

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
August 10, 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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance – Northeast Magnet High School Color Guard

II. Presentations

A. Good News – WPS Welcomed New Staff Members at New Staff Orientation

Diligent 2.1

Presenter: Tammy Martin

Summary: The Wichita Public Schools New Teacher Induction staff, along with the support of our community partners, welcomed more than 350 new staff to Wichita Public Schools.

B. Good News – 2026 Rally at the Roundhouse

Diligent 2.2

Presenter: Greer Cowley

Summary: Wichita Public Schools Foundation thanks our community partners for supporting the third annual Rally at the Roundhouse on Thursday, August 6, at Charles Koch Arena, where nearly 8,000 district staff members gathered to kick off the school year.

C. Good News – Wichita Public Schools District Wide Para Training

Diligent 2.3

Presenter: Holly Ingram

Summary: The district hosted a training for all para educators on Friday, August 7, a first of its kind session to help support and prepare paras for the 2026-27 school year.

D. United Teachers of Wichita

E. Service Employees International Union

III. Public Communications

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IV. Superintendent's Report

V. Education

A. Strategic Plan and Priorities

Diligent 5.1

Presenter(s): Loren Hatfield, Holly Ingram, and Stephen Christian

Purpose: This presentation provides an overview of the updated Wichita Public Schools Strategic Plan, outlining district goals to improve graduation rates, strengthen academic growth, and enhance life readiness for all students. It also introduces proposed Strategic Priorities, developed through staff engagement, that focus on high-leverage efforts aligned to the district's vision, and previews next steps for implementation through school improvement planning and ongoing engagement.

Recommendation: We request that the Board approve the Strategic Priorities, which directs District efforts and resources towards our vision of becoming an organization with Thriving Students and Staff and a Future Ready District of Choice.

VI. Reports

A. 2026 Bond Proposal Update

Diligent 6.1

Presenter: Gil Alvarez

Purpose: This presentation will provide the Board of Education with an informational update on actions and progress related to the 2026 bond proposal since Board approval, including progress on proposed school projects, site and property planning efforts, completed community engagement efforts, and upcoming opportunities for stakeholder involvement.

Recommendation: This presentation is for the Board's information only. No action is requested.

B. Budget Report: Authorization to Publish the Notice of Hearing and Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2026-27 Budget

Appendix 1

Diligent 6.2

Presenter: Addi Lowell

Purpose: The proposed 2026-27 district budget will be shared with the Board of Education. The 2026-27 Notice of Hearing and Notice of Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate is provided in Appendix.

Recommendation: District administration recommends that the board approve the publication of the 2026-27 Notice of Hearing and Notice of Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate, setting the budget and revenue neutral rate hearings for Monday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center.

VII. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 2

Diligent 7.1

Contact(s): Stephen Christian

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Facilities

1. Professional Mitigation Services – Various

Diligent 7.2

Contact(s): Stephen Christian

Funding Source: Capital Outlay and 49 Fund – Self Funded Insurance Reserve; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: College Hill Elementary School, Curtis Middle School, and Truesdell Middle School have experienced bat activity requiring professional mitigation to protect the building environment and support continued safe use of the facility. The proposed work identifies entry points, removes and remediates known issues, and reduces the likelihood of recurring activity. Anderson Wildlife Solutions has been retained to perform mitigation services.

Bats are reported at the following locations: College Hill Elementary; Curtis Middle School; and Truesdell Middle School. Anderson Wildlife Solutions of Macksville, KS has been retained to provide remediation services.

Line Item	College Hill	Curtis	Truesdell
Project management	\$2,600	\$3,200	\$3,000
Inspection and documentation	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,200
Lift equipment	\$4,200	\$5,500	\$5,000
Valves and monitoring	\$2,200	\$2,800	\$2,600
Structural exclusion labor	\$13,000	\$17,500	\$16,200
Flashing and sheet metal	\$2,700	\$3,600	\$3,300
Stainless steel mesh	\$1,300	\$1,750	\$1,600
Sealant and adhesives	\$1,100	\$1,450	\$1,350
Fasteners and anchoring systems	\$700	\$850	\$800
Miscellaneous materials	\$700	\$950	\$900
Final inspection	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$1,550
Five-year warranty reserve	\$2,300	\$3,500	\$3,500
Total	\$34,000	\$45,000	\$42,000

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$121,000 to be paid to Anderson Wildlife Solutions for professional bat mitigation

services at the named sites.

2. Facilities Consent

Appendix 3

Diligent 7.3

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary:

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. North High School – Historic Conservation Treatments	\$70,000	Luke Newman

C. Operations

1. Purchasing Consent Annual Renewals

Appendix 4

Diligent 7.4

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. STEALTH Evaluation Services	\$50,000	Addi Lowell
2. Smart Sense Food Thermometers and Annual Monitoring	\$21,000	Fabián Armendáriz
3. Canvas	\$226,275	Rob Dickson
4. Classlink - Launchpad	\$140,308	Rob Dickson
5. Common Sense Media	\$50,000	Rob Dickson
6. Student Data/Mifi Services	\$144,000	Rob Dickson
7. Student Device Repair Services	\$150,000	Rob Dickson

D. Student Support Services

1. Juvenile Detention Facility & County Detention Facility Services (Renewal)

Diligent 7.5

Contact(s): Vince Evans

Funding Source: General Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Orion, under an agreement with the Wichita Public Schools, will provide 2026-27 educational services to students detained at the Juvenile Detention Facility and Sedgwick County Detention Facility.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion to provide 2026-27 educational services for students placed at either the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility or Sedgwick County Detention Facility in an amount of \$1,121,875.

2. Orion Adult Students (Renewal)

Diligent 7.6

Contact(s): Vince Evans

Funding Source: General Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Per state statute 72-4348; school districts are required to provide an opportunity for adults to pursue their high school diploma. Orion, under an agreement with the Wichita Public Schools, will provide services to these adult learners during the 2026-27 school year. District Funding is calculated by the previous year's enrollment.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Orion during the 2026-27 school year, for a diploma completion program for adult students who are completing their high school diplomas in the amount of \$1,056,651.75.

3. Orion Summer School Program

Diligent 7.7

Contact(s): Vince Evans

Funding Source: Federal Funding; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to enter into a contract with Orion Education and Training to provide summer school services in June to students residing at the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility. Summer programming is a yearly service provided above and beyond the regular school year contract. Services provided assist those students' needing credits for graduation and promotion to the next grade level.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an agreement with Orion Education and Training in the amount not to exceed \$42,000 for summer school services provided to students residing at the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility for the 2025-26 school year.

4. Language Assessment Program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Children (LAP-DHH)

Diligent 7.8

Contact(s): Vince Evans

Funding Source: Special Education; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: In accordance with K.S.A. 75-5397e, a language assessment program was established to assess, monitor, and track the ASL and/or English language developmental milestones of each child who is deaf or hard of hearing from birth through age eight in Kansas for the purpose of providing data-driven interventions and helping the children achieve age-appropriate language development. The program is coordinated by the Kansas Commission for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (KCDHH) and housed at the Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD). Typically, children are enrolled in the program before they are three. Once they are enrolled, they remain in the program through age eight. As the program expands, it will include all deaf/hard of hearing children in the state. In 2022, the Kansas Legislature passed a proviso requiring school districts to compensate the KSD for LAP-DHH fees at the rate of \$2,000 per student per year.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to compensate the Kansas State School for the Deaf the required \$2000 per student fee for participants in the Language Assessment Program that reside within district attendance boundaries in order to be in compliance with K.S.A. 75-5397e and K.S.A. 75-4215. The district currently has thirteen students participating in LAP-DHH, bringing the anticipated compensation to \$26,000.

E. Other

1. Positive Rhythm Productions – Restorative Practices with Rob Simon (Renewal)

Diligent 7.9

Contact(s): Michele Ingenthron

Funding Source: General Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Restorative Practices is an effective approach to a positive school climate, providing highly relevant philosophies and strategies for all district schools to improve positive outcomes for all students. Rob Simon will support implementation of restorative practices in our schools, departments, and non-attendance centers while building culture and a positive climate for students, staff, and families, the purpose of this request is to ask the Board's approval in the amount of \$30,000.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an agreement with Rob Simon to provide Restorative Practices in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 beginning August 1, 2026, and ending July 31, 2027.

F. Agreements, Fees, Services, Settlements

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

Diligent 7.10

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; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC have submitted a statement for June 2026 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$12,043.15.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for June 2026 legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$12,017.74.

This brings the 2025-26 fiscal year-to-date total to \$181,125.26 for Civil Litigation services and \$164,541.47 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 June 2026 in the amount of \$12,043.15 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$12,017.74 to McDonald Tinker PA.

G. Routine Items

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2026 Board Workshop

Appendix 5

Diligent 7.11

Contact: Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the July 16, 2026 Board Workshop are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. BOE Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2026 Board Meeting

Appendix 6

Diligent 7.12

Contact: Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the July 20, 2026 Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

H. Board Policies

1. Various Policy Updates

Appendix 7

Diligent 7.13

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.

- P6020 Textbook Adoption Procedures
 - Changes to align with current district practices
- P3415 Investment of Idle Funds (complete revision)
 - Compliance with new legislation
- P3515 Voluntary Retirement Plans (complete revision)
 - Changes to align with current district practices
- P1409 Employee Fund Raising Campaigns
 - Clarifies the district's role in facilitating employee charitable giving
- P3307 Credit/Procurement Cards
 - Changes to align with current district practices
- P6326 Course Credit - Secondary
 - Changes to align with current district practices

Recommendation: Board approval.

VIII. Discussion

A. P1413 – Coordination with the WPS Foundation

Appendix 8

Diligent 8.1

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Purpose: We are bringing forward a new policy 1413 Coordination with the WPS Foundation to establish guidelines to ensure coordination and transparency between WPS and WPS Foundation, providing a framework for collaboration that supports the district's educational mission which maintaining accountability, legal compliance, and appropriate organizational independence.

Recommendation: This policy is for discussion only and will be brought back to the next regular meeting for approval.

IX. Action

A. Board Appointment Process

Appendix 9

Diligent 9.1

Contact(s): Stan Reeser

Purpose: We present for Board approval the proposed appointment process, application, and notice of vacancy to fill the District 3 vacancy on the Board of Education.

Attached in the appendix is the timeline, application, and notice of vacancy. The application period will remain open through 12:00PM (noon) on August 26, 2026 with interviews scheduled for a September 18, 2026 Board Meeting at 10:00AM. If an appointment is made at that meeting, the newly appointed District 3 Board member will participate in the October 9 Agenda Review and October 12 Board Meeting and serve until the expiration of the current term December 2027.

Recommendation: Board approval.

X. 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

XI. Reports and Requests

- A. New Business and Board of Education Requests

XII. Adjournment