

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting ~ November 21, 2022

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on November 21, 2022, at 12:00 Noon at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: Meagan Van Gelder, President
Kris Karnes, Secretary
Dana Blakely, Treasurer
Adam Yale, Treasurer-Elect

Board members absent (excused): Doug Krenzer, Director
Beth Morrisette, Vice President

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 November 8, 2022, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on November 18 and 21, 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, Russ Olsen.

Others in Attendance*: Kristen Stiles, Phil Stiles. *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 12:00 Noon. 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 Doug Krenzer and Beth Morrisette. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely 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 Meeting held on November 7, 2022. Ms. Karnes for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Communications

There was no Communications report.

Annual District Audit Report

Mr. Jess Paisley of Eide Bailly LLP presented the annual district audit report. He thanked Brian Gabriel, District Officer of Business and Finance, and his staff for their responsiveness and assistance in handling all of the requests for information that were made during the audit process this year. As last year, a great deal of the audit work was completed remotely. Prior to today's presentation to the full Board, Mr. Paisley held a post-audit review meeting with the Board Finance Committee (Dr. Van Gelder, Ms. Blakely and Mr. Yale) on October 27, 2022, to discuss the audit findings. Mr. Paisley advised the Board that Eide Bailly acquired Seim Johnson in July 2022, a move that was beneficial to Seim Johnson staff and partners. Mr. Paisley highlighted a couple of audit findings that included corrected statements from last year - reclassification of accounts to record receipts; and a new entry for Foundation reimbursement for capital projects - neither of which impacted the fund balance. There were outstanding cash disbursements to activity funds totaling \$153,000, though Mr. Paisley had no concerns and was confident that these funds would be recovered with checks that had not cleared as of the end of August (end of the budget fiscal year). Mr. Paisley praised the District's continued vigilance in utilizing tax-payer dollars and effective budgeting, which resulted in an 18% increase to the General Fund Balance. Copies of the Audit Report and Mr. Paisley's keynote presentation are included in the board meeting documents folder.

Board Policy for Review

Dr. Lucas presented proposed revisions to Policy #7250 (Distribution of Materials from Outside Organizations) for consideration and discussion by the Board. These revisions will provide the District more flexibility in permitting materials that provide a benefit to students, staff, and families. This policy will be presented for approval at the Board of Education Meeting on December 12, 2022. A redline copy of policy 7250 and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Sale of District Equipment

Mr. Russ Olsen, Director of Facilities, requested board approval for the sale of a timpani drum from Westside Middle School. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

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 building walk-throughs; elementary concert at Oakdale; and the WE-SIDE Community Walk at the Jewish Federation of Omaha.

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

Nov. 23-25, 2022	Thanksgiving Break - No School
December 12, 2022	Board of Education Meeting - 5:00 pm - ABC BOE Student Advisory Committee - 6:00 pm (immediately following adjournment of the Board Meeting) - ABC
December 19, 2022	BOE / Senior Leadership Workshop - 4:00 pm - ABC

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Announcements, continued:

12/22/22 - 1/4/23

January 5, 2023

January 16, 2023

Winter Break - No School

First Day of Second Semester

MLK Day (No School for Students; PL Day for Staff)

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. Karnes 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 Ms. Blakely 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 12:36 p.m. The board came out of closed session at 1:03 p.m. There being no further business, Dr. Van Gelder adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.



Kris Karnes, Secretary, Board of Education

**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, November 21, 2022, 12:00 Noon** 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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Notary Public in and for Douglas County,
State of Nebraska

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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 NOV. 8, 2022 and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Brian Sedivy

Name

Assoc., Communications & Graphics

Title

STATE OF NEBRASKA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

Before me, a Notary Public, qualified in and for said County and State, personally came Brian 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

