

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting ~ September 19, 2022

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on September 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: Beth Morrisette, Vice President
Dana Blakely, Treasurer
Adam Yale, Treasurer-Elect
Kris Karnes, Secretary

Board members absent (excused): Meagan Van Gelder, President
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 September 7, 2022, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on September 16 and 19, 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, Andrea Haynes, Brian Gabriel, Molly Hurley, Paul Lindgren, Kim De La Cruz, Kami Jessop, Kelcy Tapp, Brandi Paul, Nick Lesiak, Kelcy Tapp, Robert Aranda, Becky Lowther, Trever Reeh, Karen Anderson, Lauren Latka, Maggie Person, Jordan Rhodes, Jaime Kammendel.

Others in Attendance*: Diane Cahill. *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 6:13 p.m. immediately following adjournment of the FY23 Property Tax Public Hearing. 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. Ms. Morrisette requested a motion for excused absences for Meagan Van Gelder and Doug Krenzer. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Morrisette requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Public Hearing and Meeting held on September 6, 2022. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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Communications

Ms. Brandi Paul, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, welcomed the district's newest National Merit Semifinalists and congratulated them on their outstanding academic achievements. WHS Seniors Hadassah Lademi Davies, Edward Pike, and Thomas Steele - who were all joined by their parents - shared their current tentative plans upon graduation and some advice to other students considering the AP track: Don't be afraid to try! And no worries if the class doesn't work out as you had envisioned! Be present in class and ask questions! Congratulations to these students on their much-deserved recognition! Ms. Paul also shared some communications highlights, including 14 media features about awesome things happening in Westside Community Schools, and plans for the Homecoming parade on October 7th.

Approval of BOE Student Advisory Committee Appointments for the 2022-2023 School Year

Dr. Lucas presented appointments to the Board of Education Student Advisory Committee (BOE SAC) for board approval: Marina Drelicharz; Leah Dysico; Ariana Leighton; Sarah Rizwan; Joe Scioli. These students will join eleven returning committee members from last year to serve during the 2022-2023 school year. The BOE SAC will meet for the first time on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., prior to the regular Board of Education Meeting. Ms. Karnes 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.

Approval of FY23 Budget

Mr. Brian Gabrial, District Officer of Business and Finance, presented the 2022-2023 budget for approval. The Budget Public Hearing was held on September 6, 2022. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

- Mr. Yale moved for approval of the Nutrition Services Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$7,088,657 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0. Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- Ms. Blakely moved for approval of the Enterprise Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$526,530 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0. Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- Ms. Karnes moved for approval of the Activities Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,000,000 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0. Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- Mr. Yale moved for approval of the Student Fees Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$250,000 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0. Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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- Ms. Blakely moved for approval of the General Operation Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$95,768,577 calling for a local real property tax need of \$46,767,256.25 plus 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$472,396.53 for a total of \$47,239,652.78. Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- Ms. Karnes moved for approval of the Special Building Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,230,800.70 calling for a local real property tax need of \$1,750,000 plus 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$17,676.77 for a total of \$1,767,676.77. Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- Mr. Yale moved for approval of the Bond Debt Service Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$6,673,885.26 calling for a local real property tax need of \$7,395,752.15 plus the 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$74,704.57 for a total of \$7,470,456.72. Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- Ms. Blakely moved for approval of the Employee Benefit Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$200,002.19 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0. Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- Ms. Karnes moved for approval of the 2015 Phase 1 Construction Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$8,935.73 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0. Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Financial Literacy Curriculum Report

Ms. Kim De La Cruz, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, presented an informational report to the board regarding the new Nebraska "Financial Literacy Act" that was signed into law on May 26, 2021, and went into effect on August 28, 2021. The requirements, including the high school graduation requirement, begin in the school year 2023-2024. The Act also requires each student to complete at least one five-credit high school course in personal finance or financial literacy prior to graduation before the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This would apply to current high school juniors, or those graduating in 2024. Ms. De La Cruz reported that Westside Community Schools has had a Personal Finance course as a graduation requirement in place since 2012 that started with the class of 2017. Personal finance concepts are also embedded in curriculum at both the elementary and middle school level. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Approval - #4380 - Holidays and Vacations (Personnel)

Mr. Nick Lesiak, In-House Legal Counsel, presented one revision to existing policy #4380 for board approval: the addition of Juneteenth as a paid holiday for all Classified and Administrative employees not covered under a negotiated agreement. This revision was presented for board consideration and discussion at the Board Meeting on September 6, 2022. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A redline copy of policy #4380 and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Review - #5650 - Health (Students)

Mr. Lesiak presented revisions to existing policy #5650 for board consideration and discussion. Approval of revisions, which include the addition of clarifying language regarding medical directives, will be requested at the Board of Education Meeting on October 3, 2022. A redline copy of policy #5650 and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Approval of Westside Education Association as Exclusive Bargaining Agent

Dr. Andrea Haynes, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and District Operations, presented the Westside Education Association's request for recognition as the exclusive bargaining agent for non-administrative certified staff (employed by Westside Community Schools) for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and WEA Request Letter are included in the board documents folder.

Personnel Report

Dr. Haynes presented the personnel report (one probationary contract) 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.

Public Comment: There was one request for public comment: Diane Cahill expressed appreciation for the district's participation in "Thank A Police Officer Day" 2022, which was September 17th.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates / Announcements

Dr. Lucas and Ms. Morrisette shared that Dr. Van Gelder is President-Elect of the Greater Nebraska Schools Association (GNSA), and will assume her role in October.

Ms. Morrisette reviewed the following dates and upcoming events:

September 24, 2022	VI-VI - 6:00 p.m. - CHI Center
October 3, 2022	BOE Student Advisory Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m. - ABC Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - ABC
October 3-7, 2022	HOMEcoming WEEK! Early Dismissals & Parade on Friday Oct. 7th
October 12-13, 2022	Parent Teacher Conferences - Wednesday: 10/12 - 4:00-8:00pm - Thursday: 10/13 - 8:00am-4:00pm (No School for students)
October 14, 2022	Semester Break - No School
October 17, 2022	Professional Learning Day for Staff (No School for students)
October 18, 2022	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - ABC

District Legal Matters: Dr. Lucas advised that there were no discussion items pertaining to district legal matters. There being no further business, Ms. Morrisette adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.



Kris Karnes, Secretary, Board of Education

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education FY23 Proposed Property Tax Public Hearing and Board Meeting for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **September 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.** The meetings will be held 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 immediately follow adjournment of the Public Hearing. The agendas, continually kept current, are available at the District Office. The meetings are open to the public.

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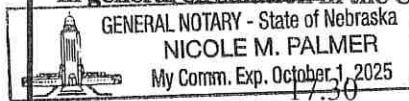
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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19th

September 2022

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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 Sept. 7, 2022 and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Kim Sedivy

Name

Assoc., Communications & Graphics

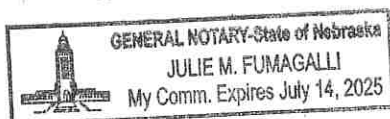
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Before me, a Notary Public, qualified in and for said County and State, personally came Kim Sedivy, known to me to be the identical person, and signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the execution of this document to his or her voluntary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



Julie M. Fumagalli
Notary Public