

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
July 20, 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 July 20, 2026, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Julie Hedrick, Amy Jensen, Sheila Brown-Kinnard, Stan Reeser, and Amy Warren. Absent: None
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 Heights High School Color Guard.
Presentations	
Good News – Recognizing 2025-26 GWAL All City Winter and Spring Teams and 2026 State Qualifiers and Placers	Loren Hatfield, Chief of Schools, and Chris Asmussen, Director of Athletics, recognized students who earned selection to the 2025–2026 Greater Wichita Athletic League (GWAL) Academic All-City Winter and Spring Teams. They also honored student-athletes who qualified for and placed at the Spring 2026 state championships.
Good News – Centralized Multilingual Enrollment	Maria Kury, Multi-Lingual Communications Supervisor, shared a recap of the district’s Centralized Multilingual Enrollment, an event which helps Wichita Public Schools remove language barriers and improve access for families during the enrollment process. This year, the event served 1,567 students, including 118 students who speak a language other than English or Spanish. Through the support of multilingual staff, interpreters, and community partners, families received assistance in eight different languages, helping ensure all families could enroll with confidence and connect to the resources they need.
United Teachers of Wichita	Stephen Maurer, UTW Organizer, addressed cell phone policies and regulations, emphasizing that clarity and consistency is key to the success for implementation of the policy. Mr. Maurer also shared that UTW has been awarded a grant from Reading Opens the World from the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) in the amount of \$10,000 to put books into the hands of Wichita students.
Service Employees International Union	None
Public Communications	None
Superintendent’s Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld shared local, state, and federal legislative updates including the next Tri-Governmental meeting, the State Board of Education, the upcoming Primary Election, and the Department of Education. The Superintendent also highlighted that tonight’s the FY 27 Budget along with an action item regarding policies related to electronic devices and social media.
Reports	

WPS Foundation	Greer Cowley, Executive Director of the WPS Foundation, reported out on the foundation's 2025-26 impact report, and shared updates on the key projects including the Legacy Fund, Tommy's Fund, and Classroom Grants, Super Kid, Payroll Deductions Staff Giving, Love Schools, and various fiscal sponsors who raised funds for various programs. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Budget Update	Addi Lowell, Director of Finance, shared an overview of the 2026-27 budget development, the budget timeline, year-end transfers, upcoming bond payments, county assessed valuations, and revenue neutral rate. 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. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented except for the Operations Purchasing Consent (Annual Renewals) item #7, Audio Visual Equipment, Printers, Accessories, and Software. The motion passed 6-0. The board discussed the pulled item. Ms. Warren (Ms. Albert) moved to approved consent agenda item Operations Purchasing Consent (Annual Renewals) item #7, Audio Visual Equipment, Printers, Accessories, and Software as presented. The motion passed 6-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Ramsey SmartDollar – Financial Wellness Benefit	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Treasury Warrants: May 2026 Appendix 2	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Monthly Finance Report: May 2026 Appendix 3	<u>Recommendation:</u> The report is provided for the Board's information. No action is requested.
Treasury Warrants: June 2026 Appendix 4	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Investment Purchases, Investment Maturities, and Investment Income for Period Ending June 30, 2026 Appendix 5	<u>Recommendation:</u> No action required.
Financial Resolutions Appendix 6	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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																														
Report of Balances for Period Ending June 30, 2026 Appendix 7	Recommendation: No action required.																														
Fund Balances, Tax Levy and Outstanding Indebtedness for Period Ending June 30, 2026 Appendix 8	Recommendation: No action required.																														
Investment List by Fund Ending June 30, 2026 Appendix 9	Recommendation: No action required.																														
Safekeeping Collateral Report Appendix 10	Recommendation: No action required.																														
Facilities Consent Appendix 11	Recommendation: Board approval. <table><tr><th>Description of Products/Services</th><th>Amount</th><th>Responsible Party</th></tr><tr><td>1. West High School – Storm Water Remediation – Additional Funds</td><td>\$121,165.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr><tr><td>2. Various – Light Pole Inspections</td><td>\$147,796.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr><tr><td>3. On-call General Construction – Various</td><td>\$250,000.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr><tr><td>4. Stucky Middle School – Spillway Bridges</td><td>\$91,300.00</td><td>Luke Newman</td></tr></table>	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															
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	11. YMCA Child Development Center – Contract Amendment	\$0.00	Holly Ingram																																										
	12. Schoolbooks and Tracks Software Maintenance and Support	\$43,040.00	Addi Lowell																																										
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ELA iXL Licenses for Virtual School	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																																												
Everway (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																																												
Forgivable Loan to Certify Special Education Teachers (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																																												
Goodwill Industries (Renewal)	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.																																												
Woodcock Johnson - Fifth Edition (WJ-V) Subscription for	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to enter into an agreement with Riverside Insights during the																																												

School Psychologists	2026-27 school year to provide an annual subscription for Woodcock Johnson-Fifth Edition (WJ-V) in the amount of \$29,947.45.
Advanced Placement Exam Fees	<u>Recommendation:</u> It is recommended the Board approve the payment of Advanced Placement Exam invoices in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.
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 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.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: [J.G.]	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: [S.S.]	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: [J.P.]	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
Membership Dues: Council of Great City Schools	<u>Recommendation:</u> 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.
BOE Meeting Minutes for May 29, 2026 Board Workshop Appendix 15	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2026 Board Meeting Appendix 16	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2026 Board Workshop Appendix 17	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Finance Policies Appendix 18	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Various Policy Updates Appendix 19	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.
Action	
Policies Related to Electronic Devices and Social Media Appendix 20	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval of P1230 Acceptable Device and Communication Use by Staff, Students, and the District, P1232 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices, and P1233 Staff Use of Social Media Platforms. The board discussed consistency, support for staff, and investment for implementation of P1230. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved that the Board of Education approve the policies related to electronic devices and social media with the direction that administration report back to the Board at the October 12, 2026 meeting. Administration shall report on successes, challenges, budget considerations, and provide feedback from staff. The motion passed 6-0.
P0851 Stakeholder Input Appendix 21	<u>Recommendation:</u> Board approval.

	Ms. Warren (Ms. Jensen) moved that the Board of Education approve P0851 as presented. The motion passed 6-0.
Executive Session	
Negotiations	At approximately 8:40 p.m. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved to go into executive session to discuss 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 for 15 minutes. The open meeting will resume in the board room at approximately 8:55 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.
Attorney-Client Privilege	At approximately 8:57 p.m. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved to go into executive session for consultation with the district's general counsel which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship; to protect attorney-client privilege and the public interest for 10 minutes. The open meeting will resume in the board room at approximately 9:10 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.
Adjournment	Mrs. Warren (Ms. Albert) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. At approximately 9:13 p.m., the meeting adjourned.



Litona Hoyt
Clerk of the Board