

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
March 9, 2009 - 6 p.m.
Wichita High School North Lecture Hall
1437 Rochester - Wichita KS



The work of Wichita Public Schools is to empower all students with the 21st century skills and knowledge necessary for success by providing a coherent, rigorous, safe and nurturing, culturally responsive, and inclusive learning community.

I. Roll Call

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – East High JROTC Cadets

II. Reports

A. Report – Good News

1. Distinguished Classroom Teacher Awards Presentation

Support Teacher

Winner: Jane Ridder, Washington Elementary/Speech

Finalist: Lisa Blau, Minneha Core Knowledge Magnet/Instructional Coach

High School

Winner: Ed Morales, North High/9-12 History

Finalist: Jeanette Blide, Southeast High/12 English Comp/College Reading and 12 AVID

Middle School

Winner: Rachel Aponso Horace Mann/6-8th grade Math

Finalist: Jennifer Potochnik, Brooks Technology and Arts Magnet/6-8 Vocal Music

Intermediate (3-5)

Winner: Melissa Morgan, Dodge Literacy Magnet/3rd grade

Finalist: Wendi Dozier, Allen Elementary/Special Ed

Primary (Pre K-2)

Winner: Sheri Edgerle, Allen Elementary/Kindergarten

Finalist: Libby Long, Gardiner Elementary/2nd grade

New Teacher Secondary

Winner: Eryn Elder, South High/9th English

Finalist: Vanessa Jabara, Mead Middle/7th LA

New Teacher – Elementary

Winner: Kari Semmel, White Elementary/1st grade

Finalist: Kendra Luna, Dodge Literacy Magnet/5th grade

Contact(s): Greg Rasmussen, Alicia Thompson, Kathy Busch, Denise Wren

2. Grant Funding to Expand Project Lead the Way

Contact(s): Jim Means, Eldon Chlumsky

- B. Report – Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SuperSAC): Christyna Corner, Metro-Midtown Alternative High School, and Suzan Lisenby, Southeast High School.
- C. Report – Diversity, Equity and Accountability Committee
Contact(s): Kim Burkhalter
- D. Report – United Teachers of Wichita
- E. Report – Service Employees International

III. Public Communications

Speakers may register by calling the Clerk of the Board’s office at 973-4553 by noon on the day of the meeting. Speakers may also register at the BOE meeting site, prior to the beginning of the meeting. A nonmember may address the Board on non-agenda items for up to 3 minutes during Public Communications. This section of the meeting will be limited to the first 10 speakers who register. Nonmembers who wish to speak on an item that is on the BOE Agenda may choose to speak for up to 3 minutes during Public Communications, or they may speak for up to 3 minutes at the time the item is considered on the agenda. Speakers should provide 12 copies of any handouts to the Clerk of the Board’s table for distribution at the Board table.

IV. Consent

- A. Human Resources Appendix 1

Contact(s): Ed Raymond
Purpose: Report.
Recommendation: Board approval.

- B. Finance
 - 1. Treasury Warrants for [February 2009](#) Appendix 2

Contact(s): Linda Jones
Purpose: Monthly report.
Recommendation: Board approval.

- 2. Revised Financial Resolution: Activity Funds Appendix 3

Contact(s): Linda Jones
 Funding Source: NA
 Non-Budgeted Item
 Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

Purpose: At its organizational meeting in July 2008, the Board of Education adopted the Activity Fund resolution authorizing the districts Chief Financial Officer or Controller to sign letters of confirmation for audit purposes. A change is being requested to include bank resolutions as documents that shall be signed by the Chief Financial Officer or Controller.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the following revised resolution:
 1) Resolution – Activity Funds

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 4

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Solid Waste Disposal Additional Funds	\$100,000.00	Dave Johnson
2. Bulk Carpet	\$110,000.00	Darren Muci
3. Floor Finish	\$36,720.00	Darren Muci
4. Trash Liners	\$185,000.00	Darren Muci
5. Ionwave Enterprise Sourcing Suite Annual Support	\$35,000.00	Darren Muci
6. Horizon Software Annual Support	\$49,798.44	Darren Muci
7. Canon IR110 Copier Lease	\$49,000.00	Darren Muci

2. Travel Agency Services

Contact(s): Linda Jones, Darren Muci

Funding Source: Supplemental General Fund

2009-10 Budgeted Item

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to extend the current travel services agreement with Sunflower Travel Corporation through June 30, 2010. On November 8, 2004, the Board approved the recommendation to enter into an agreement with Sunflower Travel, Inc. for a period of one year, with renewal/extensions of up to four years. An agreement was entered into with Sunflower Travel, Inc. on May 26, 2005 through June 30, 2006. This agreement is subject to renewal/extension on an annual basis commencing on July 1, 2006. Sunflower Travel Corporation has agreed to the extension, with no increased costs. This extension would be and would cover the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize and extension of the agreement with Sunflower Travel Corporation through June 30, 2010.

D. Bond Consent

1. Enclose Open Area Classrooms: OK Elementary School

Appendix 5

Contact(s): Dave Johnson, Julie Hedrick
Funding Source: CIP #0809-1076
2008-09 Budgeted Item
Strategy 8: Upgrade and maintain district facilities.

Purpose: The 2008-09 Capital Outlay Fund includes monies to support the 2008 Bond Issue Plan. One of the 2008 Bond Plan projects to be provided by Capital Outlay funding is to enclose the open area classrooms at OK Elementary. On March 3, 2009, bids were received according to drawings and specifications. The low base bid was submitted by Bauer & Sons Construction in the amount of \$35,935.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Bauer & Sons Construction for a total contract sum of \$39,935, which includes the above base bid and a contingency amount of \$4,000 to enclose classrooms at OK Elementary School.

Base Bid	\$35,935.00
Contingency	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total	\$39,935.00

E. Programs/Grants

1. Continuation of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

Appendix 6

Program, including the AVID Center 2009-2010 contract and approval for participation in AVID professional development opportunities, including AVID Summer Institute

Contact(s): Denise Wren, Kathy Busch, Melissa Dimeo
Funding Source: Title I and AVID Continuation funds
2009-10 Budgeted Item

Strategy 1: Deliver an aligned curriculum.

Strategy 3: Provide educational programs that promote life-long learning.

Strategy 5: Build & maintain strong relationships with parents, families, the community & businesses.

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to continue the implementation and expansion of the AVID program in our district and to seek Board approval for attendance at the AVID 2009 Summer Institute of site team members from the following high schools: North, Heights, East, Southeast, South, Northwest, and West; and the following middle schools: Coleman, Curtis, Hadley, Mayberry, Pleasant Valley, Marshall, Hamilton, Truesdell, Wilbur, Mead, Jardine, Stucky, Brooks, and Robinson.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the district to continue contract services for 2009-2010 with AVID Center of San Diego, CA, for 19 site licenses, professional development, student curriculum materials, AVID school-wide curriculum libraries for East High School, Wilbur Middle School, Jardine Middle School, Mead Middle School, and Stucky Middle School; and to provide support for five new sites in implementation, as well as two sites, Robinson and Brooks, in the "planning year" in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

To support the implementation and expansion of the AVID program, it is recommended that sites listed above attend the AVID Summer Institute at a cost not to exceed \$140,000.

2. Project Lead the Way Expansion

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Denise Wren, Jim Means, Eldon Chlumsky

Funding Source: Grant dollars from Knight Foundation, Wired/State Intervention Funds
Non-Budgeted Item

Strategy 1: Deliver an aligned curriculum.

Purpose: Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a nationally recognized pre-engineering program currently offered in three Wichita high schools. There is also a middle school component, Gateway to Technology (GTT), that presents pre-engineering curriculum. Grants totaling \$423,250 from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Wired grants, and State Intervention Funding, have been secured or preliminarily approved to support the expansion of PLTW into an additional high school, and implementation of GTT into seven middle schools.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize expenditures from approved vendors (but not limited to), using the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES bid number RFB-1375-08 or local vendors where appropriate, to implement and expand Project Lead the Way programming within USD 259 not to exceed the grants amount of \$423,250.

F. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for [February 23, 2009](#)
and [February 27-March 2, 2009](#)

Appendix 8

Contact(s): Mike Willome

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for [February 23, 2009](#) and the Special BOE Meeting on [February 27-March 2, 2009](#) are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Legal Services: McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, P.A.

Contact(s): Shannon Krysl, Ed Raymond

Funding Source: 47 Fund – Risk Management Reserve Fund, 42 Fund Special liability,
and 52 Fund – Workers Compensation Reserve Fund
2008-09 Budgeted Item

Strategy 2: Recruit, develop, support and retain a high-quality, diverse teaching,
administrative, and support staff.

Strategy 4: Have safe, positive, disciplined, and drug-free schools.

Purpose: McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, and P.A. have submitted a statement for legal services and expenses for civil litigation of \$9,140.12 and workers compensation of \$18,980.16 for January 2009. This brings the year-to-date total to \$33,778.62 for civil liability and \$136,987.70 for workers compensation.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize payment for legal services and expenses for workers compensation and civil liability under the school district's self-insured programs ending January 2009 in the amount of \$28,113.78 to McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, and P.A.

3. Proposed Policy Revisions

Appendix 9

Purpose: As permitted by BOE Policy 0150 – Functions of the Board, this consent item includes minor policy revisions and/or revisions to existing policy as a result of federal, state, or local law or regulation.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Policy	Title	Person Responsible
1361	Responsibility of School Personnel for Pupils En Route To and From School – Proposed for Deletion	Tom Powell

4. Proclamation: Volunteer and Partner Recognition Month

Appendix 10

Contact(s): Denise Seguire, Jackie Lugrand, Debi Corrigan, Jeff Watkins

Funding Source: NA

Non-Budgeted Item

Strategy 5: Build & maintain strong relationships with parents, families, the community & businesses.

Purpose The purpose of this agenda item is to recognize school partners and school volunteers during the month of April.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board proclaim the month of April 2009 as Volunteer and Partner Recognition Month.

5. Elementary Math Adoption: Provide Everyday Mathematics Curriculum for Every Elementary Teacher K-5

Appendix 11

Contact(s): Denise Seguire; Susanne Smith; Sue Farag

Funding Source: Textbook Fund and Grant Funds

2008-09 Budgeted Item

Strategy 1: Deliver an aligned curriculum.

Strategy 3: Provide educational programs that promote life-long learning.

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to purchase the Everyday Mathematics program developed by the University of Chicago School Mathematics project as outlined in the long-range textbook adoption plan. This program will enable students to learn more mathematical content and become life-long mathematical thinkers. Its instructional design is crafted to capitalize on student interest and maximize student learning by developing concepts and skills over time and in a wide variety of contexts. National Council for Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Curriculum Principle states, “A curriculum is more than a collection of activities: it must be coherent, focused on important mathematics, and well articulated across the grades.” This program’s Grade-Level Goals clearly indicate the focus of the curriculum at every point and the point at which closure is expected on each skill and concept. Everyday Mathematics builds coherently across the grades.

Components of Everyday Mathematics include core curriculum and consumable journals for all students, Game Kits for Tier 2, Manipulatives, Web-based activities, Number Worlds for Tier 3, and connected Literature would be purchased through appropriate funds. Annual purchases related to the recurring cost of the student journals will be reevaluated annually based on value, priority needs, and funds available.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve purchase of Everyday Mathematics for K-5 for amounts that do not exceed funds available in the textbook rental fund at the time payment of the purchase order is made: Everyday Mathematics/Wright Group with McGraw-Hill.

6. Provide *Nonfiction Reading Power* for All Elementary Teachers

Appendix 12

Contact(s): Denise Seguine, Susanne Smith, Sue Farag
Funding Source: State Professional Development Funds
2008-09 Budgeted Item

Strategy 1: Deliver an aligned curriculum.

Strategy 3: Provide educational programs that promote life-long learning.

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to purchase *Nonfiction Reading Power* by Adrienne Gear for all Elementary Teachers. This resource provides scaffolded expository (nonfiction) comprehension lessons appropriate for integrating with cross-curriculum content, which addresses a current district concern. Emphasizing expository text is essential as we look at our district's data and see the gap in achievement between narrative and expository text. Research over the past twenty years has guided educators to the realization that comprehension is not something we "do" but something we "teach" and that explicit instruction in comprehension should precede independent practice.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve purchase of *Nonfiction Reading Power* by Adrienne Gear in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

7. Contract Change Order: Service Contract for Asbestos Repair and Removal (RFB 07-42572)

Contact(s): Tim Phares
Funding Source: Capital Outlay (CIP# 0809-1065)
2008-09 Budgeted Item

Strategy 8: Upgrade and maintain district facilities.

Purpose: The Wichita Public Schools periodically requires removal of asbestos containing materials (ACM) from school buildings in order to support capital construction projects and various maintenance activities. The Administration requested bids from approved asbestos contractors to perform asbestos removal and maintenance activities under a service contract with the Board of Education. The Request for Bid (RFB) contained a provision for contract extension for a second, third and fourth year term subject to Board of Education approval. An analysis of the submitted bids by the Administration indicates that Remediation Contractors, Inc. (RCI) submitted the *lowest responsive bid*.

On June 9, 2008, the Board approved the renewal of the service contract for asbestos repair and removal with Remediation Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Current planning for maintenance and renovation projects indicates that additional funds will be needed for asbestos removal for the 2008-09 school year. The Administration is requesting a contract change order in the amount of \$60,000 be approved for Remediation Contractors, Inc. for the 2008-09 school year in order to support maintenance and construction projects.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve a contract change order with Remediation Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000 for asbestos repair and removal. The total contract sum will be \$210,000 for the 2008-09 school year.

8. Mueller Elementary Groundwater Control and Clean-Up Contract Change Order

Contact(s): Tim Phares

Funding Source: Capital Outlay

2008-09 Budgeted Item

Strategy 8: Upgrade and maintain district facilities.

Purpose: In July of 2008, heavy rains caused significant inflow of groundwater within two levels of Mueller Elementary that required industrial cleaning of impacted areas and installation of sump systems to remove water away from the building.

The district's environmental consultant, Golder Associates, along with Facilities and Environmental personnel determined that *immediate action* was required to address the groundwater intrusion concern in order to preserve building integrity and environmental health and safety for building occupants.

Golder Associates prepared a work plan to address the concerns discussed herein that included industrial cleaning of the crawlspace and boiler room and the installation of sumps and retrenching of critical areas below grade at the facility. On July 28, 2008, the Board of Education approved a contract amount of \$29,000 to address the water intrusion event.

During remedial activities at Mueller, it was determined by the Administration that air quality analysis was required to determine if indoor air quality was in compliance with applicable regulations. The additional cost for the indoor air quality assessments was \$6,298.53.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board execute a *contract change order* with Golder Associates in the amount of \$6,298.53 for indoor air quality assessments at Mueller. The total contract amount for the Mueller project will be \$35,298.53.

9. Termination of WATC Communications Agreement

Contact(s): Cathy Barbieri, Tom Powell

Funding Source: MIS General Fund

2008-09 Budgeted Item and Non-Budgeted Item

Strategy 6: Upgrade district technology.

Strategy 8: Upgrade and maintain district facilities.

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

Purpose: USD 259 was notified in December 2008 of the pending WATC sale of the Central campus where ownership of the property was transferred to WATC upon their separation from USD 259 several years ago. The district has an easement with WATC for the Central campus that allows USD 259 to maintain communication equipment between the Data Center, WATC-Central, and Metro-Midtown. With the pending sale, it has been agreed to relocate USD 259 communication equipment for Metro-Midtown to an alternate site controlled by the district. This will release WATC and the new owner from any obligation to the easement. All parties agreed to split the relocation cost of \$7,800 three ways.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board terminate the easement with WATC and the new owner effective March 31, 2009 and authorize district expenses of \$2,600.

V. **Education – None submitted.**

VI. **Bond – None submitted.**

VII. **Policy**

A. Second Review: Revisions to Nutrition Services Policies

Appendix 13

Contact(s): Darren Muci, Vicki Hoffman

Funding Source: NA

Non-Budgeted Item

Strategy 3: Provide educational programs that promote life-long learning.

Strategy 5: Build & maintain strong relationships with parents, families, the community & businesses.

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

Purpose: Three Nutrition Services policies were presented to the Board for first review on February 23, 2009. No further revisions were suggested.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the following Nutrition Services policies as noted:

7405 – Free and Reduced Price Meals

7410 – Collection of Food Services Monies – Elementary Schools:

It is proposed that this policy be renamed “Collection of Food Services Monies.”

7411 – Collection of Food Services Monies – Secondary Schools:

It is proposed that this policy’s content be combined with 7410 so that 7411 is deleted.

VIII. Operations

A. First Review: 2009-10 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Appendix 14

Contact(s): Martin Libhart, Mike Willome

Funding Source: NA

Strategy 5: Build & maintain strong relationships with parents, families, the community & businesses.

Strategy 10: Continuously evaluate the performance of the district in reaching district goals.

Purpose: The Board of Education will adopt a resolution stating its 2009-10 meeting dates, times, and locations at the organizational meeting in July 2009 at the North High Lecture Hall. The Appendix includes an overview and draft of the calendar for the Board and Administration's review. North High Administration has reviewed these drafts.

Recommendation: This item provides an opportunity for the Board's first review of the 2009-10 BOE Meeting Calendar.

IX. Finance – None submitted.

X. Miscellaneous

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Board of Education Report/Requests
- C. New Business
- D. Executive Session

A motion should be adopted that the Board of Education recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding:

1. Personnel matters for non-elected personnel;
2. Consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship;
3. Matters relating to employer-employee negotiations;
4. Preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property;

The open meeting will resume at approximately _____ in this room.

- E. Reconvene
- F. Adjournment