

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ February 16, 2021

The Board of Education Meeting of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on February 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: Kris Karnes, President
Doug Krenzer, Vice President
Dana Blakely, Secretary
Meagan Van Gelder, Treasurer
Beth Morrissette, Treasurer-Elect
Adam Yale, 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 February 2, 2021, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on February 15-16, 2021, 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, Enid Schonewise, Mark Weichel, Brian Gabriel, Molly Hurley, Kim De La Cruz, Greg Betts, Kami Jessop, Paul Lindgren, Robert Aranda, Brandi Paul, Nick Lesiak, Russ Olsen, Jay Opperman, Guy O'Brien.

Others in Attendance*: Rod Karr.

*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. Karnes called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:31 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Karnes requested a motion for approval of minutes from the February 1, 2021, Board of Education Meeting. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Van Gelder presented the treasurer's report for January 2021, and requested approval for expenditures in the amount of \$7,193,678; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Approval of expenditures was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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Copies of the January 2021 financial reports (financial statements, general fund disbursement summary and general fund check register) are attached to the official minutes.

Board Policies for Approval

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District Administrative Counsel, presented revisions to five existing board policies for board approval. These policies were first presented to the board for consideration and discussion on February 1, 2021. Redline copies of all board policies are attached to the official minutes.

#1220 - Public Meetings, Notifications, Minutes (revisions) - Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#1240 - Preparation for Board Meetings (consolidate into existing policy) - Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#1260 - Date and Time of Meetings (consolidate into existing policy) - Ms. Morrissette moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#1270 - Organization of Meetings (consolidate into existing policy) - Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Mr. Krenzer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#1280 - Public Participation at Board Meetings (revisions) - Mr. Krenzer moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Board Policies for Consideration and Discussion by the Board

Mr. Lesiak presented three policies for board consideration and discussion. These policies will be presented again for board approval on March 1, 2021. Redline copy of revised policy and clean copies of new policies are attached to the official minutes.

#1400 - Memberships in Organizations (revisions to existing policy)

#1125 - Development and Education of Board Members (new policy)

#1505 - Participation in Insurance Program by Board Members (new policy)

Personnel Report

Mr. Lesiak presented the personnel report (two certified staff probationary contracts; one certified staff temporary one-year contract; one certified staff temporary to probationary contract; two certified staff resignations) for board approval. Ms. Morrissette moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Review of Tentative Summer (2021) Facilities Projects

Mr. Russ Olsen, Director of Facilities, presented an overview of current and planned facility projects that were identified on the district's 2019 long-range (10-year) facility planning matrix. District-wide projects scheduled for completion (or already completed) in FY21 include security upgrades, interior flooring upgrades, concrete repair, window coverings, parking-lot striping, large painting projects, and

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tree/landscaping services (tree removal or planting). Some projects that have already been completed include the replacement of the chiller at West Campus; Westbrook ECC parking lot replacement; and demolition of the Mitchell House on the west side of the high school (to make way for an additional parking lot). Summer '21 roofing projects include the WHS Science wing and WMS cafeteria. Copies of the Executive Summary and keynote presentation are attached to the official minutes.

Student Wellness Annual Report (Board Policy #5660)

Dr. Mark Weichel, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented an overview of district student wellness initiatives and activities in the 2020-2021 school year, per board policy 5660. The six goals outlined in policy 5660 include: Health and Nutrition Education; Physical Activities and Education; School-Based Activities to Promote Student Wellness; Nutrition Services; Counseling, Psychological, and Health/Social Services; and Safe-School Environment. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to the official minutes.

Communications

Public Comment - There were no requests for Public Comment.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates

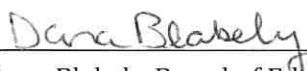
The district celebrated the opening of the Merrill "Swede" Carlson Golf Training Center at Westside High School yesterday. Funded entirely through donations to the Westside Foundation, members of the Carlson family were on hand to dedicate the facility, which features a state-of-the-art golf training simulator. Not only will the Swede Center provide access for year-round training for the boys and girls golf teams, it will also offer opportunities for community outreach and a way to introduce students to the game of golf. Dr. Lucas and Mr. Krenzer will join our district lobbyist, Mr. Sean Kelley, in Lincoln on February 23rd to provide testimony in opposition to LB651.

Announcements

Ms. Karnes reviewed the following upcoming events:

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| March 1, 2021 | Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 6:30 p.m. |
| March 9, 2021 | Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m. |
| March 11-12, 2021 | Parent Teacher Communication Dates (no school for students) |
| March 15, 2021 | BOE Student Advisory Committee - 5:30 p.m. |
| | Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 6:30 p.m. |

There being no further business, Ms. Karnes adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.



Dana Blakely, Board of Education Secretary

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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 Feb. 2, 2021, and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Kim 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 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.

[Signature]
Notary Public



WESTSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given of the Board of Education Meeting of Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE.** An agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Administration Office. The meeting is open to the public. Social distancing protocols are followed and masks are required. Meeting will also be broadcast via Facebook Live (Facebook: WestsideCommunitySchools).

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District of Nebraska,
County of Douglas,
City of Omaha, } ss.

ELIZABETH WHITE

being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is

LEGAL EDITOR

of **THE DAILY RECORD**, of Omaha, a legal newspaper, printed and published daily in the English language, having a bona fide paid circulation in Douglas County in excess of 300 copies, printed in Omaha, in said County of Douglas, for more than fifty-two weeks last past; that the printed notice hereto attached was published in **THE DAILY RECORD**, of Omaha, on _____

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My Comm. Exp. December 11, 2021

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before

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me this 16th day of
February 2021

Notary Public in and for Douglas County,
State of Nebraska