

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
July 20, 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 – Heights High School Color Guard

II. Presentations

- A. Good News – Recognizing 2025-26 GWAL All City Winter and Spring Teams and 2026 State Qualifiers and Placers

Diligent 3.1

Presenter: Loren Hatfield

Summary: Wichita Public Schools is proud to recognize students who earned a place on the 2025-2026 Greater Wichita Athletic League (GWAL) Academic All-City Winter and Spring Teams. We also celebrate our Spring 2026 state qualifiers and placers.

These student-athletes exemplify excellence both on the field and in the classroom, demonstrating discipline, commitment, and a strong dedication to academic achievement.

- B. Good News – Centralized Multilingual Enrollment

Diligent 3.2

Presenter: Maria Kury

Summary: Wichita Public Schools is proud to recognize WPS staff who organized the district's centralized multilingual enrollment. These staff members expanded the Spanish enrollment efforts to include all languages in 2026.

- C. United Teachers of Wichita
- D. Service Employees International Union

III. Public Communications

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IV. Superintendent's Report

V. Reports

A. WPS Foundation

Diligent 5.2

Presenter: Greer Cowley

Purpose: Presented to the Board will be the Foundation's annual fiscal year report, providing an overview of its activities, investments, and impact on Wichita Public Schools, as well as the ongoing work of the Love Schools program in connecting community partners with neighborhood schools to support student success.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board's information and discussion.

B. Budget Update

Diligent 5.1

Presenter: Addi Lowell

Purpose: Administration will update the Board on the budget.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board's information and discussion.

VI. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

Diligent 6.1

Contact(s): Stephen Christian

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Ramsey SmartDollar – Financial Wellness Benefit

Diligent 6.2

Contact(s): Stephen Christian

Funding Source: 47 Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Comprehensive financial wellness program that will be offered to 400 employees. This benefit will teach employees how to budget, pay off debt, and build healthy financial habits that last.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Ramsey SmartDollar to purchase services for the 2026-27 fiscal year for \$50,000 which will be reimbursed by UMR in wellness dollars.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: May 2026 Appendix 2
Diligent 6.3
Contact(s): Addi Lowell
Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget
Purpose: Monthly Report
Recommendation: Board approval.
2. Monthly Finance Report: May 2026 Appendix 3
Diligent 6.4
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.
3. Treasury Warrants: June 2026 Appendix 4
Diligent 6.5
Contact(s): Addi Lowell
Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget
Purpose: Monthly Report
Recommendation: Board approval.
4. Investment Purchases, Investment Maturities, and Investment Income for Period Ending June 30, 2026 Appendix 5
Diligent 6.6
Contact(s): Addi Lowell
Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget
Purpose: Reports submitted for informational purposes.
Recommendation: No action required.
5. Financial Resolutions Appendix 6
Diligent 6.5
Contact(s): Addi Lowell
Funding Source: N/A
Purpose: Financial resolutions are presented for Board action.
Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the following resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution – Designation of Depositories and Authorization of Facsimile Signatures
 - 2) Resolution – Municipal Investment Pool (MIP)
 - 3) Resolution – Activity Funds
 - 4) Resolution – Credit Card Authorization
 - 5) Resolution – Commerce Bank Credit Card Account
 - 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

- 6. Report of Balances for Period Ending June 30, 2026 Appendix 7

Diligent 6.8

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Reports submitted for informational purposes.

Recommendation: No action required.

- 7. Fund Balances, Tax Levy and Outstanding Indebtedness for Period Ending June 30, 2026 Appendix 8

Diligent 6.9

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Reports submitted for informational purposes.

Recommendation: No action required.

- 8. Investment List by Fund Ending June 30, 2026 Appendix 9

Diligent 6.10

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Reports submitted for informational purposes.

Recommendation: No action required.

- 9. Safekeeping Collateral Report Appendix 10

Diligent 6.11

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Reports submitted for informational purposes.

Recommendation: No action required.

C. Facilities

- 1. Facilities Consent Appendix 11

Diligent 6.6

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary:

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. West High School – Storm Water Remediation – Additional Funds	\$121,165.00	Luke Newman

2. Various – Light Pole Inspections	\$147,796.00	Luke Newman
3. On-call General Construction – Various	\$250,000.00	Luke Newman
4. Stucky Middle School – Spillway Bridges	\$91,300.00	Luke Newman

D. Operations

1. Operations Purchasing Consent (Annual Renewals)

Appendix 12

Diligent 6.7

Contact(s): Fabián Armendáriz

Purpose: ReportRecommendation: Board approval.

Summary:

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Alternative Transportation Services	\$4,000,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
2. Interim Healthcare of Wichita	\$400,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
3. Wichita Metro Transit Authority	\$350,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
4. Daymark Solutions – Service Contract	\$22,918.00	Fabián Armendáriz
5. Football Helmet and Shoulder Pad Reconditioning	\$70,000.00	Loren Hatfield
6. Football Helmets	\$64,000.00	Loren Hatfield
7. Audio Visual Equipment, Printers, Accessories, and Software	\$1,200,000.00	Rob Dickson
8. Hall Pass	\$39,900.00	Rob Dickson
9. Snap Software Support and Maintenance	\$81,050.08	Rob Dickson
10. WSU Tech Applied Learning Technology Support	\$250,000.00	Rob Dickson
11. YMCA Child Development Center – Contract Amendment	\$0.00	Holly Ingram
12. Schoolbooks and Tracks Software Maintenance and Support	\$43,040.00	Addi Lowell

2. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 13

Diligent 6.8

Purpose: ReportRecommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Athletics Online Payment Platform	\$300,000.00	Loren Hatfield
2. Facility Management Software – Correction	\$229,182.40	Rob Dickson
3. Box, Dinner, 3-Compartment	\$24,000.00	Fabián Armendáriz
4. Box, Bento, 3-Compartment	\$34,200.00	Fabián Armendáriz
5. Lid, Plastic, Clear Square, Bento Boxes	\$26,550.00	Fabián Armendáriz

6. Meal Kits	\$106,300.00	Fabián Armendáriz
7. Plastic Bowl, 3" Square, 5oz.	\$73,250.00	Fabián Armendáriz
8. Slide Seal Deli Bag	\$121,200.00	Fabián Armendáriz
9. Leader In Me Implementation – Correction	\$77,333.19	Fabián Armendáriz
10. Food – May 2026	\$100,860.37	Fabián Armendáriz
11. Food – June 2026	\$2,521,474.65	Fabián Armendáriz
12. Fuel – May & June 2026	\$460,597.03	Fabián Armendáriz
13. Supply Warehouse Stock – May 2026	\$346,569.36	Fabián Armendáriz

E. Learning Services

1. ELA iXL Licenses for Virtual School

Diligent 6.9

Contact(s): Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Virtual Funds; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: ELA iXL will be used to support reading intervention and enrichment for K-12 students at Education Imagine Academy. The iXL platform allows students to work asynchronously and be monitored and supported by the virtual school teachers. Board approval was previously granted for Math iXL to be utilized in secondary math intervention and enrichment courses. This purchase from the same vendor will provide virtual students and teachers necessary support for asynchronous learning.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of online licenses for ELA iXL from iXL Learning in amount not to exceed a total of \$5,000.

F. Student Support Services

1. Everway (Renewal)

Diligent 6.10

Contact(s): Vince Evans

Funding Source: Special Education; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The purpose of the agenda item is to request Board approval to extend the annual contract agreement with Everyway which will provide PreK-12 licenses and resources for our teachers and students. Primarily, this resource is used when supporting students with Individualized Education Programs.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of News-2-You and Unique Learning System with Everway for one year in an amount not to exceed \$176,847.

2. Forgivable Loan to Certify Special Education Teachers (Renewal)

Diligent 6.11

Contact(s): Vince Evans

Funding Source: Special Education, 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: To meet the growing demand for highly qualified Special Education teachers, in 1999 a committee comprised of Special Education and Human Resources staff developed a plan of financial support for certifying Special Education teachers. The plan will continue to provide financial support for up to 70 individuals with general education certification who wish to pursue a Special Education endorsement and/or licensure. The

funds will be allocated to teachers employed by the district in the most difficult to fill positions as determined annually by the forgivable loan committee.

The estimated cost impact from Special Education funds for 2026-27 is not to exceed \$330,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to continue to pay for 2026-27 school year tuition and book expenses for up to 70 teachers to become certified in Special Education. Costs are not to exceed \$330,000 and will be funded by the Special Education budget.

3. Goodwill Industries (Renewal)

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Diligent 6.12

Contact(s): Vince Evans

Funding Source: Special Education; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: In order to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and with the state guidelines, K.S.A. 72-3403, for mandated services, the Wichita Public Schools proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc., to provide vocational educational programs for the 2026-27 school year. Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc., agrees to provide a program for up to six (6) full-time and/or part-time students selected by the district for a maximum contract cost not to exceed \$50,000, to be funded by Special Education. This contract runs from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. The appendix provides a description of this agency's services.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc., during the 2026-27 school year to provide special education services for up to six (6) full-time and/or part-time students, not to exceed a cost of \$50,000, to be funded by Special Education.

4. Woodcock Johnson - Fifth Edition (WJ-V) Subscription for School Psychologists

Diligent 6.13

Contact(s): Vince Evans

Funding Source: Special Education; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: School Psychologists utilize the WJ-V to assess cognitive and academic skills using a nationally normed standardized assessment as part of special education initial evaluations and re-evaluations required by K.S.A. 72-3428(b)(1) and K.A.R. 91-40-8(a)(c)(2).

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Riverside Insights during the 2026-27 school year to provide an annual subscription for Woodcock Johnson-Fifth Edition (WJ-V) in the amount of \$29,947.45.

G. School Leadership

1. Advanced Placement Exam Fees

Diligent 6.14

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Funding Source: High School Instructional Funds: Pass-through for student-paid fees

Purpose: This agenda item requests to pay invoices from the College Board for students who chose to take the AP Exam. Families are responsible for paying the schools for the test, monies go into a pass-through account, and the district pays invoices. The AP Exam payment will not exceed \$85,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the payment of Advanced

Placement Exam invoices in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.

H. Agreements, Fees, Services, Settlements

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

Diligent 6.15

Contact(s): Stephen Christian and Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 49 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund – Special Liability, 52 Fund – Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund; 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for May 2026 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$15,379.50.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for May 2026 legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$14,082.34.

This brings the 2025-26 fiscal year-to-date total to \$169,082.11 for Civil Litigation services and \$152,523.73 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 May 2026 in the amount of \$15,379.50 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$14,082.34 to McDonald Tinker PA.

2. Workers' Compensation Settlement: [J.G.]

Diligent 6.16

Contact: Stephen Christian

Funding Source: 52 Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: J.G. sustained an injury to the right Achilles during their employment with USD 259 on May 5, 2025. A settlement order has been issued for \$25,175.25 as the final settlement for this non-litigated case. This does close out future medical on this claim but does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon awards for J.G.'s 2025 work injuries totaling in the amount of \$25,175.25.

3. Workers' Compensation Settlement: [S.S.]

Diligent 6.17

Contact: Stephen Christian

Funding Source: 52 Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: S.S. sustained an injury to the cervical/thoracic/lumbar spine and the left shoulder during their employment with USD 259 on November 29, 2023. A settlement order has been issued for \$23,456.80 as the final settlement for this non-litigated case. This does close out future medical on this claim but does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon award for S.S.'s 2023 work injuries totaling in the amount of \$23,456.80.

4. Workers' Compensation Settlement: [J.P.]

Diligent 6.18

Contact: Stephen Christian

Funding Source: 52 Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: J.P. sustained an injury to the cervical/thoracic spine, bilateral shoulders, and

right upper extremity during their employment with USD 259 on March 11, 2025. A settlement order has been issued for \$70,000 as the final settlement for this litigated case. This does close out future medical on this claim but does not include a global release.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve this agreed upon award for J.P.'s 2025 work injuries totaling in the amount of \$70,000.

I. Routine Items

1. Membership Dues: Council of Great City Schools

Diligent 6.19

Contact: Stan Reeser

Funding Source: Board of Education General Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Annual membership dues for Council of Great City Schools are due by June 30th for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve annual membership in the Council of Great City Schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$50,832.

2. BOE Meeting Minutes for May 29, 2026 Board Workshop

Appendix 15

Diligent 6.20

Contact: Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the May 29, 2026 Board Workshop are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

3. BOE Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2026 Board Meeting

Appendix 16

Diligent 6.21

Contact: Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the June 1, 2026 Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

4. BOE Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2026 Board Workshop

Appendix 17

Diligent 6.22

Contact: Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the June 22, 2026 Board Workshop are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

J. Board Policies

1. Finance Policies

Appendix 18

Diligent 6.23

Contact: Addi Lowell

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

- P1412 Donations – Computer Technology Equipment Materials and Supplies

- addresses receipts, donations, and fixed assets
- P3402 Compensation for Out of District Travel
 - updated to relate back to new travel process

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Various Policy Updates

Appendix 19

Diligent 6.24

Contact: Various

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

- P2200 Parent and Community Support Network
 - removed reference to committee and updated language to reflect current district process
- P5508 Foreign Exchange Students
 - language added for home language survey
- P6023 Accounting for and Disposal of Textbooks, Supplemental Books, and Library Books
 - updated to clarify language and remove superfluous procedural details
- P6040 Selection of Instructional Materials, Development of Catalogs
 - removed reference to committee and updated language to reflect current district process
- P6105 Experimental Instructional Materials
 - removed reference to committee and updated language to reflect current district process
- P6434 General Criteria for Selection and Use of Electronic Media
 - removed reference to committee and updated language to reflect current district process
- P6725 Mathematics Education
 - removed reference to committee and updated language to reflect current district process
- P7170 Disposal of Surplus Real Property
 - updated language to reflect current district procedures

Recommendation: Board approval.

VII. Action

A. Policies Related to Electronic Devices and Social Media

Appendix 20

Diligent 7.1

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Purpose: We are bringing forward revisions to Board policy P1230, Acceptable Device and Communication Use by Staff, Students, and the District, along with two new policies—P1232 and P1233—to provide clearer guidance and ensure district practices align with recent state legislation related to electronic device use.

- P1230 Acceptable Device and Communication Use by Staff, Students, and the District
 - revised
- P1232 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices
 - new
- P1233 Staff Use of Social Media Platforms
 - new

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. P0851 Stakeholder Input

Appendix 21

Diligent 7.2

Contact(s): Litona Hoyt

Purpose: We are bringing forward a proposed new Board policy, P0851 Stakeholder Input, to formalize how the district gathers and considers input from stakeholders, ensuring meaningful engagement and feedback across various district committees.

Recommendation: Board approval.

VIII. Executive Session

- A. Negotiations – for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency; to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest

IX. Reports and Requests

- A. New Business and Board of Education Requests

X. Adjournment