

## WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

### Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ March 1, 2021

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The Board of Education Meeting of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on March 1, 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 17, 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 26 and March 1, 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, Becky Lowther, Guy O'Brien.

**Others in Attendance\*:** Dave Richardson.

\*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 6:30 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 16, 2021, Board of Education Meeting. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

#### **Communications**

Public Comment - There were no requests for Public Comment.

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### **Board Policies for Approval**

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District Administrative Counsel, presented revisions to one existing board policy and two new board policies for board approval. These policies were first presented to the board for consideration and discussion on February 16, 2021. A redline copy of the revised policy and copies of the new policies are attached to the official minutes.

#1400 - Memberships in Organizations (revisions to existing policy) - Mr. Krenzer moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#1125 - Development and Education of Board Members (new policy) - Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#1505 - Participation in Insurance Program by Board Members (new policy) - Ms. Morrissette 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 revisions to the following two existing policies for board consideration and discussion:

#1000 - The Purpose of the Board of Education Policies

#1120 - Functions of the Board

Mr. Lesiak advised that revisions include the shifting of some content from policy 1120 to policy 1000, addition of clarifying language regarding the six primary functions of the board, and ensuring that all state statute requirements pertaining to board functions are included in policy. These policies will be presented again for board approval on March 15, 2021. Redline copies of proposed revisions are attached to the official minutes.

### **Sale / Disposal of District Equipment**

Mr. Russ Olsen, Director of Facilities, requested board approval for the sale / disposal of the following district equipment (as required per board policy #3450):

- sale of a 2013 Ford E-350 Box Van
- sale of a 1988 International Model 1955 dump truck
- sale of a 2003 Bil-Jax boom lift
- sale and disposal of athletic uniforms and equipment

Mr. Krenzer moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to the official minutes.

### **Personnel Report**

Dr. Enid Schonewise, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented the personnel report (one certified staff probationary contract) for board approval. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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**Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates**

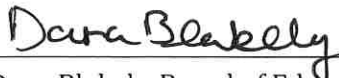
Dr. Lucas and Mr. Krenzer attended a legislative hearing last week regarding LB651 (removal of option enrollment funding). Mr. Krenzer provided opposition testimony. Ms. Morrissette participated in the NASB Legislative Committee meeting. Mr. Yale attended the February 26th session of Parent Navigators, presented by the WCS Special Services Department. This was the second of five monthly sessions being offered. The next one is scheduled for March 26th.

**Announcements**

Ms. Karnes reviewed the following upcoming events:

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| March 9, 2021     | Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.                                                        |
| March 11-12, 2021 | Parent Teacher Communication Days (no school for students)                                          |
| March 15, 2021    | BOE Student Advisory Committee - 5:30 p.m.<br>Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 6:30 p.m. |
| March 22-26, 2021 | District All Staff Appreciation Week                                                                |
| March 29-April 2  | Spring Break - No School                                                                            |

There being no further business, Ms. Karnes adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.



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Dana Blakely, Board of Education Secretary



**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY 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 **Monday, March 1, 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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**County of Douglas,**  
**City of Omaha,** } ss.

**ELIZABETH WHITE**

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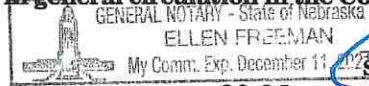
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of **THE DAILY RECORD**, of Omaha, a legal newspaper, printed and published daily in the English language, having a bona fide paid circulation in Douglas County in excess of 300 copies, printed in Omaha, in said County of Douglas, for more than fifty-two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

**DAILY RECORD**, of Omaha, on  
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**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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