

**Board of Education Minutes**  
**Wichita Public Schools - USD 259**  
**Wichita, Kansas**  
**June 22, 2009**

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| <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="#">June 22, 2009</a>, with President Lynn Rogers presiding.</p> <p>Present: Betty Arnold, Jeff Davis, Connie Dietz, Barbara Fuller, Lanora Nolan, and Lynn Rogers.</p> <p>Absent: Kevass Harding.</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 Hamilton Middle School Leadership.</p>   |
| <b>Reports</b>                                | <p>Report – Good News</p> <p>Ceremonial Oath of Office for Re-Elected Board Members: Betty Arnold, Connie Dietz, Lanora Nolan, and Lynn Rogers.</p> <p>Sedgwick County Election Commissioner Bill Gale administered the Oath of Office.</p> <p>Board members’ families and other guests, including Wichita City Councilman Jeff Longwell and Kansas Legislature Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau, were recognized.</p> <p>On behalf of the Board, President Rogers presented outgoing Interim Superintendent Martin Libhart with a plaque and artificial athletic turf sample in recognition of his outstanding leadership in 2008-09. President Rogers noted that Superintendent Libhart’s term this year included the successful passage of a bond issue; an increase in enrollment; opening of new Earhart Environmental Magnet, the Gordon Parks Academy, and the Workforce Learning Center; the end of forced busing for desegregation purposes; a challenging budget process; and the search for a new superintendent. Superintendent Libhart commended the Board for their work for the kids of Wichita, and said he looked forward to new Superintendent John Allison’s arrival.</p> |
| <b>Recess</b>                                 | <p>At approximately 6:12 p.m., Board President Rogers recessed the meeting.</p>   |
| <b>Reception</b>                              | <p>A brief reception for Board members followed in the North High Library, sponsored by Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture.</p>   |
| <b>Reconvene</b>                              | <p>At approximately 6:31 p.m., Board President Rogers reconvened the meeting.</p>   |
| <b>Reports (Continued)</b>                    | <p>Report – Good News</p> <p>In follow-up to the Board’s approval of five all-weather turf athletic fields on June 15, 2009, Interim Superintendent Martin Libhart noted that Hellas Construction has begun installation of the fields. A video highlighting construction progress of this bond project was presented.</p> <p>Report – United Teachers of Wichita: None submitted.</p> <p>Report – Service Employees International: None submitted.</p>   |

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| <b>Public Communications</b>   | None submitted.  |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
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| <b>Consent: Disposal of Routine Business</b>                           | Ms. Arnold (Mr. Davis) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.<br><br>The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Kevass Harding noted absent.  |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| Human Resources  | Board approval.  |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| Appendix 1   |  |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| Purchasing Consent   | Board approval.  |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
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| 2. Framed Whiteboards Renewal  | \$38,698.50  | Dave Johnson      |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| 3. Annual Network Infrastructure Maintenance and Support               | \$522,720.13   | Cathy Barbieri    |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| Apex Learning Online Digital Curriculum                                | 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.  |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| BOE Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2009                                  | Board approval.  |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| Appendix 3   |  |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| Fall 2009 Student Photographs for Elementary, Middle, and High Schools | 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.   |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| Renaming of Dunbar Center  | <p>Rename the Dunbar Adult Center at 923 Cleveland Street to the Dunbar Learning Center, effective July 1, 2009.</p> <p>Note: 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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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.</p> |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |
| <b>Action on Pulled Consent Items</b>                                  | None pulled.   |                   |  |  |                                  |        |                   |                         |              |             |                               |             |              |  |              |                |

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| <b>Education</b>   |   |
| Renaming of Special Education Centers: Greiffenstein, Wells, and Sowers              | <p>Division Director of Special Education Neil Guthrie and Assistant Director Tom Racunas explained the proposed transition of special day schools to alternative schools in order to comply with state and federal law. The timing of the bond issue provides an opportunity to design facility use based on Special Education needs that this model will create.</p> <p>Ms. Nolan (Ms. Fuller) moved the Board authorize the removal of the Special Education Center status for Greiffenstein, Wells, and Sowers and officially rename these sites as follows:</p> <p>Greiffenstein Special Education Center renamed to Greiffenstein Alternative Elementary School;</p> <p>Wells Special Education Center renamed to Wells Alternative Middle School; and</p> <p>Sowers Special Education Center renamed to Sowers Alternative High School.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Kevass Harding noted absent.</p> |
| Annual Report on the Wichita Bullying Prevention Education Project<br><br>Appendix 4 | <p>Executive Director of Safety Services Debbie McKenna provided an update on the district's plan, which was mandated for all Kansas districts by the Legislature. The USD 259 plan includes four components: 1) Curriculum, 2) Communications, 3) Intervention, and 4) Staff training. District Hearing Officer Klaus Kollmai reported that only 10 bullying incidents were brought to a hearing this year. Interventions included staff involvement in reported bullying incidents in school classrooms and hallways; parent involvement; suspensions; and finally expulsions. All school personnel participated in mandatory bullying prevention training, which complements the district's mandated staff sexual harassment training.</p> <p>This item was for the Board's information.</p>   |
| <b>Bond</b>  | None submitted.   |
| <b>Policy</b>  | None submitted.   |
| <b>Operations</b>  | None submitted.   |
| <b>Finance</b>   |   |
| 2009-10 Budget   | <p>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 requested the Board approve the list of ranked budget cuts.</p> <p>This item is continued following Executive Session.</p>  |

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| <p>Executive Session</p>              | <p>At approximately 7:00 p.m., Ms. Fuller (Ms. Nolan) moved the Board of Education recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Matters relating to employer-employee negotiations;</li> </ol> <p>The open meeting to resume at approximately 7:15 p.m. in this room.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Kevass Harding noted absent.</p>   |
| <p>Reconvene Meeting</p>              | <p>At approximately 7:15 p.m., Executive Session was extended for 15 minutes.</p> <p>At approximately 7:30 p.m., Executive Session was extended for 10 minutes.</p> <p>At approximately 7:41 p.m., Board President Rogers reconvened the meeting.</p>  |
| <p>2009-10 Budget<br/>(Continued)</p> | <p>Superintendent Libhart confirmed that the budget ranking list would be used to make any subsequent cuts based on allotments by the governor, employee negotiations, and further decisions by the Board of Education. Board member Lanora Nolan asked for information about winter recess shutdown scenarios. Board President Rogers asked that staff prepare a plan that shows how energy-savings could be utilized for winter recess.</p> <p>Mr. Davis (Ms. Arnold) moved the Board approve ranked budget cuts.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Kevass Harding noted absent.</p> <p>The approved budget ranking document is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.</p>  |
| <p>Year-End Funds</p>                 | <p>On June 15, 2009, Board President Lynn Rogers requested a report on ending balances and how they are used. Chief Financial Officer Linda Jones used a Cash Balance sheet from June 30, 2008 to explain 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. USD 259 does not have over \$100 million in excess money at year-end. The district does have about \$100 million in restricted funds. Unencumbered does not mean “excess” or “unrestricted.” Unencumbered simply means there are no purchase orders issued against the funds. Year end restricted funds are necessary to meet legal obligations such as bond payments, construction contracts, and payroll until the first property tax distribution is received in January. Restricted funds are not available to pay regular education teacher or administrator salaries.</p> <p>Since 2002, the state of Kansas has had a shortage of cash resulting in delayed state aid payments. For the past six years, special legislation has been passed requiring districts to report as collected these delinquent state payments. For the 2007-08 fiscal year, the Kansas Legislature required that USD 259 report \$24 million of state aid that was not actually received until the next fiscal year. The \$24 million in state aid payments that were not actually received until the subsequent fiscal year were still reported on the Cash Balance for June 30, 2008. At this time in the 2008-09 fiscal year, the district is waiting on \$46 million in state aid payments that the state does not have funds to pay.</p> <p>This item was presented for informational purposes only. Support documents are included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.</p> |

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| <b>Miscellaneous</b>                            |   |
| Superintendent's Report                         | None submitted.   |
| Board of Education Reports/Requests             | <p>Lanora Nolan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reported that she attended the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Diversity, Equity and Accountability Committee. The committee is reviewing BOE policy and current research, and will meet with the Board at the Committee of the Whole on August 31.</li> </ul> <p>Barbara Fuller:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Said that she had not provided the Board a report on a recent Kansas Association of School Boards meeting that she attended, and noted the Board now has information related to that meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Jeff Davis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested a report on how the lottery works for magnet schools.</li> </ul> <p>Betty Arnold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that she attended the Stucky Middle School graduation/celebration. For three years, Stucky has had a partnership with Southwestern College. Each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Stucky receives a "Your Future Awaits You" scholarship certificate. Friends University also offers a scholarship honoring Lincoln Montgomery and Tabernacle Baptist Church. This scholarship provides 50 percent funding for a selected high school graduate for their first-year at Friends University.</li> <li>Said that she was unable to attend the KASB Legislative Committee meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>. According to the minutes, the Committee asked some questions about the USD 259's proposed revisions to bid law. Ms. Arnold said she will attend the next Legislative Committee meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup>, and will respond to questions regarding the bid law proposal at that time.</li> <li>Thanked Martin Libhart for his work as Interim Superintendent.</li> </ul> <p>Lynn Rogers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Said that he visited with incoming Superintendent John Allison today. Mr. Allison is preparing to move to Wichita.</li> </ul> |
| Board of Education Reports/Requests (Continued) |   |
| <b>New Business</b>                             |   |
| Executive Session                               | <p>At approximately 8:26 p.m., Ms. Fuller (Ms. Nolan) moved the Board of Education recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property.</li> </ol> <p>The open meeting to resume at approximately 8:40 p.m. in this room.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Kevass Harding noted absent.</p>  |
|   | At approximately 8:40 p.m., Executive Session was extended for 5 minutes.   |
| Reconvene Meeting                               | At approximately 8:45 p.m., Board President Rogers reconvened the meeting.  |
| Adjournment                                     | <p>Ms. Dietz (Mr. Davis) moved the meeting adjourn.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Kevass Harding noted absent.</p> <p>At approximately 8:44 p.m., the meeting adjourned.</p>  |