

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
March 3, 2025 · 6 p.m.
Wichita High School North Lecture Hall
1437 Rochester · 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 – Northwest High School Color Guard

II. Reports

A. Good News

1. Elementary and Middle School Screener Growth

Contact(s): Holly Ingram, Amanda Sharshel

Summary: In our strategic plan, we have two interim goals focused on academic screener growth – 3rd grade reading and 8th grade math. This fall the following teachers and buildings improved greatly on these growth measures from the fall to winter screening window, which was a shorter time of instruction in between these testing windows than we have traditionally had in the fall semester.

8th Grade Math – El Academy, Mead Middle School, Wells Alternative Middle

3rd Grade Reading – We will recognize six 3rd grade teachers based on both aReading growth and CBMR growth.

2. Award Winning Magnet Schools

Contact(s): Jesse Milne, Phyllis Cottner

Summary: Allison Traditional Magnet and Earhart Environmental Magnet have once again won Merit Awards from Magnet Schools of America. Earhart received their fourth Merit Award of Distinction, which only goes to the best magnet schools in the country and Allison won their second consecutive Merit Award of Excellence, which is the top award given out to all magnet schools; simply put, the best of the best.

Their programs are rated on MSA's Five Pillars of Magnet, which includes Diversity, Innovative Curriculum and Professional Development, Academic Excellence, Leadership, and Family and Community Partnerships.

3. CTE Career & Technical Education Outstanding Senior Awards

Contact(s): Tim Hamblin

Summary: The office of College and Career Readiness would like to recognize WPS seniors that were nominated and selected as "Outstanding Seniors", in various CTE

Pathways.

4. 2024 Scholastic Art Awards

Contact(s): Shawn Chastain

Summary: The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the oldest and most prestigious recognition program for creative teenagers in the United States. Each work is reviewed by a panel of arts professionals for originality, technical skill, and an emergence of professional vision and voice. The Alliance also partners with art institutes, colleges, and universities to earmark scholarships for college-bound Scholastic Awards recipients. This year, 221 works from eight WPS High Schools were selected for the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards. Winning categories include American Vision, Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention. This exhibition is on display at Mark Arts, 1307 N. Rock Road, until March 29, 2025.

B. United Teachers of Wichita

C. Service Employees International Union

III. Public Communications

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1. Dave Fish, 1600 Lynnhurst, Wichita KS 67212. Topic: Master Plan, OK Elementary
2. Jeff Janusz, 1727 N. Sabin St., Wichita KS 67212. Topic: Master Plan, OK Elementary
3. Genevia Holloway, 2823 E. 9th St., Wichita KS 67214. Topic: Teacher Retention
4. Charles McAfee, 16 Crestview Lake Estates, Wichita KS 67220. Topic: L'Ouverture

IV. Education

A. Strategic Plan Goal #1: Progress Monitoring - High School Interim Goal 1

Contact(s): Loren Hatfield

Purpose: As part of our Future Ready Strategic Plan, we will present regular progress monitoring reports. This report will review the Strategic Plan Interim Goal 1 High School ACT and ACT WorkKeys data and strategies employed to continue making academic progress in Wichita Public Schools.

Recommendation: This strategic plan update is for the Board's information.

B. Strategic Plan Goal #1: Elementary & Middle School Interim Goal Data Update

Contact(s): Amanda Sharshel, Holly Ingram

Purpose: As part of our Future Ready Strategic Plan to focus on academic achievement and graduation rate, we will share an update on the elementary and middle school interim goals. This report will provide first semester Fastbridge data, areas for improvement, and continued strategies.

Recommendation: This strategic plan update is for the Board's information.

V. Consent

A. Human Resources

1. Human Resources Report

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Finance

1. Treasury Warrants: January 2025

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Purpose: Monthly report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Monthly Finance Report: January 2025

Appendix 3

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: NA

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.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 4

Purpose: Report

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of Products/Services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Oracle ERP Technical Support	\$350,000.00	Rob Dickson/Addi Lowell
2. Playground Equipment and Rubberized Mulch	\$500,000.00	Luke Newman
3. Interactive Flat Panel Installation Phase Four: Wall & Ceiling Repair	\$600,000.00	Luke Newman, Rob Dickson
4. Astute – Peoplesoft Managed Services	\$840,000.00	Rob Dickson
5. Food – January 2025	\$332,034.82	Fabian Armendariz
6. Supply Warehouse Stock – January 2025	\$328,241.64	Fabian Armendariz

2. Security Improvements Projects - Construction Manager at Risk - Various - GMP #9

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay and Safety & Security Grant; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for construction projects at various district sites. On January 23, 2023, the Board approved entering into a contract with Hutton Corporation to provide Construction Manager at Risk services for the Security Improvements Projects at various district sites. The Board of Education approved Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) awards #1 through #8 in the cumulative amount of \$12,584,989. Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #9, in the amount of \$1,981,621 has been established for McCollom, Stanley, L'Ouverture, Gateway, and Chester Lewis

Secured Entries, and Classroom Door Hardware Phase 3.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #9 in the amount of \$1,981,621. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #9, and previously approved GMP awards #1 through #8, to \$14,566,610. This will be the final GMP for the Security Improvement Projects.

D. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2025, Special Board Meeting Appendix 5
Contact(s): Litona Hoyt
Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the February 7, 2025 Special Board Meeting are attached in the Appendix.
Recommendation: Board approval.
2. BOE Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2025 Appendix 6
Contact(s): Litona Hoyt
Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for the February 10, 2025 are attached in the Appendix.
Recommendation: Board approval.
3. Legal Services: McDonald Tinker PA
Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Dan Lawrence
Purpose: Legal Services: McDonald Tinker PA have submitted a statement for January 2025 legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$15,226.26.
This brings the 2024-25 fiscal year-to-date total to \$118,052.69 for Workers' Compensation services.
Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for Workers' Compensation under the school district's self-insured programs for in the amount of \$15,226.26 to McDonald Tinker PA.
4. Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremonies
Contact(s): Loren Hatfield
Funding Source: General Fund, 2024-25 Budget
Purpose: Students may graduate high school and be issued a credit-based diploma when the principal determines that the student has met the requirements for graduation established by the Board of Education. A high school principal administers the issuance of high school diplomas to students meeting graduation requirements.
Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve payments to Koch Arena and Century II for the class of 2025 Graduations not to exceed \$47,000.
5. 2025-2026 District Calendar Appendix 7
Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth
Funding Source: N/A
Purpose: Submitting the 2025-2026 District Calendar with revisions.
Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board adopt the revised 2025-26 District Calendar with August 14, 2025, as the first day of school, and May 21, 2026, as the last day of school and Winter Break being updated to December 23, 2025 to January 1, 2026.

To allow for the appropriate number of contract days for certified and classified staff.

6. 2026-2027 District Calendar

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: The proposed 2026-27 District Calendar is being submitted for review and approval.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed 2026-27 District Calendar with August 13, 2026, as the first day of school, and May 25, 2027, as the last day of school.

7. Teeter Leadership Group Contract (Renewal)

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Professional Development Funds, General Funds; 2024-25 Budget and 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Teeter Leadership Group provides executive leadership coaching and professional development to district leaders in multiple departments, including the superintendent, assistant superintendents, executive directors, and others. Teeter Leadership Group has provided coaching and professional development since July of 2022. This contract will expand the district leaders who receive coaching and professional development to up to 32 individuals and seven teams.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the renewal of leadership coaching and professional development from Teeter Leadership Group in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.

8. Second Step (Renewal)

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez, Amanda Sharshel, Holly Ingram

Funding Source: Textbook fund, At-Risk funds; 2024-25 Budget and 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: Second Step (Committee for Children) is our K-8 core Social Emotional Learning curriculum. This item is to request Board approval to extend the contract agreement with Committee for Children, Second Step, in order to continue to provide social emotional content to K-8 students.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of Committee for Children, Second Step materials for three years in an amount not to exceed \$490,000.

9. Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay, 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: Gordian VFA is the software the Facilities Division uses to track and update facility condition and capital forecasting data. The software licensing is due for renewal.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the annual licensing for Gordian VFA Facilities Capital Planning Software be approved in an amount not to exceed \$79,350 through the Omnia Partners Contract # R210701.

10. Design Services – Structural Repairs at North High School

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: On July 31, 2023, the Board entered into an agreement with Schaefer Architecture for professional design services for Phase 1 structural repairs at North and Northwest High Schools in the amount not to exceed \$520,000. The structural repairs at Northwest are nearing completion, but North High School still has additional areas that need addressed. Design Services are needed for Phase 2 - "A-Hall", in the amount not to exceed \$461,608.30. This brings the total for Design Services for Phases 1 and 2 to \$991,608.30. Two additional phases of repair are anticipated, with work expected to take place in the summers of 2026 and 2027 to fully address the structural issues at North High School.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve Phase 2 Design Fees for North Structural Repairs in the amount of 461,608.30.

11. Switchgear Replacement – School Service Center

Contact(s): Sean Hudspeth, Luke Newman, Danielle Dettmer

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Self-Funded Insurance Reserve; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: On December 13, 2024, a corroded switchgear was discovered at the School Service Center (SSC) while performing unrelated maintenance. A replacement is necessary.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$176,000.00 to be paid to Reconstruction Services, Inc. to replace the damaged switchgear at the SSC.

12. Structural Repairs at North High School – Construction Manager at Risk - GMP #4

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget includes monies for construction projects at North High School. On July 31, 2023, the Board approved entering into a contract with Hutton Corporation to provide Construction Manager at Risk services for the Structural Repairs at North and Northwest High Schools. The Board of Education has approved Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) awards #1 through #3 in the cumulative amount of \$14,299,809. These awards cover the complete scope for Northwest High School and the initial scope for North High School (specifically B, C, and J halls). The structural repairs at Northwest are nearing completion, but North High School still has additional areas that need addressed. GMP #4, in the amount of \$4,548,326, has been established to execute permanent structural floor repairs for North High School under "A" Hall. In addition, Reconstruction Services, LLC, will provide permanent repairs to the concrete floor slab under the Mechanical Room in "A" Hall and install temporary shoring in the entirety of "A" hall in the amount of \$3,893,672.00. Two additional phases of repair are anticipated, with work expected to take place in the summers of 2026 and 2027 to fully address the structural issues at North High School.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board amend the contract with Hutton Corporation to include Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #4 in the amount of \$4,548,326. This will bring the cumulative total for GMP #1 through #4 to \$22,741,807. In addition, it is recommended that the Board enter into contract with Reconstruction Services, LLC, for \$3,893,672.

13. Structural Repairs – Heights High School

Contact(s): Luke Newman

Funding Source: Capital Outlay; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: This project focuses on structural improvements and repairs to a portion of the

1975 addition near the natatorium including returning the baseball office to a courtyard, installing structural and under supports to the walls, repairing the damaged concrete stairs and walkways, and replacing four sets of exterior doors.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Martin K. Eby Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$651,210 for construction services to address structural deficiencies at Heights High School.

14. Request to Disburse Funds from Wichita Foundation for Education EDGE Projects

Contact(s): Holly Wilson

Funding Source: Education Edge Gift Funds at Wichita Foundation; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The Education EDGE has received funds to support non-budget expenditures for athletics, fine arts, and mini grants. In accordance with BOE Policy 1785 – WPS Gift Funds, the Superintendent requests the disbursement of gift funds to appropriate district accounts for expenditure. The funding request details are provided in the Executive Summary.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the transfer of funds from the Wichita Foundation in the following amounts: Athletics: \$203,181 Fine Arts: \$250,000; and Classroom Mini-Grants: \$208,000 for a total requested amount of \$661,181.

15. Boosting Achievement Professional Development for Newcomer Buildings

Contact(s): Kristina Bowyer

Funding Source: Immigrant and Title 1; 2024-25 Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this professional development is to align our district's goals outlined in the USD 259 Strategic Plan with evidence-based strategies from Carol Salva's Boosting Achievement: Reaching Students with Interrupted or Minimal Education. This initiative will focus on improving outcomes for our diverse student population, particularly SLIFE (students with limited or interrupted formal education) students, ensuring equitable opportunities and boosting overall academic achievement. This training will explore practical methods of supporting the SLIFE demographic in elementary and secondary schools, based on current research by Dr. Salva. Participants will experience practical strategies and supports as they explore current research findings that are shown to support SLIFE to persist through graduation.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve funding for all Newcomer sites to have the Boosting Achievement Training during the 25-26 school year. Training, consulting, and materials should not exceed \$95,000.

VI. Operations

A. 2025 Legislative Update – Capitol Strategies

Contact(s): Kelly Bielefeld, Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: Sean Miller with Capitol Strategies will update the BOE on activity during the 2025 legislative session to date impacting public schools.

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

VII. Finance

A. Budget Report

Contact(s): Addi Lowell

Funding Source: N/A

Purpose: Administration will update the Board on the District's budget.

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

VIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. New Business and Board of Education Requests
- C. Executive Session – Negotiations

IX. Adjournment