

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
October 12, 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 – Southeast High School Color Guard

II. Public Hearing

- A. Public Hearing on the Alternative Delivery for Bond Construction Projects

Contact: Steve Noble

Summary: State statute K.S.A. 72-1154 requires the Board to hold a public hearing on the intent to utilize alternative delivery method in the event a bond is passed. The purpose of the hearing is to hear and answer objections relating to the potential delivery methods for construction projects. The board may only approve those projects for which the use of the alternative project delivery procurement process is appropriate. In making such determination, the board shall consider the following factors:

- (1) The likelihood that the alternative project delivery method of procurement selected will serve the public interest by providing substantial savings of time or money over the traditional design-bid-build delivery process.
- (2) The ability to overlap design and construction phases is required to meet the needs of the end user.
- (3) The use of an accelerated schedule is required to make repairs resulting from an emergency situation.
- (4) The project presents significant phasing or technical complexities, or both, requiring the use of an integrated team of designers and constructors to solve project challenges during the design or preconstruction phase.
- (5) The use of an alternative project delivery method will not encourage favoritism in awarding the public contract or substantially diminish competition for the public contract.

Members of the public who have registered to speak in accordance with requirements published in tonight's agenda may address the Board. Following receiving of statements by the public, the Board President will close the public hearing. The Board will have the opportunity to ask questions, if necessary, following the Public Hearing.

Recommendation: No action will be taken during the Public Hearing.

Speakers who want to address the Board during the Public Hearing on the alternative delivery method may register to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board at 973-4553 by noon on the day of the BOE meeting, or they may register at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. A speaker's comments will be limited to the construction delivery method, will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students, and will not exceed 3 minutes. Speakers will provide twelve (12) copies of any handouts to the Clerk of the Board's table for distribution at the Board table.

III. Presentations

A. Thriving Students and Staff

1. Three WPS Teachers Selected to Serve in Statewide Leadership Roles

Presenter: Holly Ingram

Summary: KSDE has selected three Wichita Public School educators to serve in statewide Teaching and Learning leadership roles: Jeff Yearout as a Computer Science Field Educator, Stacey Hart-Townsley as a Science Teacher Leader Consultant, and Kori Green as an HGSS Field Educator. In these roles, they will help Kansas schools strengthen instruction, standards alignment, assessment, professional learning, and resource development.

2. Northwest Principal Selected for Statewide Leadership Development

Presenter: Dr. Loren Hatfield

Summary: David Self, principal at Northwest High School, has been selected for the Business Operations Leadership Development (BOLD), a program through the Kansas Association of School Boards.

3. WPS Welcomes New Facilities Director

Presenter: Steve Noble

Summary: Aaron Ryder has been hired as Wichita Public Schools' new Facilities Director. Mr. Ryder comes to WPS with large-scale budget and facility experience.

B. United Teachers of Wichita

C. Service Employees International Union

IV. Public Communications

A member of the public (speaker) may address the Board during the Public Communications section of the BOE Agenda. Comments by public speakers made during the Public Communications will be limited to items on the BOE Agenda or items within the jurisdiction of the Board. The number of speakers who speak during Public Communications will not exceed ten. A speaker, in lieu of speaking during Public Communications, may speak during an agenda item. Comments during an agenda item will be limited to the topic of the agenda item. Speakers may register to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board at 973-4553 by noon on the day of the BOE meeting, or they may register at the location of the BOE meeting until 10 minutes before the meeting begins. When registering to speak, a speaker will identify the topic the speaker wishes to address. A speaker's comments at a meeting will not exceed 3 minutes, will be limited to the registered topic, and will not include personnel matters concerning district employees and/or matters that would violate the privacy of students. Speakers will provide twelve (12) copies of any handouts to the Clerk of the Board for distribution at the Board table. For more information and restrictions, please see BOE Policy 0200 - BOE Agendas and Meetings.

V. Superintendent's Report

VI. Strategic Plan

A. Elementary & Middle School Academic Achievement

Diligent 6.1

Presenters: Holly Ingram, Amanda Sharshel, Justin Kasel

Summary: This presentation will provide the Board with an update on academic achievement data for grades K-8 in both reading and math. Data shared will be aligned to the Every Student Future Ready Strategic Plan. Additionally, strategies to continue to improve academic achievement as well as an update on accreditation and our district At-Risk Accountability Plan will be shared.

VII. Reports

A. 2026 Bond Update

Diligent 7.1

Contact: Gil Alvarez

Purpose: This presentation will provide the Board of Education with a general update and community engagement efforts since the last board meeting in September on progress related to the 2026 bond proposal.

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

B. Human Resources Report

Diligent 7.2

Contact: Stephen Christian

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: A high-level report will compare current human resources data with last year, including classroom vacancies, certified hires, teacher departures, and staffing timelines.

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

C. Enrollment Report

Diligent 7.3

Contact: Fabian Armendariz and Addi Lowell

Purpose: This presentation will share a snapshot of the district's enrollment including average class sizes and financial implications due to the enrollment will be presented.

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

VIII. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

Diligent 8.1

Contact: Stephen Christian

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Facilities

1. Carpenter Stadium – Press Box – Correction

Diligent 8.2

Contact: Addi Lowell

Contact: Capital Outlay; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: On September 14, 2026, the Board of Education approved repairs to the Carpenter Stadium press box at South High School and related roof damage resulting from the January 8, 2026, windstorm. High winds damaged the press box roof, and Reconstruction Services, Inc. was retained to complete the necessary repairs.

At that time, administration recommended funding the project through the 49 Fund - Self-Funded Insurance Reserve. Administration is now requesting a correction to the funding source, changing it from the 49 Fund - Self-Funded Insurance Reserve to Capital Outlay.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$145,000 to be paid to Reconstruction Services, Inc. for repairs at Carpenter Stadium from the Capital Outlay, 2026-27 Budget.

2. Facilities Consent

Appendix 2

Diligent 8.3

Contact: Steve Noble

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary:

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Various – Stage Rigging Inspections	\$37,000	Steve Noble
2. Robinson – Structural – Column Repairs	\$113,300	Steve Noble
3. East – Structural Repairs – Roosevelt Wing	\$5,378,495	Steve Noble
4. Gardiner – AHU1 Replacement	\$133,397	Steve Noble
5. Isely – Kitchen Expansion for K-8	\$571,867	Steve Noble
6. Hadley – Repairs – Construction	\$10,028,150	Steve Noble
7. Hadley – Repairs – Design Services	\$65,000	Steve Noble
8. Hadley – Repairs – Commissioning	\$40,780	Steve Noble
9. Various – FEMA Shelter Door Replacements	\$329,632	Steve Noble
10. Various – Roofing Preventative Maintenance	\$164,005	Steve Noble

C. Operations

1. Alternative Delivery Method for Bond Construction Projects

Diligent 8.4

Contact: Steve Noble

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: Following the required public hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1154, the Board is asked to consider authorizing the use of alternative project delivery methods for eligible bond projects, contingent upon voter approval of the bond issue. State law requires the Board to evaluate whether alternative delivery methods are appropriate based on factors including potential time and cost savings, project scheduling needs, technical complexity, and the ability to maintain fair and competitive procurement practices. The public hearing

provides an opportunity for community members to present comments or objections regarding the proposed use of alternative delivery methods before Board consideration and action.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Purchasing Consent – Annual Renewals

Appendix 3

Diligent 8.5

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary:

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. The Opportunity Project Agreement	\$440,000	Holly Ingram
2. STEALTH Evaluation Services – Correction	\$51,807	Addi Lowell
3. K-12 Application & Enrollment Solution Implementation	\$109,440	Rob Dickson
4. Certified Evaluation Tool	\$206,026	Rob Dickson

3. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 4

Diligent 8.6

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary:

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Weapons Detection Scanners	\$109,500	Terri Moses
2. Intercom Headend System	\$63,500	Steve Noble
3. Welding Simulator Software	\$41,999	Holly Ingram
4. OSHA Certifications	\$30,000	Holly Ingram

D. Learning Services

1. Translation Devices

Diligent 8.7

Contact: Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Federal Funds; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: This purchase will expand the TranslateLive pilot in buildings serving our most diverse communities. With real time communication in more than 220 languages, TranslateLive empowers staff, engages families, and helps ensure every student and caregiver feels seen, heard, and supported.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize payment to Translatelive, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

E. Renewals

1. ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual Renewal)

Diligent 8.8

Contact: Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Federal Funds; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: KSDE Approved and Accredited Programs provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher licensure endorsement programs, available to all Wichita Public Schools teachers working directly with English Language Learners (ELL). ESOL program courses are available through universities in the Fall 2026, Spring 2027, and Summer 2027. The Wichita Public Schools ESOL Instructional Services Department provides WPS teachers with the opportunity to acquire ESOL endorsements, making them highly qualified ESOL teachers.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize payment to KSDE approved University programs for providing ESOL programming to Wichita Public Schools teachers in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

F. Agreements, Fees, Services, Settlements

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

Diligent 8.9

Contact: Stephen Christian, 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 August 2026 legal services and expenses for Civil Litigation in the amount of \$49,109.80.

McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for August 2026 legal services and expenses for Workers’ Compensation in the amount of \$20,691.53.

This brings the 2026-27 fiscal year-to-date total to \$77,216.60 for Civil Litigation services and \$37,735.75 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 August 2026 in the amount of \$49,109.80 to Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and the amount of \$20,691.53 to McDonald Tinker PA.

2. Lease with MCIB Partners for Education Imagine Academy

Diligent 8.10

Contact: Addi Lowell

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The District is negotiating a five-year lease with MCIB Partners for approximately 40,500 square feet of office and classroom space at 8400 E. 32nd Street N., Wichita, Kansas, with two one-year renewal options. The estimated 2026–27 lease expense, including base and estimated additional rent, is \$585,225.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve and authorize the President to execute the lease agreement and authorize an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the 2026–27 lease year.

3. East High School Campus Gas Line Replacement and Easement Access

Diligent 8.11

Contact: Steve Noble

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: Kansas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, Inc, has requested to enter into a

12,390 square foot pipeline right-of-way and easement agreement for the purposes of access, construction, and maintenance of the pipeline at East High School in the parking lot between the main building and B Building. The easement area runs along the exterior of the north wall of B Building from Grove Street to the driveway adjacent to the practice fields and farm. Access is granted for the purposes of the construction and ongoing maintenance and will remain permanent property of Kansas Gas Service.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with Kansas Gas Service for a pipeline right-of-way and permanent easement agreement at East High School. District General Counsel has approved of this agreement.

4. Workers' Compensation Settlement: [L.K.]

Diligent 8.12

Contact: Stephen Christian

Funding Source: 49 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund – Special Liability, 52 Fund – Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: L.K. sustained an injury to bilateral shoulders during their employment with USD 259 on Nov. 15, 2024. A settlement order has been issued for \$30,000.00 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 L.K.'s 2024 work injuries totaling in the amount of \$30,000.00.

5. Settlement Agreement – A.A. v. Unified School District 259

Diligent 8.13

Contact: Stephen Christian, Dan Lawrence

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The district has negotiated a settlement of liability claims brought by A.A.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize the President to pay an amount not to exceed \$50,000 plus associated attorneys' fees of \$3,500 to obtain a release of claims by A.A.

G. Routine Items

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2026 Board Workshop **Appendix 5**

Diligent 8.14

Contact: Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the September 11, 2026 Board Workshop are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. BOE Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2026 Board Meeting **Appendix 6**

Diligent 8.15

Contact: Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the September 14, 2026 Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

3. BOE Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2026 Board Meeting **Appendix 7**

Diligent 8.16

Contact: Litona Hoyt

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the September 18, 2026 Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

4. Freedom of Information Officer Appointment (Annual)

Diligent 8.17

Contact: Kelly Bielefeld

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: BOE Policy 2115 – Access to Public Records requires the Board of Education to appoint a local Freedom of Information Officer at its first meeting in July each year. As per AIP 5 of P2115, the Freedom of Information Officer's responsibilities include:

- Prepare and provide to district staff educational material and information concerning the Open Records Act;
- Assist district employees and members of the general public to resolve disputes related to the Open Records Act;
- Respond either directly or through an employee/custodian to inquiries related to the Open Records Act; and Establish requirements for a brochure to be displayed, distributed, or otherwise available to the public under the Open Records Act.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board appoint Litona Hoyt, Clerk of the Board, as the district's Freedom of Information Officer to serve for the fiscal year 2026-27 or until further order of the Board.

5. Designate School Attendance Officers (Annual)

Diligent 8.18

Contact: Litona Hoyt

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: Kansas Compulsory Attendance Laws (K.S.A. 72-3120 and 72-3121) stipulate that each school district designate school attendance officers responsible for monitoring and reporting student attendance to proper authorities.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the Administration to designate principals, and/or designee, as school attendance officers responsible for monitoring and reporting student attendance to proper district authorities and authorize the Assistant Superintendents of Elementary and Secondary Schools to report attendance information for the district to the Secretary of the Kansas Department for Children and Families, and/or the Eighteenth Judicial District, District Attorney, and/or to the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate.

H. Board Policies

1. P6712 Funding English Language Arts Extracurricular Activities

Appendix 8

Diligent 8.19

Contact: Holly Ingram

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: The recommended change to board policy 6712 English Language Arts Extracurricular Activities is to allow approval by building principals as part of the

Administrative Implemental Procedures regarding transportation to debate and forensics tournaments.

Recommendation: Board approval.

IX. Discussion

A. P4049 Fraternization and Professional Boundaries

Appendix 9

Diligent 9.1

Contact: Stephen Christian

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: We ask the Board to consider a new Board Policy, P4049 Fraternization and Professional Boundaries. This policy formalizes the District's commitment to providing equal employment opportunities and maintaining a workplace and educational environment free from coercion, sexual harassment, abuse of authority, favoritism, exploitation, inappropriate relationships, conflicts of interest, and other forms of improper conduct.

Recommendation: This is being presented for first read under discussion and will be brought back to the next regular board meeting for action.

B. Kansas Association of School Boards – Delegate Assembly

Appendix 10

Diligent 9.2

Contact: Kelly Bielefeld

Funding Source: Board of Education; 2026-27 Budget

Purpose: The Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Annual Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita on November 6-8, 2026. During the convention's Delegate Assembly, the annual business meeting of the association, delegates will elect the KASB President-Elect Designee and determine the association's Legislative Positions and Priorities which will be held on Saturday, November 7.

Wichita Public Schools' delegate is Amy Jensen and the alternate delegate is Julie Hedrick.

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

X. Action

A. Board Review of a Grievance

Diligent 10.1

Contacts: Dan Lawrence and Stephen Christian

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: An administrative employee of the school district may file a grievance alleging misapplication of the provisions of their administrative employment agreement with the school district. The employee may appeal the decision of the Administration on a grievance to the Board of Education. Upon receiving an appeal and after considering the matter, the Board of Education will make a final decision concerning the grievance. An administrative employee has sought review by the Board of Education of grievance decision made by the Administration.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board uphold Administration's decision.

XI. Reports and Requests

A. New Business and Board of Education Requests

XII. Adjournment