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## **The United Teachers of Wichita: Teachers Ratify Contract**

The United Teachers of Wichita announced today that teachers in Wichita Public Schools have voted to accept the proposed contract. UTW and the USD 259 Board of Education concluded negotiations in late June on a contract that provides a 2.9% increase to the salary schedule. The agreement also continues a long-standing agreement that has the BOE paying the full premium for health insurance for employees. The contract passed with 90% of those voting saying yes to the proposed contract. 10% of those voting rejected it. 70% of all teachers cast a vote on the proposed contract.

UTW President Paul Babich said, “In these days of out-of-control health care costs, we are proud to work with the BOE to continue to provide fully paid health care for teachers.” The BOE will vote on the contract at tonight’s BOE meeting.