

**Board of Education Minutes**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**Wichita, Kansas**  
**January 26, 2009**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<p>The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, met in regular session in the Wichita High School North Lecture Hall, 1437 Rochester, Wichita, Kansas, at approximately 6:03 p.m., on <a href="#">January 26, 2009</a>, with President Lynn Rogers presiding.</p> <p>Present: Betty Arnold, Jeff Davis, Connie Dietz, Barbara Fuller, Kevass Harding, Lanora Nolan, and Lynn Rogers.</p>
<b>Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance</b>	<p>The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Brooks Technology/Arts Magnet Leadership Cadets.</p>
<b>Reports</b>	<p>Report – Good News</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wichita State University Scholarships Recognition: Harry Gore Scholarship finalists: Nathan Riley, East High; Andrew Longhofer, Northeast Magnet; Adrienne Brown, Northwest High; Kalee Beal, South High; and Megan Hanson, Southeast High.</li> <li>2. Presentation of Education EDGE Koch Mini-Grants. Ross Hollander, Steering Team Chairperson, presented mini-grant awards to Seltzer Elementary and Metro-Boulevard Alternative High School.</li> <li>3. Recognition: Board President Lynn Rogers, Volunteer of the Year Award, by Farm Credit Leasing CoBank. President Rogers presented an award check in the amount of \$2,500 to Steering Team Chairperson Ross Hollander for deposit with the Wichita Public Schools' Education EDGE.</li> <li>4. The North High Madrigal performed for the Board in honor of the Governor's Proclamation of January 2009 as Kansas School Boards Recognition Month.</li> </ol> <p>Board President Rogers recognized Kansas Board of Education members Walt Chappell and David Dennis, who were in the audience for the meeting.</p> <p>Report – Busing Oversight Committee: K.C. Ohaebosim and Larry Braden presented the report. Board member Lanora Nolan suggested that the Committee conduct a survey of schools. Board member Barbara Fuller requested a list of policies related to the Committee's work. Board member Connie Dietz asked about teacher experience at schools in the former Assigned Attendance Area and volunteer attendance at oversight committee meetings. President Rogers asked that the committee provide dates/times for its meetings so that Board members can attend.</p> <p>Report – United Teachers of Wichita: None submitted.</p> <p>Report – Service Employees International: None submitted.</p>
<b>Public Communications</b>	<p>None submitted.</p>

Minutes approved by the Board of Education.

<p><b>Consent: Disposal of Routine Business</b></p>	<p>Mr. Harding (Ms. Nolan) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0.</p>									
<p>Human Resources</p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 1</a></p>	<p>Board approval.</p>									
<p>Purchasing Consent</p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 2</a></p>	<p>Board approval.</p> <p>Summary</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="574 495 1424 554"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description of products/services</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Responsible Party</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. All-In-One Audio System</td> <td>\$71,568.00</td> <td>Neil Guthrie</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party	1. All-In-One Audio System	\$71,568.00	Neil Guthrie			
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<p>Exterior Restoration: Metro-Midtown High School and Robinson Middle School</p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 3</a></p>	<p>Enter into a contract with Frederick Waterproofing &amp; Roofing for a total contract sum of \$269,600, which includes the above base bid and a contingency amount of \$20,000 for exterior restoration at Metro Midtown High and Robinson Middle Schools.</p> <p>Base Bid           \$249,600.00 Contingency        20,000.00 Total                \$269,600.00</p>									
<p>Hall Locker Replacement: Coleman and Marshall Middle Schools</p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 4</a></p>	<p>Enter into a contract with Caro Construction for a total contract sum of \$244,925, which includes the above base bid and a contingency amount of \$10,000 for replacing the hall lockers at Coleman and Marshall Middle Schools.</p> <p>Base Bid            \$234,925.00 Contingency        10,000.00 Total                \$244,925.00</p>									
<p>Terrazzo Floor Resurfacing: Mead and Mayberry Middle Schools</p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 5</a></p>	<p>Enter into a contract with Stephens Industries dba Air Capital Building Maintenance Co. for a total contract sum of \$43,635, which includes the above base bid and a contingency amount of \$3,500 for resurfacing the terrazzo floors at Mayberry and Mead Middle Schools.</p> <p>Base Bid            \$40,135.00 Contingency        3,500.00 Total                \$43,635.00</p>									
<p>Lease of High-Speed Copy Machines for Production Print Center</p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 6</a></p>	<p>Enter into a lease with Xerox Corporation for three (3) high-speed, fully networked copy machines with accessories using the Educational and Institutional (E &amp; I) Cooperative Service, Inc., cooperative purchasing contract. The base per-month lease cost of the machines with maintenance (click charges) and support services is \$17,070. Additional monthly maintenance and support fees of \$13,135 to account for potential "heavy use" months and Saturdays per month are required. Thus, the total, annual estimated (maximum) cost for equipment lease and support is \$362,430. The right to enter into this contact is granted by K.S.A 72-6760(b)(9)(c)(i)(ii), and KSA 72-8225.</p>									
<p>BOE Meeting Minutes for <a href="#">January 12, 2009</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 7</a></p>	<p>Board approval.</p>									
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Treasure Chest English Language Learners (ELL) Materials	Approve purchase of Treasure Chest materials in an amount not to exceed \$126,000.
Microwave Equipment and Services for District Wide Area Network with MLW, Inc.	Approve the purchase of eight Eclipse OC3 hops, and installation of both the new and old microwave equipment and RAD converters from MLW, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$470,000, which includes a contingency of \$43,012.
MIS Work Order and Change Management Software: Numara FootPrints  <a href="#">Appendix 9</a>	Approve the purchase of FootPrints software from Numara Software in the amount not to exceed \$103,100.
Oracle Server Licensing	Approve the purchase of four additional Oracle server licenses in the amount not to exceed \$160,000, including a 10 percent contingency from Oracle and the first year's maintenance.
PeopleSoft Consulting Services	Approve PeopleSoft consulting services with eVerge in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
<b>Action on Pulled Consent</b>	None pulled.
<b>Education</b>	
Updated Strategic Plan Document  <a href="#">Appendix 1</a>	<p>On January 20-21, 2009, Kansas State Department of Education consultant Dr. Steve Kukic facilitated the updating of USD 259's Strategic Plan with the Board of Education and Superintendent's Advisory Council. This effort resulted in modifications to the district's mission statement, beliefs, and objectives. At the request of Board President Lynn Rogers, the Strategic Plan document was presented for the Board's review.</p> <p><u>Motion #1:</u> Mr. Harding (Mr. Davis) moved the Board adopt the revised Strategic Plan document, and direct the Administration to begin work on strategies to implement the plan revisions as adopted.</p> <p>Board members discussed their support of the updated document and the process used by Dr. Kukic during the BOE Retreat. Based on a suggestion by Board member Lanora Nolan that the Board raise its expectations about eliminating the achievement gap, Board member Connie Dietz recommended a substitute motion.</p> <p><u>Motion #2:</u> Ms. Dietz (Ms. Nolan) moved the Board adopt the revised Strategic Plan document, revising bullet #3 of the Objectives to state "The academic skill and knowledge gap among student populations will be continually reduced <u>until eliminated</u> as measured by multiple assessments", and direct the Administration to begin work on strategies to implement the plan revisions as adopted.</p> <p>Board members Kevass Harding and Jeff Davis withdrew Motion #1.</p> <p>Motion #2 passed 7-0.</p> <p>It was agreed that the updated Strategic Plan document would be shared with the community, district staff, and Superintendent candidates. The Board will also review the Strategic Plan annually to ensure it remains vital and relevant. The approved Strategic Plan document is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.</p>

<p>K-12 Education Update</p>	<p>This agenda item provided a general update on K-12 education. It addressed requests from three Board members. Connie Dietz requested High School Reform Updates, recurring every 6 months. Barbara Fuller requested an agenda item on the progress of the Elementary Task Force that is studying alignment and scheduling of the school day. Lynn Rogers requested a report on the background of the Elementary Math Curriculum. In the future, the Administration plans to present a K-12 education update to the Board every six months.</p> <p>Interim Superintendent Martin Libhart introduced this item, noting that it was a continuation of a report on the instructional program at the BOE meeting on January 12, 2009. Chief Academic Officer Denise Seguire reviewed the Kansas State Department of Education's Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). The district's 2008-09 priorities are: quality instruction framework; MTSS for academic and behavioral progress; enhancement of the Professional Learning Communities (PLCs); cultural proficiency; student engagement; social studies and science instruction; and engaging parents through meaningful involvement.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendents Greg Rasmussen and Alicia Thompson provided information on elementary education, including the schedule for the school day, the work of the Elementary Task Force, 21st Century math skills, and student achievement data.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent Kathy Busch discussed the academic achievement levels and psychosocial development of middle school students. 2008-09 middle school priorities include tiered instruction, quality instruction framework, engagement strategies, literacy plans, cultural proficiency, and psycho-social support.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent Denise Wren provided a high school update. High school instruction and leadership are focusing on student advocacy, PLCs, and curriculum. On the ACT college entrance exam, a mark of college readiness in math is a score of 22, and 39% of USD 259 high school students attained this score. In ACT English, a mark of college readiness is a score of 18, and 62% of USD 259 high school students attained this score.</p> <p>Elementary, middle, and high school programs are all using the MTSS model to improve instruction, intervention/enrichment, and interventions to support student success. This presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.</p>
	<p>Board member Betty Arnold left the Board table at approximately 8:18 p.m. and returned at approximately 8:26 p.m.</p>
<p>Recess</p>	<p>At approximately 8:27 p.m., Board President Rogers requested a 10-minute recess.</p>
<p>Reconvene</p>	<p>At approximately 8:41 p.m., Board President Rogers reconvened the meeting.</p>

<p>Native American Program Presentation</p> <p>Appendix 11</p>	<p>On November 10, 2008, Board member Barbara Fuller requested a presentation of the Native American Indian Education program with emphasis on school achievement and keeping the students and families connected to school. Native American Program Specialist Jeff Watkins said the program, which is funded by federal Title grants, now serves 1,650 USD 259 students. A parent/community advisory group meets monthly and signs off on the program's annual grant application. Grant awards total \$398,000, with five full-time staff and four part-time staff managing the program. Staff meets with the Native American community frequently, and sponsors events for students, parents, and community members. A tutoring coordinator matches trained volunteers with students who need help and communicates with parents. Four college students provide over 200 students with math/reading tutoring services weekly. Reading and math assessment data, showing improvements for this student population, was presented.</p> <p>Board members requested future issues of the Native American newsletter, which is distributed to students in USD 259 schools, and information about upcoming events.</p> <p>This presentation was for the Board's information and discussion only.</p>
<p><b>Bond</b></p>	<p>None submitted.</p>
<p><b>Policy</b></p>	
<p>First Review: BOE Purchasing Policies 3302 and 3303</p> <p>Appendix 12</p>	<p>Division Director of Operations Darren Muci presented the following policies to the Board for a first review:</p> <p>3302 – Requirements for Issuance and Receipt of Competitive Bids and Proposals</p> <p>3303 – Determination of Competitive Bid and Proposal Award</p> <p>The Board requested no further revisions. Administration will present the policies for second review on February 9, 2009.</p>
<p>First Review: BOE Transportation Policies 7310, 7311, and 7330</p> <p>Appendix 13</p>	<p>Division Director of Operations Darren Muci presented the following policies to the Board for a first review:</p> <p>7310 – School Bus Safety and Discipline</p> <p>7311 – School Bus Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Service</p> <p>7330 – Provision of Transportation Services Because of Hazardous Traveling Conditions</p> <p>Based on the Board's discussion, Administration will make revisions and present the policies for second review on February 9, 2009.</p>
<p><b>Operations</b></p>	<p>None submitted.</p>
<p><b>Finance</b></p>	<p>None submitted.</p>

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Superintendent's Report	<p>Superintendent Libhart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported that the Kansas Senate Ways and Means Committee released a bill today with proposed funding cuts for fiscal year 2009. The Kansas State Department of Education held conference call for school districts. While the Governor's proposal for 2009 would reduce district funding by \$22 per student, the Senate bill proposed a 3.2% across-the-board cut that will reduce funding \$117 per student and make corresponding cuts to the Local Option Budget. The House Ways and Means Committee met last Friday, and their goal is consistent with the Senate's to produce savings of about \$300 million. These are rescission proposals pertaining to current fiscal year 2009 funding, not 2009-10 funding.</li> <li>• Said President Barack Obama has proposed legislative funding for the nation's public schools that will be part of the 2009 federal economic stimulus package. USD 259's share of this proposal is \$55,750,000 over two years. A copy of the federal proposal is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.</li> </ul>
Board of Education Reports/Requests	<p>Barbara Fuller:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended KASB Directors meeting on January 17th. Major items included: 2009-10 goals; member dues, which will remain the same for 2009-10, KASB member needs survey results, and KASB policies.</li> <li>• Noted that Board member Lanora Nolan and she will attend the National School Boards Association's Federal Relations Network conference in Washington, D.C. on February 1-3. KASB makes state arrangements for this conference.</li> <li>• Requested a presentation of how the classroom teacher receives data and plans for instruction.</li> </ul> <p>Betty Arnold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledged the support of civic leaders, professionals, assistant superintendent, fire/police department, and Board of Education at Jackson Elementary at its career day on January 16th.</li> </ul> <p>Lynn Rogers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that Senate Bill 71, which proposes new rules for the publication of donors and supporters of bond issues, has been introduced in the Kansas Legislature.</li> <li>• Confirmed that the next BOE meeting on February 9th will be at 5 p.m., with the regular meeting to convene at 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Wished Board member Jeff Davis a happy birthday.</li> <li>• Thanked the Board for condolences in the death of his grandmother.</li> </ul>
New Business	None requested.

Minutes approved by the Board of Education.

Executive Session	At approximately 9:23 p.m., Ms. Fuller (Ms. Nolan) moved the Board of Education recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding:  1. Consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship; 2. Matters relating to employer-employee negotiations;  The open meeting to resume at approximately 9:40 p.m. in this room.  The motion passed 7-0.
	At approximately 9:40 p.m., Executive Session was extended for 5 minutes.
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<b>Reconvene Meeting</b>	At approximately 9:50 p.m., Board President Rogers reconvened the meeting.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Mr. Davis (Ms. Dietz) moved the meeting adjourn.  The motion passed 7-0.  At approximately 9:51 p.m., the meeting adjourned.