

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ August 30, 2021

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on August 30, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present:

Doug Krenzer, President
Meagan Van Gelder, Vice President
Adam Yale, Secretary
Beth Morrissette, Treasurer
Dana Blakely, Treasurer-Elect
Kris Karnes, 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 August 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 August 27 and 30, 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, Mark Weichel, Andrea Haynes, Brian Gabriel, Molly Hurley, Paul Lindgren, Kim De La Cruz, Greg Betts, Kami Jessop, Brandi Paul, Nick Lesiak, Kelcy Tapp, Robert Aranda, Jaime Kammandel, Teresa Matthews, Maggie Person.

Others in Attendance*: Carrie Hamill, Elizabeth Jansen, T. Fogarty. *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.

Mr. Krenzer called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. (immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing). He 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. He 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

Mr. Krenzer requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Public Hearing held on August 16, 2021. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Krenzer requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on August 16, 2021. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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WHS Advanced Placement and Dual Credit Presentation

Ms. Kim De La Cruz, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, presented an update to the Board on Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit course offerings at Westside High School for the 2021-2022 school year. There are currently 25 AP course offerings. And though enrollments in AP courses have remained steady, Ms. De La Cruz reported that there has been a slight decline in the number of students who opt to take the AP exam at the end of the school year. She advised that this could be attributed to changes in the College Board's exam registration process, as well as an increase in students choosing dual credit course work, especially since a number of the dual credit offerings through UNO are connected to AP classes. Ms. De La Cruz also reported that UNO is granting a provisional certificate for teachers who are actively working towards their Masters degree with at least 18 graduate hours in the content area, a requirement to teach the dual credit course at WHS.

Dual credit offerings are also increasing through Metro Community College (MCC), with multiple options for students to earn college credits. In addition to expanded advanced welding courses, there is also a Personal Finance course, a Spanish 4 course and a new Modular Math course that has drawn significant interest from students. The high school is working to identify more non-AP courses that could be offered for dual credit and working with staff to receive the credits necessary for them to teach these courses. In addition to dual enrollment coursework, other programs include Career Academies, Kickstart Online Institute, College Now!, and Gateway to College. Copies of the Executive Summary and keynote are included in the board documents folder.

Recognition of Westside Education Association as Exclusive Bargaining Agent for Certified Staff 2022-2023 Negotiated Agreement

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 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and WEA Request Letter are included in the board documents folder.

Board Resolution: Superintendent's Authority - Pandemic Response

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District Legal Counsel, presented a Board of Education Resolution to grant the Superintendent the authority, in consultation with the Board President, to take action - as authorized by law - in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This authority will continue in effect until the pandemic conditions no longer exist, or until modified or terminated by action of the Board. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Board. A copy of the Board Resolution is included in the board documents folder and is posted on the district website under the *COVID-19 UPDATES* heading.

Board Policies

Due to the Board's approval of the resolution (in the previous agenda action item) to grant authority to the Superintendent regarding response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mr. Lesiak requested the following:

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Board Policy #1000 (Board Policies): Approval to authorize the Board of Education to take action on an existing board policy (elimination of Policy #2230) at a single Board meeting as allowed per Policy #1000. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Board Policy #2230 (Masks and Facial Coverings): With the adoption of the Board Resolution to grant the Superintendent authority to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, approval to eliminate Policy #2230 as allowed per Policy #1000. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summaries, Policies and Resolution are included in the board documents folder.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates

A number of board members joined the District Admin team for various back to school events including curriculum nights and the Westside Community Back to School BBQ and Pep Rally. The District hosted a community forum on August 24th at the high school (that was also streamed on Facebook Live) to provide an update on WE-SIDE and initiatives for the school year.

Announcements

Mr. Krenzer reviewed the following upcoming events:

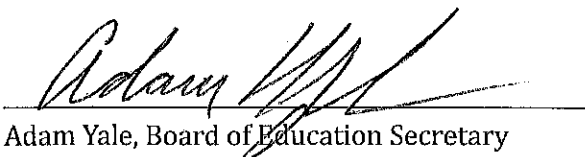
- September 3, 2021 Professional Development Day for Teachers / No school for students
- September 6, 2021 Labor Day - No School
- September 13, 2021 BOE Property Tax Public Hearing - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m.
- September 13, 2021 Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - Immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing
- September 25, 2021 Westside Foundation VI-VI - CHI Center - 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Lucas shared that the district will be hosting two Digital Citizenship Forums for parents and the community: one on September 23, 2021 from 6:30-7:30pm at Westside High School - Auditorium, and one on October 21, 2021, from 6:30-7:30pm at Westside Middle School - Performing Arts Center. These presentations - by KSB School Law - will address legal issues related to digital citizenship such as cyberbullying, sexting and internet safety.

Communications

Public Comment: There were 8 requests for public comment: Melissa Blackwell; Jenn Waltemath - anti-mask; Carrie Hamill; Denise Bradshaw; James Best - anti-mask; Jason Coleman - anti-mask; Bret Dennis; Layla Black - anti-mask.

There being no further business, Mr. Krenzer adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



Adam Yale, Board of Education Secretary

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF HEARING AND MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of a Budget Public Hearing for the Board of Education of Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Monday, August 30, 2021, 6:00 p.m.** Immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing, the Board will hold their regular Board of Education Meeting. These meetings will be held at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE. The agendas, continually kept current, are available at the District Office. The meetings are open to the public.

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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 Aug. 17, 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.

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Notary Public

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