

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting and Student Fees Public Hearing ~ April 24, 2023

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on April 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: Meagan Van Gelder, President
Beth Morrissette, Vice President
Kris Karnes, Secretary
Dana Blakely, Treasurer
Adam Yale, Treasurer-Elect

Board members absent (excused): Doug Krenzer, 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 April 11, 2023, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on April 21 and 24, 2023, 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, Kami Jessop, Laura Mann, Kelcy Tapp, Robert Aranda, Nick Lesiak, Becky Lowther, Judy Stucky.

Others in Attendance*: Diane Cahill. *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.

Dr. Van Gelder called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:01 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. Dr. Van Gelder requested a motion for an excused absence for Doug Krenzer. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. (Mr. Yale arrived a few minutes late).

Student Fees Public Hearing

Dr. Van Gelder advised those in attendance that the Public Hearing is to hear opposition, support and observations regarding Student Fees for the 2023-2024 School Year, and that any resolution setting, altering or amending the Student Fees Policy (#6340) as a result of the hearing will be in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 79-2,125 through 2,134. Mr. Brain Gabriel, District Officer of Business and Finance, reviewed Policy 6340 and highlighted a few of the proposed changes for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Increases to some Summer Sports Camps for Elementary, Middle and High School
- Increases to transportation (bus service) for the Middle and High School
- Lunch Service (Elementary and Middle School: increase of \$.05) (High School: increase of \$.10)
- Increases to some extracurricular fees at both the Middle and High School
- Removal of the option for "Off-Campus" Parking fees at the High School

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Questions and comments were invited from the board and from those in attendance. Revisions to Student Fees for 2023-2024 will be presented again for approval at the Board of Education Meeting on May 15, 2023. A copy of the Executive Summary and redline copy of Policy 6340 are included in the board documents folder.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Van Gelder requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on April 10, 2023. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote. Dr. Van Gelder requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Student Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2023. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Communications

Ms. Brandi Paul, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, advised the Board that regular communications continue to be sent to all families regarding the Phase II Bond Informational Meetings that are being held at various school buildings through May 3rd. News releases from the Douglas County Election Commission regarding voter registration and ballot deadlines are posted on the District website.

Personnel Report

Dr. Andrea Haynes, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and District Operations, presented the personnel report (five certified staff probationary contracts; two administrator resignations; one certified staff resignation; one administrator contract) for board approval. Mr. Yale 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.

Board Policy Revision for Approval

Mr. Nick Lesiak, In-House Legal Counsel, presented a revision to Policy #4380 for board approval. Previously presented for discussion and consideration at the April 10, 2023, Board Meeting, this revision will add Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a paid holiday. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and Policy #4380 are included in the board documents folder.

Public Comment

There were no requests for Public Comment.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates

Board members were represented at a number of events over the past two weeks including Phase II Bond Meetings at Westside Middle School (4/11 & 4/18)); Westbrook (4/13 & 4/23); Paddock Road (4/16); Hillside (4/16); Westgate (4/17); Loveland (4/20); and Rockbrook (4/23); Warrior Choir Competition; and the Multicultural Fair: "Taste of Westside" held on Saturday, April 22nd. Dr. Lucas shared that LB385 (Educator Recruitment and Retention bill) that the district supported continues to advance and could likely be attached to a "Christmas Tree" bill encompassing a number of other amended bills. He advised that our district lobbyist, Sean Kelley, continues to keep him and the Board informed of daily legislative activities.

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Announcements

Dr. Van Gelder reviewed the following upcoming events:

April 25, 2023	Westside Community Walk @ Restoring Dignity - 4:00-5:30 p.m.
May 15, 2023	Board of Education Student Advisory Committee Meeting - ABC - 5:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting - ABC - 6:00pm
May 18, 2023	Project Search Graduation - Children's Hospital - 10:00 a.m.
May 21, 2023	WHS Commencement - Baxter Arena - 2:00 p.m.
May 26, 2023	Last Day of School! Dismissal at 12:00 Noon

There being no further business, Dr. Van Gelder adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.



Kris Karnes, Secretary, Board of Education

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTICE OF MEETING**

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 **April 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** 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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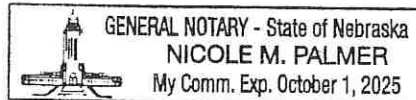
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WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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 April 11, 2023 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.

Julie M. Fumagalli
Notary Public

