

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
May 4, 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 May 4, 2026, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Amy Jensen, Stan Reeser, Ngoc Vuong, and Amy Warren. Absent: Julie Hedrick
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 West High School Color Guard.
Presentations	
Good News – Joel Escarpita recognized as Middle School Principal of the Year by Kansas Principals Association	Dr. Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, recognized Joel Escarpita, Principal of Horace Mann K-8 Dual Language Magnet, being named Principal of the Year by the Kansas Principals Association's Area 3 Middle School.
Good News – WPS Recognized as 2026 Best Communities for Music Education	Dr. Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, and Shawn Chastain, Executive Coordinator of Fine Arts, announced that Wichita Public Schools was recognized as a 2026 Best Communities for Music Education recipient, marking the district's 10th year earning this national honor.
Good News – East High Senior Earns Historic Back-to-Back Congressional Art Show Win	Sara Richardson, Principal of East High School, recognized high school senior Melian Miller for winning the Kansas District 4 Congressional Art Show competition for the second consecutive year.
United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Warren, UTW President, thanked educators for teacher appreciation week and shared comments regarding negotiations and cell phone ban.
Service Employees International Union	None.
Public Communications	Rebecca Armstrong – Bond Process and Engagement Luis Rodriguez – Bond Gratitude LaVonta Williams – Changes to School Bond Haley Kottler – Community Eligibility Provision Kate Webb – Gun Safety Terry Osburn – Bond Carrie Rinker – Community Eligibility Provision Sapphire Garcia – School Lunch
Education	
Graduation Season Update	Dr. Loren Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, reported the dates of the upcoming graduation ceremonies, shared preliminary senior survey data, and highlighted senior success stories.

	The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Reports	
2026 Bond Proposal: Community Feedback Summary and Bond Proposal Recommendation	Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, gave an overview of the community and staff feedback gathered for the 2026 community engagement sessions and outlined a recommended bond proposal developed by district leadership in response to that feedback. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
East High School Foundation Update	Steve Noble, Chief Operations Officer, shared a report on the Roosevelt Building of East High being identified as a priority for repair. This presentation is for the Bond to make an informed approval for consent agenda item 14. 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. Vuong (Ms. Warren) moved that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Treasury Warrants: March 2026 Appendix 2	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board Approval
Monthly Finance Report: March 2026 Appendix 3	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board Approval
Design Services – Benton Elementary School – Creative Minds Program Addition	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Incite Design Studio for design services to expand the Creative Minds Program to Benton Elementary School in amount not to exceed \$37,000.
Design Services – North Structural Repairs – Phase 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve Phase 4 Design Fees for North Structural Repairs in the amount of \$410,400.
Design Services – Brooks Middle School – Site Improvements	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Professional Engineering Consultants, PA, for design services for site improvements at Brooks Middle School in amount not to exceed \$78,700.
Beech Elementary School – Interior Painting	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Icon Structures, Inc, for interior painting at Beech Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$56,309.
Cessna Elementary School – Door Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Cherokee Construction, Inc, to replace doors at Cessna Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$70,180.
Various - Elementary 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 the elementary schools listed above in an amount not to exceed \$178,092.24.
Various – Flooring Replacement – Group 3	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Country Carpet Wichita, LLC, for flooring replacement

	at the schools listed above, in an amount not to exceed \$88,891. It is further recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Floor Perfect, LLC, for flooring replacement at the schools listed above, in an amount not to exceed \$96,588.																					
Various – Stage Curtain Replacement – Group 2	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with A to Z Theatrical Supply & Service, Inc, to replace the stage curtains at the schools listed above in an amount not to exceed \$298,430.																					
On-Call General – Various – Contract Amount Increase	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the existing on-call general construction services contract with Cherokee Construction, Inc, to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$500,000 for a revised total contract amount of \$750,000. The additional funds will support construction work associated with the Creative Minds Program Addition at Benton Elementary School. This action represents the third and final allowable renewal of this contract.																					
Stanley Elementary School – Boiler Replacements	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Central Mechanical Wichita, LLC, for the replacement of two boilers and pumps at Stanley Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$264,819.																					
Design Services – Stanley Elementary School – ADA Interior Door Replacement	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Schaefer Architecture for design services for ADA Interior Door Replacement at Stanley Elementary School in amount not to exceed \$48,000.																					
Design Services – Woodman Elementary School – Parking Lot Expansion	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Professional Engineering Consultants, PA, for design services for the Parking Lot Expansion at Woodman Elementary School in amount not to exceed \$38,600.																					
Design Services – School Service Center – Operational Space Alignment	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Alloy Architecture PA for design services for Operational Space Alignment at the School Service Center in amount not to exceed \$25,900.																					
East High School – Structural Repairs – Roosevelt Wing	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve entering into a contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC, for the structural repairs to the first-floor of the Roosevelt Wing at East High School in an amount not to exceed \$4,710,000.																					
2026-27 Building Crisis Plan Template & Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (Annual Review) Appendix 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve the 2026-27 Building Crisis Plan Template and review the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan.																					
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. Range Replacements</td><td>\$57,400.00</td><td>Holly Ingram</td></tr><tr><td>2. Business U License</td><td>\$49,645.00</td><td>Holly Ingram</td></tr><tr><td>3. Adobe Licenses for Students</td><td>\$25,725.00</td><td>Holly Ingram</td></tr><tr><td>4. Project Lead The Way</td><td>\$40,000.00</td><td>Holly Ingram</td></tr><tr><td>5. Job Ready Work Based Learning Software</td><td>\$31,200.00</td><td>Holly Ingram</td></tr><tr><td>6. PE T-Shirts</td><td>\$80,000.00</td><td>Loren Hatfield</td></tr></table>	Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party	1. Range Replacements	\$57,400.00	Holly Ingram	2. Business U License	\$49,645.00	Holly Ingram	3. Adobe Licenses for Students	\$25,725.00	Holly Ingram	4. Project Lead The Way	\$40,000.00	Holly Ingram	5. Job Ready Work Based Learning Software	\$31,200.00	Holly Ingram	6. PE T-Shirts	\$80,000.00	Loren Hatfield
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	7. AESOP Substitute Placement Program	\$115,000.00	Rob Dickson
	8. Applicant Tracking System	\$146,161.00	Rob Dickson
	9. Cisco Networking Equipment, Security, & Services	\$5,200,000.00	Rob Dickson
	10. Maintenance Copier Usage	\$650,000.00	Rob Dickson
	11. Destiny Library System Maintenance & Support	\$182,591.52	Rob Dickson
	12. Edgenuity – Imagine Learning	\$257,200.00	Rob Dickson
	13. Edulog Support & Maintenance	\$88,591.72	Rob Dickson
	14. Edynamic Learning	\$27,400.00	Rob Dickson
	15. E-Rate Management Services	\$75,000.00	Rob Dickson
	16. Fiber, Internet, Local Access, Telecom Services	\$1,500,000.00	Rob Dickson
	17. Microsoft Imagine Academy	\$61,000.00	Rob Dickson
	18. Seesaw Learning	\$168,500.00	Rob Dickson
	19. Storage Area Network (SAN) Products & Support Services	\$800,000.00	Rob Dickson
	20. Time Clock Software Support	\$225,000.00	Rob Dickson
	21. Telecom Services	\$84,000.00	Rob Dickson
	22. Forever Lawn Turf Installation – Heights	\$96,205.83	Luke Newman
	23. Forever Lawn Turf Installation – College Hill	\$29,223.97	Luke Newman
	24. HVAC Automation Software	\$29,340.00	Luke Newman
	25. Intercom Headend Systems	\$188,057.79	Luke Newman
	26. Duplo DC618 Cutter Creaser	\$47,751.90	Fabián Armendáriz
	27. Leader In Me Implementation	\$48,623.69	Fabián Armendáriz
	28. Xerox B9136 Primelink Digital B/W Press	\$140,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
	29. Nutrition Services Meal Order, Planning and Inventory Management Software	\$87,530.00	Fabián Armendáriz
	30. 5 Compartment Compostable Lunch Trays	\$495,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
	31. Cafeteria, Classroom and Office Furniture, and Supplies	\$1,500,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
	32. Food Report – March 2026	\$218,408.81	Fabián Armendáriz
	33. Supply Warehouse Stock – March 2026	\$214,106.86	Fabián Armendáriz
	CTE Pathway Textbook		
	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the		

Purchase	purchase of the textbooks and teacher licenses for CTE pathway courses from Goodheart-Willcox Publisher in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.
Local Education Agency Assurances for IDEA Federal Grants (Renewal) Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve the KSDE Local Education Agency (LEA) Application for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Funds, as provided in.
YESS Camp 2026-27	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with AbilityPoint to provide summer learning opportunities for community students with developmental disabilities for the summer of 2026.
Purposeful Play Training & Support (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board authorize the contract of services with ESSDACK in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.
Jobs for America's Graduates – Kansas (JAG-K)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve JAG-K contract in an amount not to exceed \$121,575 for the renewal of programs at North, Northwest, South, Southeast, West, and Sowers.
YMCA Child Development Centers (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> Per BOE Policy 3304, it is reported payment will be made to the Greater Wichita YMCA (Wichita, KS), in an amount not to exceed \$244,771 for the operation of child development centers at each of the comprehensive high schools.
Xello (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the renewal of Xello via Orion (South Central Kansas Education Center) for the use in assessing and aligning students' career interests with course selections to build actionable plans for college and career development in an amount not to exceed \$91,000.
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 March 2026 in the amount of \$25,987.50 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$15,702.15 to McDonald Tinker PA.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: [D.S.S.]	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve these agreed upon awards for D.S.S.'s 2022 work injuries totaling in the amount of \$82,000.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: [K.J.]	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve these agreed upon awards for K.J.'s 2024 work injuries totaling in the amount of \$30,000.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: [T.S.]	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve these agreed upon awards for T.S.'s 2023 work injuries totaling in the amount of \$70,010.94.
BOE Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2026 Board Workshop Appendix 7	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2026 Board Meeting Appendix 8	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2026 Tri-Governmental Meeting Appendix 9	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
2026-27 and 2027-28 Board Meeting Resolution Appendix 10	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.

Change to total of Out of State Travel Request - Gordon Parks Academy to New York, NY	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board approve for Gordon Parks Academy to attend the activities in New York, NY in an amount not to exceed \$80,500.
Reports and Requests	
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld highlighted the many upcoming district events including the Excellence of Public Service Awards, Longevity and Retirement, Graduations, and the Staff Appreciation at the Zoo and reflected the satisfaction of the many complexities of public education.
New Business and Board of Education Requests	Mr. Vuong elevated the Community Eligibility Provision and recognized the Superintendent's commitment to school safety.
Adjournment	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Jensen) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 5-0. At approximately 8:04 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Litona Hoyt
Clerk of the Board