Inc. for Chisholm Trail Elementary School Exterior Renovations and Restroom Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$1,371,480.		
Structural Repairs at North High School – Construction Manager at Risk - GMP #4	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve the correction for two items: • Board approval of GMP #4 should have been GMP #5. • The cumulative total of GMPs #1-5 should be \$28,675,345 not \$20,233,347.		
Purchasing Consent Appendix 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.		
	Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
	1. Redcat Classroom Audio System	\$32,000.00	Amanda Sharshel
	2. Zoll AED Machines	\$112,000.00	Terri Moses
	3. Highschool Esports	\$38,850.00	Rob Dickson
	4. Magnet School Application Selection Software – Annual	\$39,000.00	Rob Dickson
	5. Student Devices – Summer Refresh	\$70,000.00	Rob Dickson
	6. Gym and Cafeteria Lighting Upgrade	\$35,976.12	Luke Newman
	7. AVID Membership Fees and Services	\$125,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
	8. Consumable Food	\$22,000,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
	9. Roland XG-640 Large Format Print/Cutter	\$30,167.85	Fabián Armendáriz
	10. Food Report – February 2026	\$283,585.52	Fabián Armendáriz
	11. Supply Warehouse Stock – February 2026	\$121,870.55	Fabián Armendáriz
CNC Router Purchase – Heights	<u>Recommendation:</u> Administration recommends approval of the purchase of one 4x8 ft Scorpion Router from Lone Star Cutting Solutions in the amount of \$72,212.00.		
Math iXL Licenses from iXL Learning (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of online licenses for Math iXL from iXL Learning in amount not to exceed a total of \$175,000.		
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 February 2026 in the amount of \$14,104.15 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$20,149.49 to McDonald Tinker PA.		
Workers' Compensation Settlement: [J.N.]	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve an agreed upon award for J.N.'s 2024 work injury in the total amount of \$22,000.		
Membership Dues - Kansas Association of School Boards	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve annual membership in KASB for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June		

Appendix 5	30, 2027 in the amount of \$34,155.43, KASB+ Season Pass for \$1,750.00, and the KASB legal assistance fund contract in the amount of \$3,100.00 for a total of \$39,005.43.
BOE Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2026 Board Workshop Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2026 Board Meeting Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
2026-27 and 2027-28 Board Meeting Calendar Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Board Policy 1501 First Amendment Religious Rights Appendix 9	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Executive Session	
Executive Session – For the purpose of discussing matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting student	At approximately 8:43 p.m. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting student for 10 minutes. The executive session included all the board members present and General Counsel Dan Lawrence, Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld, and Board Clerk Litona Hoyt. The open meeting returned at approximately 8:53 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.
Action	
Appeal Hearing 1	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved to uphold the findings of the hearing officer, with modifications, for the student appeal hearing held on March 25, 2026. The motion passed 6-0.
Board Appointment Process Appendix 10	Ms. Hedrick (Ms. Albert) moved to approve the proposed appointment process, application, and notice of vacancy to fill the at-large vacancy on the Board of Education. The motion passed 6-0.
Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld highlighted a recent WSU Tech event attended by Senator Jerry Moran and NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman. He shared that Wichita is on the map being part of the Artemis II Mission and noted that Wichita Public Schools' Aerospace Engineering Pathway is helping prepare students for our next generation of engineers and innovators.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Ms. Jensen shared her experience at a recent Council of Great City Schools Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. and highlighted policies discussed at the conference. Ms. Hedrick initially requested that Dr. Noble engage with the project architect regarding the Chisholm Trail item that was pulled for discussion during the consent agenda. She later indicated her comfort with administration proceeding, without Board action, to pursue a reduction in the project scope if possible.
Adjournment	Ms. Warren (Ms. Hedrick) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0.

	At approximately 9:04 p.m., the meeting adjourned.
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Clerk of the Board