Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
October 12, 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 October 12, 2026, with President Stan Reeser presiding. Present: Diane Albert, Brock Booker, Sheila Brown-Kinnard, Julie Hedrick, Amy Jensen, 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 South High School Color Guard.
Public Hearing on the Alternative Delivery for Bond Construction Projects	The Board held a public hearing on the intent to utilize alternative delivery method in the event a bond is passed. 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. There were no speakers.
	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Warren) made a motion to move public communications before presentations. The motion passed 7-0.
Public Communications	Jennifer Szambecki – Bond Vote Sophie Archer – East High School, Traffic Bathrooms, and Outlets Lily Greene – Air-Conditioned Gyms and Accessibility Tec Do – Technology and Bond Updates Caiden Holloway – Flooding and Climate Control Ray Roberts – Call to Vote Martin Schoket – Bond
Presentations	
Good News – Thriving Students and Staff	
Three WPS Teachers Selected to Serve in Statewide Leadership Roles	Holly Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, recognized KSDE selecting three Wichita Public School educators to serve in statewide teaching and learning leadership roles: • Jeff Yearout, Computer Science Field Educator • Stacey Hart-Townsley, Science Teacher Leader Consultant • Kori Green, History, Government, and Social Studies Field Educator
Northwest Principal Selected for Statewide Leadership Development	Loren Hatfield, Chief of Schools, recognized David Self, principal at Northwest High School, for being selected to participate in Business Operations Leadership Development (BOLD), a program through the Kansas Association of School Boards.
WPS Welcomes New Facilities Director	Steve Noble, Chief Operations Officer, introduced Aaron Ryder, the new Facilities Director.

United Teachers of Wichita	Katie Laske, UTW President, spoke to the Board regarding voter registration and shared comments regarding the bond, teacher efforts, and learning conditions.
Service Employees International Union	None.
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld shared survey results from the implementation of the Electronic Device policy, highlighting Principal and UTW feedback, planning time committee, and strategic priorities.
Strategic Plan	
Elementary & Middle School Academic Achievement	Holly Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, along with Amanda Sharshel and Justin Kasel, presented an update on academic achievement data for grades K-8 in both reading and math, which aligns to the district's strategic plan. Also shared were strategies to continue improvement and an update on accreditation and the district's At-Risk accountability plan. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
	At approximately 7:40 p.m. Mr. Reeser left the meeting and returned at approximately 7:45 p.m.
	At approximately 7:45 p.m. Ms. Hedrick left the meeting and returned at approximately 7:50 p.m.
Reports	
2026 Bond Update	Gil Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent, shared an update on actions and progress related to the 2026 bond proposal. Principals David Self, Northwest, Joel Escarpita, Horace Mann, and Eric Fillipi, Heights, shared comments regarding the district's need for the Bond. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Human Resources Report	Stephen Christian, Chief Human Resources Officer, shared a high-level overview of human resources data including classroom vacancies, certified hires, teacher departures and staffing timelines. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Enrollment Report	Addi Lowell, Chief Financial Officer, and Fabian Armendariz, Director of Logistics, presented the district's enrollment and financial implications due to enrollment. The complete presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. This presentation was for the Board's information.
Consent	Ms. Albert (Mr. Reeser) moved that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed 7-0.
Human Resources Report Appendix 1	Recommendation: Board approval.

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<tr><td>Carpenter Stadium – Press Box – Correction</td><td>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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Facilities Consent
Appendix 2</td><td>Recommendation: Board approval.

<table><tr><th>Description of Products/Services</th><th>Amount</th><th>Responsible Party</th></tr><tr><td>1. Various – Stage Rigging Inspections</td><td>$37,000</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr><tr><td>2. Robinson – Structural – Column Repairs</td><td>$113,300</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr><tr><td>3. East – Structural Repairs – Roosevelt Wing</td><td>$5,378,495</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr><tr><td>4. Gardiner – AHU1 Replacement</td><td>$133,397</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr><tr><td>5. Isely – Kitchen Expansion for K-8</td><td>$571,867</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr><tr><td>6. Hadley – Repairs – Construction</td><td>$10,028,150</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr><tr><td>7. Hadley – Repairs – Design Services</td><td>$65,000</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr><tr><td>8. Hadley – Repairs – Commissioning</td><td>$40,780</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr><tr><td>9. Various – FEMA Shelter Door Replacements</td><td>$329,632</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr><tr><td>10. Various – Roofing Preventative Maintenance</td><td>$164,005</td><td>Steve Noble</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>Alternative Delivery Method for Bond Construction Projects</td><td>Recommendation: Board approval.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Purchasing Consent Annual Renewals
Appendix 3</td><td>Recommendation: Board approval.

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Appendix 4</td><td>Recommendation: Board approval.

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Translation Devices	Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize payment to Translatelive, in an amount not to exceed $50,000.
ESOL Endorsement Program (Annual Renewal)	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.
Legal Services: Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC and McDonald Tinker PA	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.
Lease with MCIB Partners for Education Imagine Academy	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.
East High School Campus Gas Line Replacement and Easement Access	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.
Workers' Compensation Settlement: [L.K.]	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.
Settlement Agreement – A.A. v. Unified School District 259	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.
BOE Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2026 Board Workshop Appendix 5	Recommendation: Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2026 Board Meeting Appendix 6	Recommendation: Board approval.
BOE Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2026 Board Meeting Appendix 7	Recommendation: Board approval.
Freedom of Information Officer Appointment (Annual)	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.
Designate School Attendance Officers (Annual)	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.

P6712 Funding English Language Arts Extracurricular Activities Appendix 8	Recommendation: Board approval.
Discussion	
P4049 Fraternization and Professional Boundaries Appendix 9	Recommendation: This is being presented for first read under discussion and will be brought back to the next regular Board meeting for action.
Kansas Association of School Boards – Delegate Assembly Appendix 10	Recommendation: This item provided an opportunity for the Board's discussion and appropriate action. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved to appoint Amy Jensen as the delegate and Julie Hedrick as the alternate. The motion passed 7-0.
Action	
Board Review of a Grievance	Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board uphold Administration's decision. Mr. Reeser (Ms. Hedrick) moved. The motion passed 7-0.
Reports and Requests	Ms. Jensen reminded Board members to contact her with any questions regarding the KASB legislative agenda items. She also recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day and highlighted the District's Native American Program.
Adjournment	Mr. Reeser (Ms. Albert) moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. At approximately 9:43 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Litona Hoyt
Clerk of the Board