

City of Wellington Invites Farm and Hay Ground Bids

By WDN Staff

The City of Wellington is seeking firm price quotes for several farm and hay ground leases for a five-year period from July 1, 2025 (or the day following the harvest of any existing crop, whichever is sooner) through June 30, 2030. All land must be used exclusively for agricultural production or haying, as specified.

Landfill Farm Ground

Approximately 11 acres, located adjacent to 30th Street South on the north, West Road on the west, and the Wellington Landfill on the south. Bids should reflect the annual payment per year. Mark envelopes “Landfill Farm Ground Bid.”

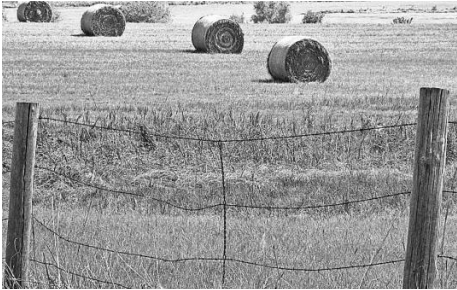


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Worden Park Farm Ground

Approximately 60 acres in two sections at Worden Park, west of Hillside and “H” Street — one section west of the go-kart track and another on the south half of the property. Bids should reflect the annual payment per year. Mark envelopes “Worden Park Farm

Ground Bid.”

Wellington Lake Farm Ground

Approximately 20 acres in two sections — 12.5 acres west and south of the City Water Production Plant, and about 8 acres in the extreme southeast corner of the Lake property, west of the southeast entrance road, running along West 60th Street South for about 1,300 feet. Bids should reflect the annual payment per year for the total acreage. Mark envelopes “Wellington Lake Farm Ground Bid.”

Wellington Lake Hay Ground

Approximately 67 acres of native grass ground at Wellington Lake, located on both the east and west sides of the lake and the emergency spillway south of the dam. This ground

is for haying only, with the expectation that all hay will be removed before Labor Day each year. Bids should reflect the annual payment per year. Mark envelopes “Lake Hay Ground Bid.”

Bid Submission Details

All bids must be received in the City Clerk’s Office, 317 South Washington in Wellington no later than 2 p.m. on June 24, 2025. Bids will be opened publicly at that time in the City Council Chambers.  
For more information or to view any of these properties:  
Landfill/Worden Park: Contact Jeremy Jones, Wellington Street Department, 620-326-7831  
Wellington Lake properties: Contact the Wellington Lake Office, 620-434-5454

BOE Meeting Summary – June 9, 2025

Russ Sturm, USD 353 Communications Specialist/BOE Clerk

Education Spotlight: Teacher of the Year Awards The district recently awarded four teachers with Teacher of the Year awards, and tonight they were honored by the Board of Education. Desiree Shwartz, Excellence in Teaching Award; Cecily Day, Elementary Teacher of the Year; LuAnne McGuirk, Secondary Teacher of the Year; and Ashley Shuck, District Horizon Award recognizing first-year teachers.  
District Human Resources and Benefits Coordinator Stephanie Lawrence was present to update the board on the progress of her work in her revised position. She provided a brief update regarding Human Resources highlighting ongoing improvements to various processes. She also shared plans to expand the Employee Administration module within Skyward to enhance functionality and support HR operations.  
The district had a goal to increase Tier 3 Behavior Supports in the district using two additional structured SPED positions we added last summer. Director of Special  
Projects Tiera Lemire gave an overview of how the year has gone with these programs. She informed the board about structured elementary classrooms and how they provide a predictable and supportive environment that fosters academic success and social-emotional growth. Key components include consistent schedules, clear expectations, organized physical spaces, positive behavior systems, and differentiated instruction. These classrooms benefit students by reducing anxiety, improving behavior, and maximizing learning time. Supporting teachers with training and resources is essential to successful implementation. Structured environments are not rigid but foundational for creativity, independence, and long-term achievement.  
Assistant Superintendent Chad Schuetz reviewed the Professional Development Plan that

had been previously approved by the USD 353 Professional Development Council. He shared the process for formal approval from KSDE and updated the BOE regarding changes to the draft template. The BOE approved the updated plan and it will go to the Kansas State BOE for final approval. Robert White motioned to approve the plan as presented. Pat Zeka seconded the motion. Motion carries 7-0  
Kelly Adams was present to request approval of the annual food service addendum with Chartwells. This annual addendum is to renew the fixed price food service for school meals for the 2025-26 school year. This addendum is between the Sponsor, Unified School District 353 Wellington and Contractor, Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through Chartwells Division. The term of this Contract shall be for one (1) year beginning on July 1, 2025 and continuing until June 30, 2026. Pat Zeka motioned to approve the addendum as presented. Andrea Kreifels seconded the motion. Motion carries 7-0  
Last month, the board held a work session to discuss Elementary Enrollment Trends. The district has provided additional information that was requested by the BOE. Maps were provided that show where each student lives and which elementary school they attend. Many students live outside the boundaries of the school they attend. The district also provided information on the number of elementary students who ride the bus to attend Eisenhower Elementary. 74 students are eligible for transportation services and 60 of those students actually ride the bus regularly.  
The BOE also requested information on the number of out-of-district students attending our schools. At the time of the last count, thirty out-of-district students attended USD 353. The board requested to continue this discussion during the July BOE meeting.  
During Action Items, Assistant Superintendent Chad Schuetz discussed curriculum updates with the BOE. This month

he was present to request approval on curriculum quotes. Schuetz reviewed FastBridge Assessment data with the BOE. Following the data discussion, he shared quotes for UFLI as well as the 95% Phonics Core Program. The BOE approved UFLI for Kindergarten -2nd grade at Eisenhower, Lincoln & Washington and 95% Phonics Core Program K - 2 at Kennedy and also for all elementary buildings in 3rd - 5th grades. At the previous meeting, he had shared quotes for Quaver, Edgenuity and IXL. Robert White motioned to approve the curriculum quotes as presented. Jessica Seeliger seconded the motion. Motion carries 7-0.  
Jessica Seeliger motioned to go into executive session for 10 minutes and to include Superintendent Adam Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent Chad Schuetz, and Darcy Bacon to discuss negotiations. Regular meeting resumed at 7:50 pm.  
Robert White motioned to go into executive session for 45 minutes and to include Superintendent Adam Hatfield, Assistant Superintendent Chad Schuetz, and Darcy Bacon to discuss non-elected personnel. Regular meeting resumed at 8:35 pm.  
Jessica Seeliger motioned to go into executive session for 45 minutes and to include Superintendent Adam Hatfield with Darcy Bacon on call to discuss non-elected personnel. Regular meeting resumed at 9:20 pm.  
Jessica Seeliger motioned to go into executive session for 30 minutes and to include Superintendent Adam Hatfield and Darcy Bacon on call to discuss non-elected personnel. Regular meeting resumed at 9:50 pm.  
Jessica Seeliger motioned to go into executive session for 10 minutes and to include Superintendent Adam Hatfield and Darcy Bacon on call to discuss non-elected personnel. Regular meeting resumed at 10:00 pm.  
Jessica Seeliger motioned to amend the consent agenda to add Approval of Admin Contracts as presented. Andrea Kreifels seconded the motion. Motion carries 7-0.  
Personnel Updates:

Approve New Hires  
Abigail Barnett - Second Grade Teacher  
- Washington  
Nikita Colangelo - Art Teacher - WHS  
Eriisa Porras - First Grade Teacher  
- Washington  
Alivia Bacon - Para - Lincoln  
Kaylie Lagasse - Pep Club Sponsor - WHS  
Ross Foley - Assistant Football Coach  
- WHS  
Satvinder Kalley - Math Teacher - WHS  
Aric Welch - Math Teacher - WHS  
Christie Brungardt - Assistant Volleyball Coach - WHS  
Approved Resignations:  
Mathew Terry - Custodian - WHS  
Todd Larkey - Forensics, Debate, & ESports Coach - WHS  
Mallory Ashworth - Math Teacher - WHS  
Ashley Berens - Math Teacher - WHS  
Ashley Ewing - Fifth Grade Teacher  
- Eisenhower  
Tiera Lemire - Director of Special Projects  
- District  
Krista Imm - SLP - District  
Approve Transfers/Position Changes:  
LuAnne McGuirk - Math Teacher at WHS to Instructional Strategist at Kennedy  
Zoey Henderson - Para at Kennedy to Librarian Aide at Kennedy  
Deborah Sisson - Para at Kennedy to Para at WMS  
Mikayla Elmore - Para at Washington to At-Risk Aide at Washington  
Lauren Anderson -Assistant Cheer Coach at WHS to Head Cheer Coach at WHS  
Trevor Warnock - Assistant Football Coach at WMS to Assistant Football Coach at WHS  
Approve Admin Contracts as presented (amended item)Robert White motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Andrea Kreifels seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-2.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:03pm  
BOE Meeting Video Link: https://youtu.be/jtUa26QT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2022 of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 353, Sumner County, Kansas. This vacancy will be filled by appointment of the Board of Education not sooner than fifteen (15) days following publication of this notice. The appointed member will serve the remainder of the unexpired term in this position.

Such vacancy exists by reasoning of the resignation of Sarah Lawrence.

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Darcy Bacon /s/ Deputy Clerk, Board of Education

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624 S. Jefferson Ave. | James & Mildred Arrington  
311 S. G St. | Family Hauling & Tree Services, LLC  
715 W. 3rd St. | Terry Lawhorn & Teleah Evans  
317 E. Harvey Ave. | Mary Cramer  
222 S. Park St. | Michael Black  
115 S. Plum St. | Manford & Meredith Shook  
1320 E. Harvey Ave. | Sonny Lipton  
101 N. Woodlawn Ave. | Steven & Madeline Lambert

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If you wish to report a weed violation, please contact the Building & Codes department before noon on Friday in order to make the coming week's publication. Any reports received after noon on Friday will be included in the following week's notice.

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Building & Codes Department: 620-326-3871

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