

## WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

### Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ September 13, 2021

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The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on September 13, 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 31, 2021, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on September 10 and 13, 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, Russ Olsen, Trever Reeh, Teresa Matthews, Becky Lowther.

**Others in Attendance\*:** Lisa Hatterman. \*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 6:18 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 FY22 Budget Public Hearing held on August 30, 2021. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder 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 30, 2021. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Morrissette presented the treasurer's report for August 2021, and requested approval for expenditures in the amount of \$\$6,959,199; Mr. Yale seconded. Approval of expenditures was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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### Approval of FY22 Budget

Mr. Brian Gabriel, District Officer of Business and Finance, presented the 2021-2022 budget for approval. The Budget Public Hearing was held on August 30, 2020. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Ms. Blakely moved for approval of the **Nutrition Services Fund** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$6,082,509 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Yale moved for approval of the **Enterprise Fund** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$540,317 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval of the **Activities Fund** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,000,000 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Karnes moved for approval of the **Student Fees Fund** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$250,000 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Morrissette moved for approval of the **General Operation Fund** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$92,316,926 calling for a local real property tax need of \$47,800,113.72 plus 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$482,829.00 for a total of \$48,282,942.72; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Blakely moved for approval of the **Special Building Fund** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$509,620.45 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Yale moved for approval of the **Bond Debt Service Fund** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$6,645,027.76 calling for a local real property tax need of \$6,975,123.89 plus the 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$70,456.00 for a total of \$7,045,579.89; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval of the **Employee Benefit Fund** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$270,000 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Karnes moved for approval of the **2015 Phase 1 Construction Fund** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$847,780.83 calling for a local real property tax need of \$0; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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### Board of Education Student Advisory Committee Appointments for the 2021-2022 School Year

Dr. Lucas presented appointments to the Board of Education Student Advisory Committee for board approval: Abigail Cartwright, Tanatswa Chivero, Marissa Matukewicz, Charlotte G. Miller, Minh Nguyen and Jaden Taylor. These students will join ten returning committee members from last year to serve during the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

### Naming of School District Facility (Board Policy 3175)

Mr. Russ Olsen, Director of Facilities, presented a naming application from the Westside Foundation for the naming opportunity of the Westside High School softball complex at 7816 Western Avenue. The family of Allen Seline and Kathleen Seline has donated \$127,000 in their memory that provides for naming rights of the facility that will be known as the *S. Allen Seline Softball Complex*. The cost of the project - \$150,000 - includes construction of a secondary softball field and updated paint for the existing concession stand and locker room area. Per board policy #3175, the naming or renaming of school district facilities or portions of facilities - inside or outside - rests with the Board of Education. Ms. Morrisette moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and Naming Application are included in the board documents folder.

### Update on District Facilities Summer Projects

Mr. Olsen presented an update to the Board on a number of projects that have been completed during the 2021 fiscal year. These projects align with the District's long-range facility planning and maintenance matrix. The majority of buildings had planned projects completed including:

#### ABC

Safety and security upgrades - internal and external security cameras

#### Hillside

Safety and security upgrades - external security cameras  
New ADA chair lift  
Internal classroom paint

#### Loveland

Safety and security upgrades - external security cameras  
Paint gymnasium

#### Paddock Road

Safety and security upgrades - external security cameras  
Internal classroom paint  
Concrete drainage improvements

#### Rockbrook

Safety and security upgrades - external security cameras  
Internal classroom paint  
Concrete drive to south playground

#### Sunset Hills

Interior hallway paint

#### Westbrook

New asphalt on ECC parking lot  
HVAC upgrades to kitchen area

#### Westgate

Safety and security upgrades - external security cameras  
New concrete basketball area

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### **West Campus/Swing School**

New chiller  
Security system upgrades to both the upper and lower level of building  
Safety and security upgrades - external security cameras

### **WHS**

Replace 45 heat pumps  
New baseball turf  
Newly expanded Mitchell House parking lot  
Carriage House/Alumni House parking lot resurfacing  
New ADA concrete

### **WMS**

New roof over the administrative hallway  
Resurface main gym floor  
Epoxy installation on restroom floor near the main office

Copies of Mr. Olsen's Executive Summary and Keynote presentation are included in the board documents folder.

### **Board Policies for Review**

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, presented proposed revisions to two existing policies for board consideration and review. As part of the District's regular policy review process, these revisions are primarily for clarity / definition of terms and to bring language in line with current state statutes.

- Board Policy 1210 (Board of Education) - Transaction of Business
- Board Policy 1500 (Board of Education) - Compensation and Expenses

Both policies will be presented for board approval at the Board of Education Meeting on October 4, 2021. A copy of the Executive Summary - along with redline copies of each policy - are included in the board documents folder.

### **Review of District's Pandemic Plan**

Dr. Lucas reviewed the District's current Safe Return to School Plan that was updated on August 30, 2021. He expressed that - while masks continue to be a divisive issue, not only in our district but across the country - the district's number one goal is to do all we can to keep our students and staff in the classroom. And the implementation of masks for K-12 students and all staff is an important layer in limiting exposures and as well as the need to require quarantining. As stated in the district announcement on August 27, 2021, the mask requirement will run through at least Friday, September 24, 2021. Dr. Lucas advised that the district will weigh various factors in the next two weeks in determining a mask requirement beyond September 24th. Those factors will include the number of confirmed cases and the number of quarantines, as well as consideration of additional recommendations and guidance from the Douglas County Health Department. Updates to the mask requirement will be communicated to families the week of September 20th. A copy of the District's Safe Return to School Plan is included in the board documents folder.

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### Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates

Board members attended a number of events across the district over the last two weeks including elementary community club meetings, the Dual Enrollment / FAFSA presentation at WHS, building walk-throughs and "Transition Check-In Nights" at WMS and WHS. Dr. Lucas is in the process of scheduling senator visits to some of our district school buildings.

### Announcements

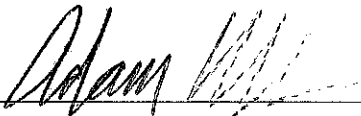
Mr. Krenzer reviewed the following upcoming events:

- Thursday, September 23, 2021 - Digital Citizenship w/KSB School Law - WHS - 6:30pm
- Saturday, September 25, 2021 - Westside Foundation VI-VI - CHI Center - 6:00pm
- Monday, October 4, 2021 - BOE Student Advisory Committee Meeting - ABC - 5:00pm
- Monday, October 4, 2021 - Board of Education Meeting - ABC - 6:00pm
- Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - Westside Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally - WHS - 6:30pm

### Communications

Public Comment: There were 8 requests for public comment: Denise Bradshaw (masks, board); Jason Coleman (masks); Diane Cahill (masks); Shanna Claborn (masks, mental health); Kelly O'Connell (mask risks); Todd Waltemath (masks, gym class); Bret Dennis (masks, board); Lisa Hatterman (masks, NE board initiatives).

There being no further business, Mr. Krenzer adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



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Adam Yale, Board of Education Secretary

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of a Property Tax Public Hearing for the Board of Education of Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Monday, September 13, 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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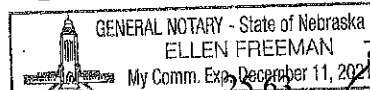
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September 13, 2021

# 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](http://www.westside66.org)) beginning on Aug 31, 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.

State of Nebraska - General Notary  
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My Commission Expires  
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