

Minutes approved by the Board of Education.

Board of Education Minutes
Wichita Public Schools - USD 259
Wichita, Kansas
August 10, 2009

Roll Call	<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 6:02 p.m., on August 10, 2009, with President Barbara Fuller presiding.</p> <p>Present: Betty Arnold, Jeff Davis, Connie Dietz, Barbara Fuller, Kevass Harding*, and Lanora Nolan.</p> <p>Absent: Lynn Rogers.</p> <p>* Board member Kevass Harding arrived at approximately 6:08 p.m.</p>
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	<p>The business portion of the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Southeast High School JROTC Cadets.</p>
Reports	<p>Report – Good News</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2009 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Gold Medallion and Golden Achievement Awards. The Marketing and Communications Division was recognized for outstanding work at the national convention in July.Healthy Lifestyle Change Award Recognition: Risk Management Supervisor Carolyn Jenlink received this award on behalf of the American Heart Association.14th Annual KAKE-TV School Supply Landslide Donations Challenge. Leadership Cadets were recognized for collecting supplies at the Credit Union of America. The Board, Administration, and staff collected supplies for distribution by the Salvation Army. <p>Report – United Teachers of Wichita: None submitted.</p> <p>Report – Service Employees International: None submitted.</p>
Public Communications	<p>1. Cindy Loepp, 802 N. Elder, Wichita, 67212. Topic: Health Insurance - Paraprofessionals.</p>
Consent: Disposal of Routine Business	<p>Mr. Harding (Mr. Davis) moved the Board of Education approve the following items of routine business.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Lynn Rogers noted absent.</p>
Human Resources	<p>Board approval.</p>
Appendix 1	
Treasury Warrants for July 2009	<p>Board approval.</p>
Appendix 2	

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Audit Services	Authorize the district to extend the current contractual agreement for year three with Allen, Gibbs, and Houlik, L.C., to provide professional governmental auditing services. Special services not related to this contract but applicable to projects or services required by the district will be billed at the hourly rates identified in the contractual agreement. For 2009-10, it is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Allen, Gibbs, and Houlik L.C. to provide auditing services to the district for a total amount not to exceed \$135,000.																											
Purchasing Consent Appendix 3	Board approval. <u>Summary</u> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 556 1422 974"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description of products/services</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Responsible Party</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Rental Car Services-Extension</td> <td>\$90,000.00</td> <td>Linda Jones</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Interactive White Boards and Stands-Renewal</td> <td>\$595,600.00</td> <td>Cathy Barbieri</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Interactive Chalkboards-Handheld Airliners</td> <td>\$124,400.00</td> <td>Cathy Barbieri</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Interactive White Boards with LCD Projector</td> <td>\$53,480.00</td> <td>Cathy Barbieri</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. School and Office Supplies</td> <td>\$2,000,000.00</td> <td>Darren Muci</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Cheese, Mozzarella, String</td> <td>\$26,852.10</td> <td>Darren Muci</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. QIS Printer Maintenance and Annual Per Copy Charges</td> <td>\$35,000.00</td> <td>Steve Batt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8. Annual Support and Maintenance for Oracle Software</td> <td>\$875,000.00</td> <td>Cathy Barbieri</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Description of products/services	Amount	Responsible Party	1. Rental Car Services-Extension	\$90,000.00	Linda Jones	2. Interactive White Boards and Stands-Renewal	\$595,600.00	Cathy Barbieri	3. Interactive Chalkboards-Handheld Airliners	\$124,400.00	Cathy Barbieri	4. Interactive White Boards with LCD Projector	\$53,480.00	Cathy Barbieri	5. School and Office Supplies	\$2,000,000.00	Darren Muci	6. Cheese, Mozzarella, String	\$26,852.10	Darren Muci	7. QIS Printer Maintenance and Annual Per Copy Charges	\$35,000.00	Steve Batt	8. Annual Support and Maintenance for Oracle Software	\$875,000.00	Cathy Barbieri
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Purchase of 1243 S. Emporia	Approve the purchase of the property at 1243 S. Emporia from David and Alice Rinke for an amount of \$40,150 plus approximately \$2,000 in closing costs subject to a purchase agreement approved by Board Counsel and subject to acceptable findings from a Phase I inspection of the property.																											
Wichita YMCA Agreement: Funding Middle School After School Program Director	Board member Betty Arnold pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items."																											
College Board PSAT Appendix 4	Board member Barbara Fuller pulled this item for discussion. Please see "Action on Pulled Consent Items."																											
ACT Explore Appendix 5	Approve the ACT Explore for all 8 th grade students in USD 259 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.																											
ACT Plan Appendix 6	Approve ACT Plan for all 9 th grade students in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.																											
BOE Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2009 Appendix 7	Board approval.																											
Legal Services: McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, P.A.	Authorize payment for legal services and expenses for workers compensation and civil liability under the school district's self-insured programs for June 2009 in the amount of \$34,113.46 to McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, and P.A.																											
Update Latchkey Pro-Care Software	Approve the total cost of \$23,746.25 to upgrade the ProCare software system. This money will be paid through self-funded accounts from each latchkey building.																											

My Learning Plan: Renew Contract for Professional Development Management System Appendix 8	Authorize the district to renew the contract with Mylearningplan.com for annual software license and hosting services for an amount not to exceed \$94,000.
Emergency Purchase for Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School Mobile Instructional Equipment Appendix 9	Approve an amount not to exceed \$32,000 (this includes a \$2,000 contingency for additional shipping costs) for the purchase of 12 projectors on BID #09-46212 from CDW-G and 16 interactive whiteboards BID #07-46210 from Kansas City Audio Visual. Units are for use at Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School.
Action on Pulled Consent Items	Pulled items are presented in the order of the BOE Agenda.
Wichita YMCA Agreement: Funding Middle School After School Program Director	Following discussion, Ms. Arnold (Ms. Dietz) moved the Board approve \$20,000 to split funding of the director position of the After School Program with the YMCA. The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Lynn Rogers noted absent.
College Board PSAT	Following discussion, Ms. Fuller (Ms. Arnold) moved the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$37,000 for all 10 th graders in USD 259 to take the PSAT. The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Lynn Rogers noted absent.
Education	
Homework Procedures	On April 27, 2009, Board member Lanora Nolan requested an agenda item on the homework policy of the district. Tonight's presentation included a fact sheet on homework and assignment of textbooks from elementary, middle, and high school. Assistant Superintendents Greg Rasmussen, Kathy Busch, and Denise Wren described the district's homework policy, including: general philosophy and expectations; communication to parents; strategies to ensure homework is meaningful; and availability of textbooks and other resources. At elementary schools, parents have been involved in the elementary math textbook adoption. At middle schools, the academic teams assign homework. At high schools, parents have access to the syllabus for each course, and students have advisory input on homework. High school teachers have the discretion to assign homework on the basis of course content. The Board's discussion included the time expectations on students; homework during the assessment periods; parent involvement and communication; and existing policy. Administration will review BOE Policy 6340 - Homework during the 2009-10 school year, and bring revisions to the Board for review. This presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes.
High School Reform Update	At the request of Board member Connie Dietz, Assistant Superintendent of High Schools Denise Wren provided an update on the high school reform plan. Schools are using the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to respond to academic and behavioral needs with frequent data-based monitoring for instructional decision-making to empower each student to achieve high standards. This presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. The Board's discussion included release of the connectedness survey results and summer ACT Prep. This agenda item was provided for informational purposes only.
Recess	At 7:30 p.m., Board President Fuller requested a 10-minute recess.

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Recess	At 7:30 p.m., Board President Fuller requested a 10-minute recess.
Reconvene	At 7:41 p.m., Board President Fuller reconvened the meeting. Board member Kevass Harding returned at approximately 7:43 p.m.
Bond	None submitted.
Policy	
Second Review: Proposed Revisions to BOE Policy 1231 – Acceptable Use of Computers, Networks, Internet, Electronic Mail, and other Online Services – Employees Appendix 10	Ms. Dietz (Mr. Davis) moved the Board approve proposed revisions to BOE Policy 1231. The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Lynn Rogers noted absent.
Operations	
Benchmarking Overview: Advertising and Marketing of High School TV Project and Building Venues Appendix 11	On July 27, 2009, the Board approved entering into a contract with McGinnis Marketing (Wichita, KS) to provide advertising and marketing sales services for the high school television advertising and building venue signage/banner advertising for a three-year term. The Board also requested that “benchmarks for measuring the success of the program” be provided at the August 10 th Board meeting. Operations Division Director Darren Muci and Project Manager Jim McNiece provided the requested information on project. Staff is completing an inventory of existing advertising at schools. A policy draft is expected to be completed in September. The fiscal goal is to match annual revenues from vending machines. This presentation is included in the archival copies of this BOE Agenda and Minutes. During the Board's discussion, topics included the types of scholarships; the relation ship of this project with the Education EDGE at the Wichita Community Foundation; distribution of funds raised; and schools as decision-makers for use of funds to improve student-connectedness activities. Superintendent Allison said that in early January 2010, the Board will receive more specific benchmark information and a proposal for the staff position and its funding.
Finance	
2009-10 Budget Appendix 12	The purpose of this item was to request authorization to adopt the 2009-10 budget, as provided in the Appendix, reflecting a 3.5 mill increase due to the 2008 voter-approved \$370 million bond issue. During the Board’s discussion, Superintendent Allison said school input included reductions for School Resource Officers, high school copiers, and lead teachers. The school year and staff report days have not been reduced, in order to increase opportunities for students to learn and for faculty to improve their instructional skills. All employees will be affected by salary/longevity freezes and contributions to health care benefits. To date, it has not been necessary to terminate staff in order to balance the budget. The Administration continues to review the budget in the event the Governor issues additional allotments (cuts) during the fiscal year based on tax revenues. Ms. Dietz (Mr. Davis) moved the Board approve the adoption of the attached 2009-10 budget as found in the Appendix. The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Lynn Rogers noted absent.

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Miscellaneous	
Superintendent's Report	<p>Superintendent Allison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Said that he met with new teachers last week. All staff returned today and school starts for all students on August 17th. Enrollment numbers are premature to report, and it's expected that more people will enroll late because of the current economy. The School Supply Landslide is an example of how people in Wichita help others and children. This is a tremendous asset to students. • Noted that the budget process is difficult, and commended the Board for its participation in the budget process.
Board of Education Reports/Requests	<p>Barbara Fuller:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that Board member Lynn Rogers was out of town on business. • Announced that Board member Lynn Rogers will be the Council of Great City Schools representative at the fall conference from October 28-November 1. • Confirmed that consultant Sarah Glover will work with the Board and Superintendent's Advisory Council at the BOE Retreat on August 17.
New Business	None submitted.
Executive Session	<p>At approximately 8:35 p.m., Ms. Dietz (Ms. Arnold) moved the Board of Education recess forthwith into Executive Session regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship; 2. Matters relating to employer-employee negotiations; <p>The open meeting to resume at approximately 8:50 p.m. in this room.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Lynn Rogers noted absent.</p>

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	<p>At approximately 8:50 p.m., Executive Session was extended for 25 minutes.</p> <p>At approximately 9:15 p.m., Executive Session was extended for 10 minutes.</p> <p>At approximately 9:25 p.m., Executive Session was extended for 5 minutes.</p> <p>At approximately 9:30 p.m., Executive Session was extended for 5 minutes.</p>
Reconvene Meeting	<p>At approximately 9:35 p.m., Board President Fuller reconvened the meeting.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Mr. Davis (Mr. Harding) moved the meeting adjourn.</p> <p>The motion passed 6-0, with Board member Lynn Rogers noted absent.</p> <p>At approximately 9:36 p.m., the meeting adjourned.</p>