

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting ~ August 8, 2022

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on August 8, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the Westside Community Center, 3534 S. 108th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: Meagan Van Gelder, President
Beth Morrisette, Vice President
Dana Blakely, Treasurer
Adam Yale, Treasurer-Elect

Board members absent (excused): Kris Karnes, Secretary
Doug Krenzer, 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 July 28, 2022, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on August 5 and 8, 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, Brian Gabrial, Molly Hurley, Nick Lesiak, Ericka Payton, Brandi Paul.

Others in Attendance*: *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.

Dr. Van Gelder called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. She 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. She acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties. Board member attendance is noted above; Dr. Van Gelder requested a motion for excused absences for Kris Karnes and Doug Krenzer. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Budget and Tax Request Scenarios

Dr. Lucas presented an update to the board on current budget data and tax levy projections ahead of the upcoming budget and property tax approval process. Highlights include a projected increase of \$24.4 million to the district's General Fund (cash reserve); projected addition of \$2.2 million in the district's Self-Funded Insurance Reserve; and a projected levy reduction for the fourth year in a row. The District will hold an FY22 Budget Amendment Public Hearing on August 15th; an FY23 Budget Public Hearing on September 6th; and FY23 Proposed Property Tax Request Public Hearing on September 19th.

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The FY23 Budget will be approved on September 19th; and the FY23 Property Tax Request will be approved on October 3rd. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.


Staff Stipends Proposal

Dr. Lucas presented a staff stipend proposal for board consideration and approval. The unexpected "in lieu of" payment from OPPD that the district will be receiving provides an opportunity to not only lower the tax levy, but also to provide a stipend to all staff for the 2022-2023 school year. Board members expressed their appreciation to District leadership for putting forth this proposal and are grateful to be able to offer this payment to all district staff, while still demonstrating fiscal responsibility to district taxpayers. Ms. Blakely moved for approval of the staff stipend proposal for the 2022-2023 school year; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

There being no further business, Dr. Van Gelder adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.



Kris Karnes, Secretary, Board of Education

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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 **August 8, 2022, 11:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the Westside Community Center, 3534 S. 108th Street, Omaha, NE. The agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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