

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ September 5, 2023

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present:

Beth Morrisette, President
Dana Blakely, Vice President
Meagan Van Gelder, Secretary
Adam Yale, Treasurer
Kris Karnes, Treasurer-Elect
Sarah Rider, 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 August 22, 2023, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on September 1, 4 and 5, 2023, 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 Gabriel, Nick Lesiak, Kim De La Cruz, Kami Jessop, Kelcy Tapp, Abby Langner, Guy O'Brien, Becky Lowther, Camille Akers, Robert Miller.

Others in Attendance*: Henry Klipfel, Brandy Klipfel, Diane Cahill, Rose Howsden. *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.

Ms. Morrisette called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:18 p.m., immediately following adjournment of the FY24 Budget Public Hearing. She welcomed those in attendance and confirmed with Mr. Lesiak 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 Meeting attendance is noted above. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Morrisette requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education FY23 Budget Amendment Public Hearing held on August 21, 2023. Ms. Rider moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ms. Morrisette requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on August 21, 2023. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications

Ms. Elizabeth Power, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, shared that four WMS students (Luke B., Henry K., John H., and Norah S.) participated in the International Academics Competition held in Washington DC this past summer. Henry and John were in attendance and shared with the Board what their favorite moments were, and what events they participated in. Great job to these students on this amazing academic accomplishment and for representing Westside Community Schools!

Approval of Construction Management at Risk Delivery Method and Selection Committee for WHS Addition and Renovation Project

Matt Herzog, Principal with Project Advocates, requested Board approval for the District to utilize the Construction Management at Risk (CMR) Delivery Method and appoint the committee to review proposals and select the CMR firm for the Westside High School Addition and Renovation. Policies 3201 (Construction Delivery Methods) and 3202 (Construction Management At Risk), combined with the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-2901), gives the District an advantage to hire a general contractor/construction manager prior to having the construction documents fully completed, while still competitively bidding most of the subcontracted work. The CMR construction delivery method yields the most value on complex phased projects such as the Westside High School Addition and Renovation. Ms. Karnes moved for approval to select the construction delivery method of "Construction Management at Risk" under the provisions of the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-2901, et. seq. (the "Act") for the Westside Community Schools – Westside High School Addition and Renovation (hereinafter referred to as "the Project"), and hereby direct the Superintendent of Schools, Project Advocates, Owner's Representative for the Projects, and selected school district legal counsel to initiate and carry out all actions necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act, including but not limited to the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the position of Construction Management at Risk for the Project; and to appoint the following persons to the Selection Committee to evaluate the proposals received from firms in response to the request for Proposals for the position of Construction Manager at Risk in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-2910 (must have at least five (5) members):

- 1) Member(s) of the school board: Beth Morrisette
- 2) Member(s) of the school administration or staff: Jay Dostal, WHS Principal
- 3) The school's architect or engineer: Chris Houston of TACK Architects
- 4) Any person having special expertise relevant to selection of a construction manager under the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act: Matt Herzog of Project Advocates
- 5) A resident(s) of the School District other than an individual included in (a) through (d) above: Chris Hawkins

Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and the CMR Motion are included in the board documents folder.

Phase II Bond Project - Approval of Architect for WHS Projects

Mr. Herzog presented a contract from BVH Architecture for board approval. The BVH proposal was one of six received by the August 8, 2023, due date (the RFQ was issued on July 11, 2023).

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Project Advocates and district and Board representatives reviewed all proposals on August 15, 2023, and interviews were held on August 23, 2023. BVH Architecture was selected. The District will pay BVH Architecture \$637,000 for Phase II Bond work at Westside High School to include: renovations for expanded eating area, restroom improvement, and locker room improvements. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval of the contract from BVH Architecture; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and the BVH Architecture contract are included in the board documents folder.

Phase II Bond Project - Approval of District Controls, Standards and Front End Development

Dr. Mike Lucas, Superintendent, and Mr. Andy Wane, Director of Facilities, presented a proposal from Optimized Systems for board approval. Optimized Systems was one of three proposals received by the August 17, 2023, due date for the development of a new front-end controls system, the creation of controls specifications and standards, and evaluation of district buildings' mechanical systems for integration into a new front-end system. All proposals were reviewed with district administration on August 24, 2023; Optimized Systems was selected. Ms. Blakely moved for approval of the proposal from Optimized Systems; Ms. Rider seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and the Optimized Systems proposal are included in the board documents folder.

Nutrition Services Annual Update (Policy 3400)

Mr. Erin Vik, Director of Nutrition Services, presented an annual update and overview of the 2022-2023 school year, as well as some highlights heading into the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Vik reported that a downturn in year-over-year breakfast and lunch participation at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year was due to a return to the pre-COVID traditional "free-reduced-paid" model. A focus since school began last month is to ensure that all families who qualify for free / reduced meals get requalified. Mr. Vik shared that recruiting efforts and two hiring events have positively impacted staffing levels, putting them in a better position than the past few years. The District's Contract Meal Service added St. Wenceslaus Catholic School, adding another 600 lunches each day. Mr. Vik expressed his appreciation to ALL Nutrition Service staff for their dedication and hard work, and for always going above and beyond to make things happen! Copies of Mr. Vik's Executive Summary and powerpoint are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policies for Review (#3059 and #5112)

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, presented two policies for review and first reading:

New policy being presented for consideration: Policy #3059 - Audio and Video Recording (Business)

Existing policy being presented with revisions: Policy #5112 - Enrollment of Non-Residents (Students)

Both policies will be presented again for approval at the Board Meeting on September 18, 2023. Copies of each policy and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates / Announcements

Ms. Morrisette reviewed upcoming events:

Sunday, September 10, 2023 Westside Community Walk @ Tri-Faith United We Walk Event - 3:00 p.m.

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Monday, September 11, 2023 Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 18, 2023 Board of Education FY24 Proposed Property Tax Public Hearing and Board
of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023 Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally - WHS - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 2, 2023 Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Ms. Morrisette adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.



Meagan Van Gelder, Secretary, Board of Education

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Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Meeting and FY24 Budget Public Hearing for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE. The Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m.; the regular Board Meeting will start immediately following adjournment of the Public Hearing. The agendas, continually kept current, are available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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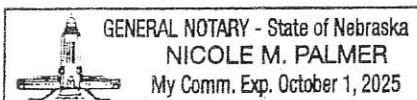
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- Board of Education Meeting
- FY24 Budget Public Hearing

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 Aug. 22, 2023 and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

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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.

 GENERAL NOTARY-State of Nebraska
JULIE M. FUMAGALLI
My Comm. Expires July-14, 2025