

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting & Student Fees Public Hearing Minutes ~ April 18, 2022

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on April 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present:

Doug Krenzer, President
Meagan Van Gelder, Vice President
Beth Morrisette, Treasurer
Dana Blakely, Treasurer-Elect
Adam Yale, Secretary
Kris Karnes, Director

Notice of the meeting was given by placing advance notice on the front page of the District's website no less than 48 hours in advance of the scheduled commencement of the meeting as authorized by Board Policy 1220. Notice for this meeting appeared beginning on April 5, 2022, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on April 15 and 18, 2022, and on their website. Copies of proof of publication are attached to the official minutes. Notice of this meeting and the availability of the agenda was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Education and available to anyone at the Board of Education office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

District Staff in Attendance: Mike Lucas, Mark Weichel, Andrea Haynes, Brian Gabriel, Molly Hurley, Nick Lesiak, Kelcy Tapp, Kami Jessop, Hillary Haddix, Russ Olsen, Tyler Foster, Quinn McGuire, Cynthia Bailey.

Others in Attendance*: Chris Keele. *Members of the public are not required to identify themselves to attend. Attendee names appearing in these minutes are those who signed a voluntary sign-in sheet.

Mr. Krenzer called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed those in attendance and confirmed with Ms. Hurley that public notice had been given of the meeting under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted at the meeting and on the district website, as required by law. He acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Student Fees Public Hearing

Mr. Krenzer advised those in attendance that the Public Hearing is to hear opposition, support and observations regarding Student Fees for the 2022-2023 School Year, and that any resolution setting, altering or amending the Student Fees Policy (#6340) as a result of the hearing will be in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 79-2,125 through 2,134. Mr. Brain Gabriel, District Officer of Business and Finance, reviewed Policy 6340 and the following proposed minimal and modest changes for the 2022-2023 school year:

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	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>
Elementary School Breakfast	\$1.65	\$1.70
Elementary School Lunch	\$2.55	\$2.60
Westside Middle School Lunch	\$2.90	\$2.95
Westside High School		
- Extracurricular Activity U.S. Lacrosse	\$25.00	\$35.00
- Extracurricular Activity Lacrosse Club Fee	\$200.00	\$225.00
- Student Admission Fees (not to exceed)	\$15.00	\$25.00
- Parking (on campus)	\$30.00	\$40.00
- Parking (off campus, if available)	\$25.00	\$35.00
- Lunch (diner)	\$3.15	\$3.20

Questions / comments were invited from the board and those in attendance. Revisions to Student Fees for 2022-2023 will be presented again for approval at the Board of Education Meeting on May 16, 2022. A copy of the Executive Summary and redline copy of Policy 6340 are included in the board documents folder.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Krenzer requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on April 4, 2022. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote, with Ms. Blakely abstaining.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Morrisette presented the treasurer's report for March 2022 and moved for approval of expenditures in the amount of \$7,524,168; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Approval of expenditures was passed by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the March 2022 financial reports (financial statements, general fund disbursement summary and general fund check register) are included in the board documents folder.

Communications

Ms. Brand Paul, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, shared that the staff shout-outs from All Staff Appreciation Week (April 4-8, 2022) will continue to be shared on social media each week. There were no school building updates.

Westside Community Schools English Learner Program

Ms. Hillary Haddix, Coordinator of the English Learner (EL) Program, presented an informational report to the board on the District's programming for our students who are English language learners. Programming is established by guidelines outlined in Rule 15 and are aligned with the District's Strategic Plan.

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Ms. Haddix shared a few highlights from this school year, including new *"Registration and Readiness"* workshops that the EL Staff has hosted to support multilingual families with the enrollment process for the 2022-2023 school year. The Westside Foundation covered the cost of country flag displays for all elementary buildings and the middle school. The district continues to recruit language interpreters and, when necessary, utilizes the Language Line to assist with translation services. The homepage of the District's website features Google Translate that provides content translation into 103 languages. Copies of the Executive Summary and keynote presentation are included in the board documents folder.

Pay Increases for Non-Negotiated Administrative Staff Members

Dr. Andrea Haynes, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and District Operations, presented a recommendation for pay increases for non-negotiated administrative employees for board approval. This recommendation (increases between 3.00% and 3.50%) is based on the salary increases of other negotiated employee groups and will be effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Sign-Language Interpreter / Transliterator Agreement

Dr. Haynes presented the 2022-2023 Sign Language Interpreter / Transliterator Negotiated Agreement for board approval. This is a one-year agreement, established by District Administration and the Westside Education Association. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Executive Summary and redline copy of the Agreement are included in the board documents folder.

Personnel Report

Dr. Haynes presented the personnel report (ten probationary contracts; one temporary one-year contract; two certified staff resignations) for board approval. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Personnel Report is included in the board documents folder.

Sale / Disposal of District Equipment

Mr. Russ Olsen, Director of Facilities, requested board approval for the sale / disposal of the following district property:

- Sale of a 2009 Isuzu Box Truck (VIN # 4KLC4W1N09J800402) used for deliveries by Nutrition Services which needs a new transmission. The cost of the transmission exceeds the value of the truck.
- Discard old PE/Athletic equipment - currently in storage - that cannot be used by students or athletes, due to safety concerns and the discontinuation of replacement parts.
- Donate or sell used furniture and discard damaged furniture currently in storage. Due to the recent construction of Oakdale, Sunset Hills, Swanson, and Prairie Lane schools, WCS has an excessive amount of furniture in storage.

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Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Approval (#2225)

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, presented existing board policy #2225 for approval. Policy #2225 was initially presented for board discussion and consideration at the Board of Education Meeting on April 4, 2022. Ms. Morrisette moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A redline copy of the policy and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Review (#3100)

Mr. Lesiak presented revisions to the following existing policy for board consideration and discussion:

#3100 - Budget (Business): Include substance of statutory language and remove actual statutory language from the policy so that revisions don't need to be made whenever the statutes change. Policy #3100 will be presented again for board approval on May 16, 2022. A redline copy of the policy and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Cell Tower Lease Agreement

Mr. Lesiak and Mr. Gabriel presented a recommendation to the board for approval of an amendment to a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for a cell tower that is located on district property at Westside High School. Verizon has leased space since 2000. The new lease amendment provides for a 2% increase per year to the annual rent (currently \$15,400), and a one time payment of \$25,000. It also extends the lease by eight additional 5-year renewal terms. Mr. Lesiak and Mr. Gabriel reviewed the Resolution and Consent Affidavit in which the board members would approve the transaction and nominate Mr. Gabriel to sign the transaction documents on behalf of the District. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: There were no requests for public comment.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates / Announcements

Board members attended or participated in a number of district events, activities and meetings over the past two weeks including building visits; WE-SIDE Committee meeting; board policy committee meeting; and NASB Legislative Committee call. Board members will also help with judging duties over the next three days ahead of the K-8 Art Fair on Thursday. Mr. Krenzer reviewed the following upcoming events:

April 21, 2022	K-8 Art Fair - Westside Community Center - 5:30 p.m.
May 6, 2022	Last Day of School for Seniors!
May 13, 2022	Project Search Graduation - Westside Community Center - 10:00 a.m.
May 15, 2022	WHS Commencement - Baxter Arena - 2:00 p.m.
May 16, 2022	BOE Student Advisory Committee Meeting - ABC - 5:00 p.m.
	Board of Education Meeting - ABC - 6:00 p.m.
May 27, 2022	Last Day of School - 12 Noon Dismissal

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Following announcements at 6:56 p.m., Mr. Krenzer advised that the board would take a brief recess before moving on to the next agenda item: *Preliminary Discussion of Superintendent Performance Review*. At 7:06 p.m. the board meeting reconvened, and Mr. Krenzer asked for a motion to enter closed session. Dr. Van Gelder moved that the Board enter closed session for discussion of the Superintendent's performance review, which is permitted by law and necessary for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Krenzer restated that the Board had adopted a motion to enter closed session for discussion of the Superintendent's performance review, which is permitted by law and necessary for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and that the Board would limit itself to discussion of these issues. The board entered closed session at 7:07 p.m. The Board adjourned from closed session at 8:22 p.m. Motion made by Ms. Morrisette; seconded by Ms. Karnes. There being no further business, Mr. Krenzer adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.



Adam Yale, Board of Education Secretary

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Meeting and Student Fees Public Hearing for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE. The agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROOF OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that a Notice of Board Meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was placed on the home page of the website of Westside Community Schools (www.westside66.org) beginning on April 5, 2022 and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Name Kam Sedivy

Name _____
Title Assoc. Communications & Graphics

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

Before me, a Notary Public, qualified in and for said County and State, personally came Kim Sedivy, known to me to be the identical person, and signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the execution of this document to his or her voluntary deed.

Notary Public

