

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting ~ October 3, 2022

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on October 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: Meagan Van Gelder, President
Beth Morrisette, Vice President
Kris Karnes, Secretary
Adam Yale, Treasurer-Elect
Doug Krenzer, Director

Board members absent (excused): Dana Blakely, Treasurer

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 20, 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 30 and October 3, 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, Kami Jessop, Kelcy Tapp, Kim De La Cruz, Robert Aranda, Jordan Rhodes, Russ Olsen, Jaime Kammandel, Trever Reeh, Garret Higginbotham.

Others in Attendance*: Joel VanderVeen, Sam VanderVeen, Christine French. *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 6:04 p.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 an excused absence for Dana Blakely. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Van Gelder requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Public Hearing and Meeting held on September 19, 2022. Mr. Krenzer moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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Communications

Ms. Brandi Paul, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, reviewed this week's Homecoming events and activities. The parade is Friday, October 7th at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Pep Rally at Phelps Field. The Pep Rally will include a special celebration of the recent recognition of all 12 district schools being named National Banner Unified Schools for 2022.

Social and Emotional Learning in Westside Schools

Dr. Mark Weichel, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, introduced this evening's presentation on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) in Westside Schools. While not a state-required content area, community stakeholders identified SEL instruction as an important skill area during the development of the district's current strategic plan. Teachers joining Dr. Weichel for the board presentation were: Jill Foster, Kindergarten, Hillside; Michelle Parys, 2nd Grade, Westbrook; Katie Pedersen, 4th Grade, Paddock Road; Camille Akers, 6th Grade, Rockbrook; Jessica Kaasch, Social Studies, WMS; Rick Painter, Secondary Counseling Coordinator, WHS. Since there are no state standards for this content, Dr. Weichel shared that the district utilizes the SEL framework developed by the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL). Formed in 1994 (casel.org), CASEL offers evidence-based SEL curriculum for grades Kindergarten through 12. Dr. Weichel displayed the interactive "CASEL wheel" with the five interrelated areas of SEL competencies that are part of the curriculum: Self-Awareness; Self-Management; Responsible Decision-Making; Relationship Skills; and Social Awareness. Age and grade appropriate outcomes and competencies are identified for each area. For this report, each teacher presented examples of objectives and outcomes for lessons surrounding the Social Awareness standard. As students progress from grade to grade, the interrelated lessons and objectives for each SEL competency build upon each other, helping to cultivate an environment of respect and inclusion. Essentially, SEL teaches and helps our students become good people. Board members expressed appreciation for this instruction and the life-long skills that are introduced in kindergarten and reinforced at every grade level. Copies of the Executive Summary and keynote presentation are included in the board meeting documents folder.

Anti-Bullying Annual Review (Policy #5310)

Mr. Robert Aranda, Director of Student Services, presented an overview to the board of the district's various components and efforts that cover anti-bullying. The district recognizes the critical harm to students of bullying behavior - whether as the target or as a witness - and the disruption it causes in the classroom. For many years, anti-bullying efforts have been addressed at all grade levels and within many departments (Teaching and Learning; Special Services; Student Services; and Professional Learning). Age-appropriate lessons - Kindergarten through grade 12 - help students recognize the difference between bullying and peer-conflict; the importance of respect, tolerance and kindness; how to work through conflict-resolution and use peer-concern forms; and the importance of reporting bullying behavior. Many of the lessons and activities are covered in weekly SEL lessons as referenced in the previous report by Dr. Weichel and his team. Staff also participate in various training workshops on recognizing and effectively responding to bullying. Copies of Mr. Aranda's Executive Summary and keynote presentation are included in the board documents folder.

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

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, presented revisions to existing board policy #5650 for approval that were previously brought before the board for discussion and consideration on September 19, 2022. Mr. Krenzer moved for approval of revisions to policy #5650; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote, with Ms. Morrisette voting "No". A redline copy of policy #5650 and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Review - #3170 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests (Business)

Mr. Lesiak presented revisions to existing policy #3170 for board discussion and consideration. Approval of revisions will be requested at the Board of Education Meeting on October 18, 2022. A redline copy of policy #3170 and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Approval of FY23 Property Tax Request

Mr. Brian Gabriel, District Officer of Business and Finance, presented the FY23 Property Tax Levies for board approval, previously introduced at a public hearing on September 19, 2022. Mr. Gabriel reviewed the proposed amounts and invited questions from the Board:

General Fund	\$47,239,653
Levy	1.075000

Bond Debt Service Fund	\$ 7,470,457
Levy	0.170000

Special Building Fund	\$ 1,767,677
Levy	0.040226

All Levy Funds Total	\$56,477,786
Combined Local Levy	1.285226

Ms. Karnes read the tax request resolution and moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. The Property Tax Resolution passed by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and Property Tax Resolution are included in the board documents folder.

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Personnel Report

Dr. Haynes presented the personnel report (one certified staff probationary contract; one administrator contract) for board approval. Mr. Krenzer moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Personnel Report is included in the board documents folder.

Swing School Lease Agreement with Ralston Public Schools

Dr. Lucas presented a lease agreement for the district's Swing School for board approval. Ralston Public Schools will be undertaking a number of school renovation projects beginning in early 2023 and will lease the Swing School from January 2023 through May 31, 2024. Westside will not need the swing school until June 2024, and the lease agreement (for the upper level space only) will not impact the WHS West Campus and professional learning spaces on the lower level. The lease agreement has been reviewed by legal teams from both Ralston and Westside. Mr. Krenzer moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and lease agreement are included in the board documents folder.

Legislative Priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session

Dr. Lucas presented the district's Legislative Priorities for the 2023 legislative session, scheduled to commence on January 4, 2023. The district supports: (1) the current school district boundaries and process; (2) a school finance model that is predictable and sustainable without limiting the current levy authority; (3) the current net option aspect in the state's funding formula; (4) the current balance of state curricular standards, which the district believes property weights the statewide need for viable curriculum with room for local input on curriculum; (5) and opposes funding to any entities not subject to the same accountability and standards as Nebraska public schools. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary / Legislative Priorities is included in the board documents folder. The 2023 legislative priorities will also be posted on the district website.

Public Comment: There were no requests for public comment.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates / Announcements

The Board was represented at a number of events over the past two weeks, including the WMS Parent Advisory Council Meeting; Inclusive Communities ACTION Planning Team Meeting; and a UNIFIED Fishing outing at Towl Park. Dr. Lucas reminded the group that state education leaders will be visiting the district on Wednesday, October 26th at the Hawkins Family Boys & Girls Club at Westbrook Elementary.

Dr. Van Gelder reviewed the following dates and upcoming events:

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)

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October 18, 2022	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - ABC
October 26, 2022	State Education Leaders visit WCS - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
October 27, 2022	Lighthouse Leader / Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner - 6:00 p.m. - HHC

District Legal Matters

Dr. Van Gelder advised that this next item on the agenda is for consideration of information from legal counsel regarding pending district litigation and that discussion of these matters in closed session is necessary and permitted by law. Dr. Van Gelder requested a motion to enter a closed session. Ms. Blakely moved that the Board enter closed session to discuss pending litigation and to receive and discuss legal advice from the District's attorney, both of which are clearly necessary to protect the public's interest and to maintain the attorney-client privilege. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yale and carried by unanimous roll-call vote. Dr. Van Gelder advised that the board would enter closed session to discuss pending litigation and to receive and discuss legal advice from the District's attorney, both of which are clearly necessary to protect the public's interest and to maintain the attorney-client privilege. The Board will limit itself to discussion of these issues. The board entered closed session at 7:39 p.m. The board came out of closed session at 8:23 p.m. There being no further business, Dr. Van Gelder adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.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 **Monday, October 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m.** at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE. An agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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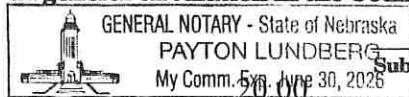
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That said Newspaper during that time was regularly published and in general circulation in the County of Douglas, and State of Nebraska.



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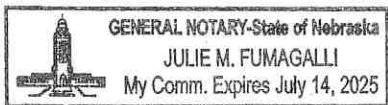
The undersigned hereby certifies that a Notice of Board Meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was placed on the home page of the website of Westside Community Schools (www.westside66.org) beginning on Sept. 20, 2022, and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Name Kerni Sedivy

Name: Sam Edry
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