

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
April 27, 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 – Mead Middle School Leadership Cadets

II. Reports

- A. Report – Good News
 - 1. Spring 2009 Red Carpet Customer Service Award: Adams Elementary School.
Contact(s): Sierré Usher
 - 2. State and National Physical Education Awards
Contact(s): Karla Stenzel
 - a) Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD) Awards:
 - (1) Model School Award: Dodge Elementary School.
Teachers: Kim Morrissey and Cindy Johnson. Principal: Janet Jump.
 - (2) Administrator of the Year Award: Dodge Elementary School.
Principal: Janet Jump.
 - (3) Middle School Teacher of the Year Award: Carri Flores, Wilbur Middle School.
 - (4) High School Teacher of the Year Award and Central District High School
Teacher of the Year: Becky Winter, South High.
 - (5) Wayne Osnes Honor Award: Rhonda Holt, District PE Curriculum Coach.
 - b) National Association of Sport and Physical Education,
State Athletic Director of the Year Award: Bill Faflick.
 - c) American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Honor
Award: Rhonda Holt.
 - 3. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholars
Contact(s): Wendy Johnson
 - 4. Love Wichita: Eastminster Presbyterian Church Community-wide Service Project
Contact(s): Debi Corrigan
- B. Report – United Teachers of Wichita
- C. 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.

1. Robin Smith, 9411 E. Longlake St., Wichita 67207. Topic: Turf.
2. Ted Mason, 11700 Wilshire Terrace, Wichita 67207. Topic: Turf bid.
3. Matt Smith, 2558 N. Longfellow, Wichita 67226. Topic: Synthetic turf.
4. Jeff Pearce, 555 N. Sagebrush, Wichita 67230. Topic: Sports turfs.
5. Ashley Smith, 2558 N. Longfellow, Wichita 67226. Topic: Synthetic turf.
6. Reed Seaton, 8201 Denali Parkway, Austin TX 78726. Topic: Athletic fields.
7. Bob Weeks, 2451 Regency Lakes Ct., Wichita 67226. Topic: The Bond Issue and its Economic Benefit to Wichita.
8. John Todd, 1559 N. Payne, Wichita 67203. Topic: Turf bid.

IV. Consent

A. Human Resources

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Ed Raymond

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Finance

1. District Time Collection Devices

Appendix 2

Contact(s): Cathy Barbieri, Linda Jones

Funding Source: Special Funding and/or MIS Funds

2008-09 Budgeted Item and 2009-10 Budgeted Item

Strategy 6: Upgrade district technology.

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to request approval of the purchase of time collection devices.

Recommendation: It is the Administration's recommendation that the \$444,159.58 remaining on the Kaba Benzing America, Inc. (Kaba) purchase order for time clocks be transferred to Control Module for the implementation and purchase of our remaining time clocks and related hardware and software in all district buildings.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 3

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

| Description of products/services | Amount | Responsible Party |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Cisco Equipment | \$2,877,599.05 | Cathy Barbieri |
| 2. Dust Mop Rental Service – Renewal | \$40,000.00 | Tim Phares |
| 3. Bulk Miscellaneous Network Servers and Personal Computers | \$2,000,000.00 | Cathy Barbieri |
| 4. Fuel Report- January, February, March 2009 | \$579,974.94 | Darren Muci |

D. Bond Consent – None submitted.

E. Programs/Grants – None submitted.

F. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for [April 13, 2009](#)

Appendix 4

Contact(s): Mike Willome

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for [April 13, 2009](#) are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Proposed Policy Revisions

Appendix 5

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 |
|--------|-------------------------|---|
| 1473 | Standardized Dress Code | Alicia Thompson Greg Rasmussen Kathy Busch Denise Wren |

3. Advanced Placement Exams

Contact(s): Denise Wren; Jim Flax

Funding Source: High School General Fund

2008-09 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 request that USD 259 pay for AP exams for 1,214 students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. AP offers high school students the opportunity to take the most challenging and rigorous courses while enrolled in high school. Previously, the Board approved \$50,000 to pay for AP exams. Due to the large number of students enrolled in AP courses, another \$54,404 is needed to cover the cost of AP exams.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve an additional \$54,404 to pay for 1,214 AP students to take Advanced Placement exams.

4. Certifying Special Education Teachers 2009-10

Contact(s): Denise Seguine, Neil Guthrie, Joyce vonEhrenkrook

Funding Source: Special Education

2009-10 Budgeted Item

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

Purpose: To meet the demands for certified special education teachers, in 1999 a committee comprised of Special Education and Human Resources staff developed a plan of financial support for certifying special education teachers. The plan is modeled on the Grow Your Own Teacher program. The plan financially assists staff to become certified in Special Education. The plan will continue to focus on individuals with regular education certification who wish to pursue Special Education endorsement and/or licensure.

Upon completion of the program, participants must commit to teach in the Wichita Public Schools for one semester for each semester of financial assistance or fully reimburse the district. Of the 127 teachers who have completed the Forgivable Loan program, 92% have been successfully employed as Special Education teachers. There continues to be multiple unfilled vacancies in Special Education during the 2008-09 school year. The district would lose over \$29,600 for each position not filled with a certified Special Education teacher.

In October 1999, the Board of Education initially approved funding for up to 30 teachers/staff members to become certified to provide Special Education services to the district. Forty to 45 individuals were approved for funding each school year from 2001 to 2008. For 2008-09, the number increased to 50 teachers. The estimated cost impact from Special Education funds for 2009-10 is not to exceed \$150,000; however, the district stands to gain approximately \$1,628,000 for 55 teachers that we are able to certify and employ.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the district to pay for the 2009-10 school year tuition and book expenses for up to 55 teacher/staff members to become certified in Special Education in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

5. Contracts for Summer 2009 Asbestos Flooring Abatement:
Bid # 09-42689

Appendix 7

Contact(s): Tim Phares
Funding Source: Capital Outlay
2008-09 Budgeted Item
Strategy 8: Upgrade and maintain district facilities.

Purpose: USD 259 periodically requires removal of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) from school buildings in order to support building upgrade activities. The Administration requested bids from approved asbestos contractors to perform asbestos floor tile removal at Bostic Elementary, Cloud Elementary, Curtis Middle School, Hadley Middle School, Mayberry Middle School, Mueller Elementary, and Woodland Elementary School. The Bid Form allowed the contractor to bid on Package (I) consisting of Bostic Elementary and Curtis Middle Schools; Package (II) consisting of Hadley Middle School and Woodland Elementary, or the individual schools including Cloud Elementary, Mayberry Middle School, and Mueller Elementary.

The project specifications for asbestos flooring abatement at Bostic Elementary, Cloud Elementary, Curtis Middle School, Hadley Middle School, Mayberry Middle School, Mueller Elementary, and Woodland Elementary School were made available to approved asbestos contractors on March 9, 2009, and a mandatory contractor review and walk-through was conducted on March 27, 2009 for the facilities listed above.

The asbestos abatement bids were received and tabulated on April 7, 2009. The summary of the asbestos bids have been included in the data table presented herein. The complete bid tabulation is supplied in [Appendix 7](#).

| Facility/Pkg | Bid # | Low Bid | Contingency | Total | Contractor |
|--------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Package I | 09-42689 | \$17,133.00 | \$900.00 | \$18,033.00 | ISI Environmental Svcs |
| Package II | 09-42689 | \$16,157.00 | \$800.00 | \$16,957.00 | F&H Insulation |
| Cloud | 09-42689 | \$15,720.00 | \$700.00 | \$16,420.00 | Remediation Contractors |
| Mayberry | 09-42689 | \$16,930.00 | \$800.00 | \$17,730.00 | Remediation Contractors |
| Mueller | 09-42689 | \$17,360.00 | \$900.00 | \$18,260.00 | F&H Insulation |

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board accept the individual low bids of the vendors listed herein to provide asbestos abatement services in support of the floor covering replacement projects. The requested budget authority is in the amount of \$87,400 for the asbestos abatement projects described in this agenda item.

V. Education

A. High School/Middle School Reform Vertical Team Leadership Training Update

This item was pulled at the request of Administration on 4/27/2009.

VI. Bond

A. Bond Resolution: Sale of First Series of General Obligation Bonds

[Appendix 8](#)

Contact(s): Martin Libhart, Tom Powell, Linda Jones

Funding Source: Bond and Interest Fund

2008-09 Budgeted Item

Strategy 8: Upgrade and maintain district facilities.

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

Purpose: On November 4, 2008, USD 259 voters approved a \$370 million bond issue. Bonds are to be issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the following within the district:

- 1) Constructing, furnishing, and equipping new schools;
- 2) Upgrading, repairing, replacing, constructing, and equipping secondary technical education, physical education, athletic, fine arts, and special program facilities at schools;
- 3) Improving safety and security of schools;
- 4) Remodeling, renovating, improving, equipping, constructing additions to, demolishing and rebuilding schools;
- 5) Acquiring and improving sites;
- 6) Making all other necessary improvements appurtenant thereto; and
- 7) Paying fees, costs, and expenses incidental to the Bond project.

Tonight's agenda item provides for the adoption of a Resolution regarding the first series of General Obligation Bonds for the 2008 bond issue.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve the adoption of a Resolution entitled: Resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation bonds of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas (Wichita). The resolution is provided in [Appendix 8](#).

VII. Policy

- A. Second Review: Proposed Revisions to
BOE Policy 1230 - Internet and Online Services

Appendix 9

Contact(s): Cathy Barbieri, Kim Davis

Funding Source: NA

Strategy 1: Deliver an aligned curriculum.

Strategy 6: Upgrade district technology.

Purpose: BOE Policy 1230 has been revised to meet the changes needed to continue the safe Internet usage by students and staff with the increased opportunities via the Internet. The Board had its first review of this policy on April 13, 2009, and requested no further revisions.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board approve proposed revisions to BOE Policy 1230 – Internet and Online Services.

VIII. Operations

- A. Bid Appeal

Time specific item: 6:45 p.m.

Appendix 10

Contact(s): Tom Powell

Funding Source: NA

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

Purpose: As provided by BOE Policy 3305 – Specification/Bid Appeal, this agenda item is based upon the protest of a vendor of an award of a bid or proposal and provides the final step in the appeal of a bid or proposal as outlined in the policy, as needed. If a protesting vendor is not satisfied with the findings of an appeal committee as outlined in P3305, this process allows the protesting vendor to be heard before a full meeting of the Board, and a final and impartial decision is to be rendered by the Board to ensure equality and fairness to a bid or proposal process.

Recommendation: This item is provided for the Board's appropriate fulfillment of BOE Policy 3305.

- B. Recommended Amendment to Elimination of Busing
for Desegregation Plan

Appendix 11

Contact(s): Kim Burkhalter, Fabian Armendariz, Tom Powell

Funding Source: NA

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

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

Strategy 7: Design and implement a plan that lifts the burden of desegregation from any one segment of our community, removes the effects of racial isolation, and increases programs of choice.

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

Purpose: On March 9, 2009, the Diversity, Equity and Accountability Committee brought forth a recommendation to amend the current Eliminating Busing for Desegregation Plan (recommendation attached). Data to support the committee's recommendation will be presented to the Board.

Recommendation: This item is presented for the Board's discussion and/or appropriate action.

C. Superintendent's Contract

Contact(s): Lynn Rogers
Funding Source: General Fund
2009-10 Budgeted Item

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

Purpose: On March 2, 2009, the Board of Education appointed John Allison to be the Superintendent for the Wichita Public Schools, subject to a satisfactory background check, confirmation of qualifications to receive a superintendent's license in the State of Kansas, and the negotiation of a contract that sets terms and conditions of employment acceptable to the District and Mr. Allison.

Recommendation: This item is for the Board's appropriate action.

D. Sedgwick County Election Office: School Elections Invoice

Contact(s): Martin Libhart, Mike Willome
Funding Source: Board of Education
2008-09 Budgeted Item

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

Purpose: The Sedgwick County Election Office has provided the district with an invoice for the USD 259 general election on April 7, 2009. This election served 156,620 voters in the school district. The district's portion of the direct election expenses is \$24,613.93. This includes voting place costs, postage, publications, and ballot costs.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board authorize the district to pay the Sedgwick County in an amount not to exceed \$24,613.93 for the USD 259 general election on April 7, 2009.

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. Matters relating to employer-employee negotiations;

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

- E. Reconvene
- F. Adjournment