

Board of Education Agenda
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
June 22, 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 – Hamilton Middle School Leadership Cadets

II. Reports

- A. Report – Good News
 - 1. Ceremonial Oath of Office for Re-Elected Board Members:
Betty Arnold, Connie Dietz, Lanora Nolan, and Lynn Rogers.

Sedgwick County Election Commissioner Bill Gale will administer the Oath of Office.
A brief reception will follow in the North High Library, sponsored by Schaefer Johnson
Cox Frey Architecture.
- 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.

IV. Consent

A. Human Resources

Appendix 1

Contact(s): Mary Whiteside

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

B. Finance – None submitted.

C. Bids

1. Purchasing Consent

Appendix 2

Purpose: Report.

Recommendation: Board approval.

Summary

Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party
1. Carry-In Fresh Pizza	\$252,800.00	Darren Muci
2. Framed Whiteboards Renewal	\$38,698.50	Dave Johnson
3. Annual Network Infrastructure Maintenance and Support	\$522,720.13	Cathy Barbieri

D. Bond Consent – None submitted.

E. Programs/Grants

1. Apex Learning Online Digital Curriculum

Contact(s): Denise Wren, Robin Surland, Lisa Lutz

Funding Source: Learning Centers, Special Education, At Risk, Title I, Learning Services
2009-10 Budgeted Item

Strategy 1: Deliver an aligned curriculum.

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

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

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

Purpose: The purpose of the Apex Learning Online Digital Curriculum is to deliver an aligned, standards-based, high school digital curriculum for the purpose of intervention and credit recovery. This will be the second year of implementation for Apex Digital Curriculum, which has been aligned to state standards as well as to our district's pacing guides. Students in the following programs are supported with this curriculum: Towne East and Towne West Educational Resource Centers, Workforce Learning Center, Urban League Learning Center, High School Learning Centers, Gifted Program, Special Education, Riverside Academy (Old Liberty), Gateway, Virtual School, Homebound, Sowers, Judge Riddel Boys Ranch, Juvenile Detention Center, Hiawatha, Gerard House, and the Wichita Children's Home. About 2,000 half-credits were earned through this program in the 2008-09 school year.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board enter into a contract with Apex Learning in an amount not to exceed \$131,750, to provide standardize curriculum across all Learning Centers and sites that offer technology-based content for students. This will provide staff and students access to rigorous aligned curriculum that promotes higher levels of learning for all students.

F. Miscellaneous

1. BOE Meeting Minutes for [June 15, 2009](#)

[Appendix 3](#)

Contact(s): Mike Willome

Purpose: The BOE Meeting Minutes for [June 15, 2009](#) are attached in the Appendix.

Recommendation: Board approval.

2. Fall 2009 Student Photographs for Elementary, Middle, and High Schools

Contact(s): Denise Wren, Alicia Thompson, Greg Rasmussen, Kathy Busch, Darren Muci
Non-Budgeted Item

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to provide the elementary, middle, and high schools with student photography services for fall student photographs.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the one (1) year renewal of photography services to Interstate Studios (Wichita, KS) and LifeTouch Portraits Interstate Studios as the vendors for elementary and middle schools, and LifeTouch Portraits as the vendor for the high schools. The contract term is August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

3. Renaming of Dunbar Center

Contact(s): Martin Libhart

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: On June 8, 2009, the Board approved terminating the lease between the Urban League of Kansas, Inc., moving the Learning Center from the Urban League building at 2418 E. 9th Street to the Dunbar Adult Center (923 Cleveland St.) and renaming that site as the Dunbar Learning Center. As per BOE Policy 0650 - Selection of School Name, this item provides the Board an opportunity to formally change the name of the Dunbar site.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board rename the Dunbar Adult Center at 923 Cleveland Street to the Dunbar Learning Center, effective July 1, 2009.

V. Education

A. Renaming of Special Education Centers: Greiffenstein, Wells, and Sowers

Contact(s): Neil Guthrie, Tom Racunas

Funding Source: N/A

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

Purpose: The Kansas State Special Education Performance Plan approved by the federal office of Special Education allows for 2.45 percent of a district's students with disabilities population to be located in separate segregated settings. All of our special education centers are considered separate settings by the Kansas State Department of Education. For the 2009-10 school year, we have filed a 3-year plan to move regular education peers into Greiffenstein, Wells, and Sowers and change their status to alternative education settings. We can continue to meet the needs of our students with disabilities in our current facilities along with serving other at risk students. Our intention is not to serve or target juvenile offenders for integration with the emotionally disturbed population. The first step in meeting the Least Restrictive Environment law requires that we officially move the status of the Special Education Centers to alternative education schools. As per BOE Policy 0650 - Selection of School Name, this item provides the Board an opportunity to formally change the name of the Greiffenstein, Wells, and Sowers sites.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board authorize the removal of the Special Education Center status for Greiffenstein, Wells, and Sowers and officially rename these sites as follows:

Greiffenstein Special Education Center renamed to Greiffenstein Alternative Elementary School;
Wells Special Education Center renamed to Wells Alternative Middle School; and
Sowers Special Education Center renamed to Sowers Alternative High School.

B. Annual Report on the Wichita Bullying Prevention Education Project

[Appendix 4](#)

Contact(s): Debbie McKenna, Stephanie Kertz, Klaus Kollmai, Martin Libhart

Funding Source: NA

Non-Budgeted Item

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

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

Purpose: This annual agenda item will provide an update on the K-12 Bullying Prevention Education Project after one full year of implementation. Tonight's presentation will include an update on the USD 259 Plan, which includes four components: 1) Curriculum, 2) Communications, 3) Intervention, and 4) Staff training.

Recommendation: This item is for the Board's information.

VI. Bond – None submitted.

VII. Policy – None submitted.

VIII. Operations – None submitted.

IX. Finance

A. 2009-10 Budget

Contact(s): Linda Jones, Ronda Goode

Funding Source: NA

2009-10 Budgeted Item

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

Purpose: On June 1, 2009, the Board held a Committee of the Whole to discuss the budget reductions Wichita Public Schools must make for the 2009-10 school year due to state aid cuts and increasing costs. On June 8, Administration provided responses to Board members' questions. In order to prepare a balanced budget for Board approval for publication next month, Administration requests the Board approve the list of ranked budget cuts.

Recommendation: This item is presented for the Board's approval of ranked budget cuts.

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.

Reconvene

B. Year-End Funds

Contact(s): Linda Jones, Ronda Goode

Funding Source: NA

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

Strategy 9: Ensure sound financial stewardship throughout the system.

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

Purpose: On June 15, 2009, Board President Lynn Rogers requested a report on ending balances and how they are used. This item is a presentation of the types of funds typically on hand at year end and why those funds are needed to meet financial obligations in the next fiscal year.

Recommendation: This item is for the Board's information only.

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. Preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property;

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

- E. Reconvene
- F. Adjournment