

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ February 7, 2022

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on February 7, 2022, 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
- Beth Morrissette, Treasurer
- Dana Blakely, Treasurer-Elect
- Adam Yale, Secretary
- 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 January 19, 2022, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on February 4 and 7, 2022, 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, Kim De La Cruz, Nick Lesiak, Kelcy Tapp, Robert Aranda, Kami Jessop, Russ Olsen, Becky Lowther, Jaime Kammendel, Sandra Fey, Bob Brousek, Emily Vlcek, Lance Mosier, Kim Johnson.

Others in Attendance*: Anna Evans, Shauna Nemetz. *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 6:00 p.m. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Krenzer requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on January 18, 2022. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote; Ms. Blakely abstained.

Communications

Due to the current Douglas County mask-mandate, there were no visitor recognitions scheduled for this board meeting.

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Communications Annual Update

Ms. Brand Paul, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, presented the annual communications update. Ms. Paul provided information on positive television news features (42); district newsletter views (35,605); and the number of people reached with district videos (7,647). She shared other highlights from this past year including 700 downloads of a new district app, the increase of positive stories and the strategic impact they have for the district. Mr. Gary Smollen, Communications Specialist, provided highlights of the district's social media presence, including Twitter (followers increased by over 300, currently at 5,427); Facebook, and Instagram. Ms. Paul and her department will continue working with staff at the building level who maintain their building's website to provide training and ensure that building-specific information is up to date. Consistent, clear and easy-to-find information is a key priority for the district in communicating to all our audiences: staff, students, families and the greater community. Copies of the Executive Summary and keynote are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policies for Review (#2120 & #2200)

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, presented revisions to the following two existing policies for board discussion and consideration:

#2120 - Duties of the Superintendent (Administration)

#2200 - Administration of Schools (Administration)

Mr. Lesiak met via WebEx with the Board Policy Review Committee last week to go over the proposed revisions, which are non-substantive (primarily language clean-up). The revisions do not change the structure of any processes / procedures outlined in either policy. The addition of the first paragraph in policy 2120 clarifies in writing the formal delegation of general power and authority to the Superintendent by the Board to reflect what is actually happening and has been happening. Both policies will be presented again for approval on February 22, 2022. Copies of the Executive Summary and redline policies are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Review (#5230)

Ms. Kim De La Cruz, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, presented revisions to the following existing policy for board discussion and consideration:

#5230 - Graduation (Students)

Revisions for the classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024 include language clean-up and updates related to new course offerings that will count towards the requirements for a commended diploma; updated language related to math offerings; HPE requirements/Rule 10 compliance, and counseling requirements; and clarity around the service learning waivers related to the pandemic. Revisions for the class of 2025 and beyond include some of the same language clean-up as well as the removal of language related to commended diploma and the addition of language related to the Latin/laude System for recognizing academic achievement (which will begin with the Class of 2025). Policy 5230 will be presented again for approval on February 22, 2022. Copies of the Executive Summary and redline policies are included in the board documents folder.

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Strategic Plan Data Dashboard Overview

Dr. Mark Weichel, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, provided an update to the board on the new “Data Dashboard” on the district website. With the implementation of the new 5-year Strategic Plan (2021-2026) last August, the Strategic Planning Committee was committed to providing transparency and access to data that shows progress of the four goals and accompanying strategies. Dr. Weichel offered that displaying progress of strategic plan goals helps drive the conversations around what is working and what needs to happen to ensure the district continues to improve. He invited anyone with questions to contact a member of the District’s senior leadership team. Click [HERE](#) to view the Strategic Plan / Data Dashboard on the district website. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Committee on American Civics Curriculum Report

Dr. Weichel was joined by social studies teachers / department chairs from the elementary and secondary levels to provide the Board with an annual overview of the curriculum and instructional materials used in the classroom that ensure the district is addressing civic competence and foundational knowledge of our nation’s democracy, as required under Nebraska Statute 79-724. Joining Dr. Weichel for the report were: Ms. Sandra Fey, 1st Grade Teacher at Prairie Lane and Elementary Social Studies Tool Box Chair; Ms. Kim Johnson and Mr. Lance Mosier, Social Studies Teachers at Westside Middle School; and Mr. Bob Brousek, Social Studies Department Chair at Westside High School. Copies of the Executive Summary and keynote are included in the board documents folder.

Approval of Contractor - WHS Heat Pump Replacement Project, Phase III

Mr. Russ Olsen, Director of Facilities, presented a bid from MCC Contractors for Phase III of the heat pump replacement project at Westside High School for board approval. MCC’s bid (\$478,766) was the lowest responsible bid out of three formal bids received. Mr. Olsen advised that work is projected to take place this summer (2022), assuming there are no supply-chain delays. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and bid sheet are included in the board documents folder.

Revisions to Student Calendar - 2022-2023 School Year

Dr. Lucas presented one minor adjustment to the student calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. Friday, February 10, 2023, will become a teacher work day; students will not attend school on this day. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and revised 2022-2023 student calendar are included in the board documents folder.

Personnel Report

Dr. Andrea Haynes, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & District Operations, presented the personnel report (five probationary contracts; two administrator resignations; one certified resignation; one administrator contract; and one non-approval of certified mid-year resignation) for board approval. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Personnel Report is included in the board documents folder.

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Dr. Lucas introduced Dr. Jay Dostal, whose Administrator Contract was part of the personnel report and was in attendance at tonight's meeting. Dr. Dostal is the new high school principal and will officially join the staff on July 1, 2022.

Superintendent Temporary Adjunct Professorship, UNK

Dr. Lucas advised the board that he has been asked to fill a temporary adjunct professorship for the current spring semester in UNK's Educational Leadership Department due the death of a staff member there, and asked for the board's approval to assist with this request. He informed the board that his work in this capacity would be fulfilled on Sunday's in an online format. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: There were no requests for public comment.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates

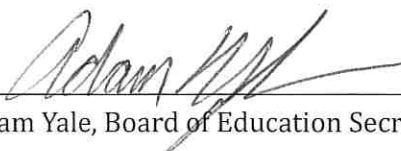
Board members have been present at a number of activities over the past two and half weeks, including the District Caucus, Westside's Competition of Excellence, the Warrior Swim Invite, Coffee with the Counselors (high school), and building visits. Mr. Krenzer thanked the Caucus Committee and all the candidates for their commitment and dedication to Westside Community Schools. He also reported that he'll be attending a Metropolitan Area Board of Education (MABE) Meeting on February 9th. Ms. Morrissette represented the district on January 31st at a NE Association of School Boards Legislative Committee Meeting.

Announcements

Mr. Krenzer reviewed the following upcoming events:

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| February 18, 2022 | Teacher Work Day / No School for Students |
| February 21, 2022 | President's Day / No School for Students / PD Day for Teachers |
| February 22, 2022 | Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m. |
| February 28, 2022 | Inclusion Week |
| March 3-4, 2022 | Board of Education Workshop: 3/3/22 - 4:00 p.m.; 3/4/22 - 8:00 a.m. |
| March 7, 2022 | Board of Education Student Advisory Committee - ABC - 5:00 p.m. |
| March 7, 2022 | Board of Education Meeting - ABC - 6:00 p.m. |

There being no further business, Mr. Krenzer adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Adam Yale, Board of Education Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

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, February 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE. The agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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