

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting ~ May 16, 2022

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on May 16, 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 19, 2022, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on May 13 and 16, 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 Gabrial, Molly Hurley, Nick Lesiak, Kelcy Tapp, Kami Jessop, Russ Olsen, Paul Lindgren, Matt Lee, Deborah Nilius, Sandra Fey, Emily Vlcek, Tyrone Marshall, Becky Lowther.

Others in Attendance*: Ross Jernstrom, Julie Jernstrom, Kate Stevens, Deanna Stevens, Matthew English, Meshelle English, Arthur English. *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.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Krenzer requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on April 18, 2022. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Morrisette presented the treasurer's report for April 2022 and moved for approval of expenditures in the amount of \$7,679,190; Ms. Karnes seconded. Approval of expenditures was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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Copies of the April 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, recognized a number of students for their finishes in the 2022 State Journalism Competition. WHS had a total of 18 qualifiers and 16 medalists, including 4 gold medalists. The team placed 5th overall. Ms. Paul introduced two of the gold medalists who were in attendance: Kate Stevens, first in news writing; and Jasmine Palikhya, first in advertising. Other gold medalists were Delaney Davis, first in editorial cartoon, and Jaden Taylor, first in sports news writing. Also in attendance were Journalism instructors Aaron Stepp and Ross Jernstrom. Congratulations to Westside Journalism!! Ms. Paul welcomed and recognized 2022 graduate Matthew English from WHS West Campus who will be attending UNO on a Buffet Scholarship to study Graphic Design. A number of Matthew's teachers were also in attendance. Ms. Paul also recognized fellow 2022 grad and West Campus student Keione Hagens who was accepted into MCC's Youth Forward Program and will be studying welding tuition-free. Way to go, Matthew and Keione! We are so, so proud of your accomplishments!!

Technology Update

Dr. Paul Lindgren, Director of Technology, and Dr. Matt Lee, Coordinator of Technology Integration and Digital Content, presented an update on the 2021-2022 technology refresh that transitioned staff and students from laptops to iPads. In the spring of 2021, all teachers received an Apple iPad Pro with a pencil and Magic keyboard Case. At that time, staff were given the option of also keeping their MacBook Air to aid in their transition of using the new iPads. The Technology Team implemented a number of ways to assist teachers with technology integration, training and trouble-shooting including technology days at all elementary buildings; "office hours" for consulting and coaching; and "Teachers in Technology" to develop and share learning initiatives for staff. Dr. Lee shared that in August 2021, 93% of teachers felt prepared to teach with technology; in January 2022, 96% of teachers reported feeling prepared to teach with technology. Dr.'s Lindgren and Lee thanked the board and district leadership for making the technology refresh to iPads possible; the work will continue to reach 100% of teachers feeling prepared and confident in using technology in their classrooms. Copies of the Executive Summary and keynote presentation are included in the board documents folder.

Student Fees - 2022-2023 School Year: Board Policy 6340, Appendix A

Mr. Brian Gabriel, District Officer of Business and Finance, presented revisions to Student Fees for the 2022-2023 school year for board approval. There were minimal updates from this year that were presented at a Public Hearing on April 18, 2022:

	<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

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Westside High School	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>
- 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

Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary and Policy 6340 is included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Approval (#3100 - Budget)

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, presented revisions to existing board policy #3100 for approval. Policy #3100 was initially presented for board discussion and consideration at the Board of Education Meeting on April 18, 2022. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Mr. Yale 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 (#2235 - Conducting Research)

Mr. Lesiak presented revisions to existing policy #2235 - Conducting Research - for board consideration and discussion. These minor language revisions are intended to provide clarity and consistency to terms. Mr. Lesiak will bring this policy back for board approval on June 13, 2022. A redline copy of the policy and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Naming Applications for School District Facilities

Dr. Lucas presented two separate naming applications for facilities at Westside High School:

WHS Art Gallery

Thanks to an investment from Westside alum Mr. Michael Staenberg to the Westside Foundation, the main entry spaces at the high school have new flooring, lighting, paneling, artwork and more. These are the heaviest traveled sections of our school and visible to all who visit Westside High School. Mr. Staenberg committed approximately \$250,000 (83% of the budget) for these renovations and the naming opportunity for the Art Gallery located in the Warrior Walkway. Ms. Karnes moved to authorize the use of the name Michael Staenberg for the Westside High School Art Gallery; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Executive Summary, Policy 3175 and naming application are included in the board documents folder.

WHS Basketball Court

The late Dr. Jim Tangdall spent his entire career with District 66. He was a beloved teacher, coach and administrator. Dr. Tangdall served as a teacher and coach at Westside High School before being named Principal. He served in that role for 13 years and eventually retired as Superintendent. He was most proud of his years teaching math, coaching boys varsity basketball, and implementing modular scheduling.

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Memorial funds received through the Foundation - in memory of both Jim and his wife, the late Betty Tangdall - will assist with the expenses toward the court signage and plaque. Ms. Blakely moved to authorize the use of the name Jim Tangdall for the Westside High School Basketball Court; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Executive Summary, Policy 3175 and naming application are included in the board documents folder.

Approval of Contractor for WMS HVAC Project

Mr. Russ Olsen, Director of Facilities, requested board approval for the selection of the bid from Controlled Comfort (\$648,933) to install one rooftop unit that will provide air conditioning into two gymnasiums and two locker rooms at Westside Middle School. Mr. Olsen advised that these are the few remaining classroom spaces in the district that do not have air conditioning. ESSER III Funds will be used to cover the cost of the project, with work beginning in June or July; availability of materials will impact how quickly the work can be completed. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary and bid sheet is included in the board documents folder.

Personnel Report

Dr. Haynes presented the personnel report (eleven probationary contracts; three certified staff resignations; two non-approval of certified staff resignations) for board approval. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Personnel Report is included in the board documents folder.

Annual Review of Superintendent Succession Plan (per Policy #2115)

The Board of Education Succession Planning Committee (Doug Krenzer, Meagan Van Gelder and Kris Karnes) presented one minor revision to the Superintendent Succession Plan for board approval. Ms. Karnes advised her colleagues the committee is recommending removing board member names from the Plan since the make-up of the Committee is already outlined in Policy 2115. This will eliminate the need to make this update to the Plan every year. There are no other proposed changes to the Plan. Ms. Karnes requested approval for this revision. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A redline copy of the Plan and a copy of Policy 2115 are included in the board documents folder.

Ratify and Confirm All Actions Taken by the Board on March 28, 2022

Mr. Krenzer requested a motion to confirm actions from the Board of Education Meeting on March 28, 2022. Ms. Karnes moved to ratify and confirm all actions taken by the Board on March 28, 2022, including, but not limited to, (a) the Board's prior approval and adoption of a resolution calling for the early redemption of certain outstanding bonds of the District and (b) the Board's prior approval and adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance by the District of its bonds to refund certain outstanding bonds of the District; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the General Certificate of the District affirming this action is included in the board documents folder.

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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; Westside High School Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner; Art For Me Reception at Kaneko Art Gallery; Senior Art Show at Regency; State Soccer; Project Search Graduation; WHS Commencement; Welding Certification Ceremony at WHS; OFD Lifesaving Award Presentation to our three amazing staff members at Oakdale Elementary; and a Chamber of Commerce Reception (recognizing area business milestone events, including WCS 75th Anniversary). Dr. Lucas advised that invitations have been extended to state leaders to visit Westside Community Schools on any of three dates (in June, August and October) to learn first-hand about a number of district initiatives (Grow Our Own; Workforce Development; Train the Brain) and curriculum.

Mr. Krenzer reviewed the following upcoming events:

May 27, 2022 Last Day of School - Dismissal at 12 Noon
June 13, 2022 Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 5:00 p.m.
June 27, 2022 Westside Open - The Players Club - Shotgun Starts @ 7:30am and 1:00pm
July 4-5, 2022 District Offices Closed
July 18, 2022 Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 5:00 p.m.
Aug. 1, 2022 Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Krenzer adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



Kris Karnes, Board of Education Secretary

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Meeting for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Monday, May 16, 2022, 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 19, 2022 and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Name Karm 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.

State of Nebraska – General Notary
CHELSEA DUBAS
My Commission Expires
April 6, 2024

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