

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ March 10, 2025

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

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

Board member absent (excused): Dana Blakely, President

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 19, 2025, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on March 7 and 10, 2025, and on their website at omahadailyrecord.com, as well as the NE Press Association website at nepublicnotices.com. 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, Robert Aranda, Kim De La Cruz, Kelcy Tapp, Kami Jessop, Laura Mann, Paul Lindgren, Becky Lowther, Matt Lee, Diana Williams, Garret Higginbotham.

Others in Attendance*: Diane Cahill, Carolyn Roeder. *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. Yale 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. Board Meeting attendance is noted above. Mr. Yale requested a motion to approve an excused absence for Ms. Blakely. Ms. Rider moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Yale requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on February 18, 2025. Ms. Rider moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Yale requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on March 3, 2025. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Communications

Ms. Elizabeth Power, Director of Communications and Engagement, shared a number of highlights celebrating students, staff and community. A copy of her slide presentation is included in the board documents folder.

Update on Academic Partnership with Arizona State University

Ms. Power advised that the student who was scheduled to share his experience about enrolling in a course through the ASU Universal Learner Program this year was unable to be in attendance this evening. She expressed her appreciation to the Board for making this program available to our high school students and providing the opportunity for them to experience college-level coursework. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Phase II Bond Projects

Mr. Matt Herzog, Project Advocates, presented the following items related to Phase II Bond Projects for board approval:

Rockbrook Elementary - Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)

The Rockbrook Elementary CMR Contract with Prairie Construction was approved by the Board of Education on November 18, 2024. On January 31, 2025, Prairie Construction issued the Contract Documents (CDs) prepared by BVH Architects for public bidding. The documents were posted on the District website, published in public plan rooms, and advertised in the daily record. Subcontractor bids were received by Prairie Construction on February 20, 2025: the proposed GMP value for the project is \$4,814,093.00. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and GMP addendum to the CMR Contract are included in the board documents folder.

Loveland Elementary - Approval of Architectural Design and Engineering Contract

As part of the Westside Facilities Master Plan Phase II Bond Implementation Program, WCS and Project Advocates issued Requests for Qualifications on January 6, 2025, for Architectural Design and Engineering Services for the new Loveland Elementary building. Proposals were due by 3:00 p.m. on February 5, 2025. Project Advocates received eight proposals and, along with district representatives, reviewed all proposals for the Loveland project on February 7, 2025. Interviews were held on February 13, 2025. BVH Architecture was selected, and a "Notice to Proceed with Design Services" letter was approved by the Board on February 18, 2025. Project Advocates has been working with BVH Architecture to finalize the contract, which is now presented for Board approval. BVH took no exceptions to the District standard contract. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and Architectural Design and Engineering Services Contract are included in the board documents folder.

Westside High School - Approval of CMR Delivery Method for Locker Rooms and Cafeteria Renovations

The District will be utilizing the Construction Management at Risk (CMR) Construction Delivery Method for the Phase II Bond project at Westside High School, encompassing locker room renovations and an

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addition to the cafeteria (as allowed under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-2901 and board policies 3201 and 3202). CMR gives the District an advantage to hire a general contractor/construction manager prior to having the construction documents fully completed, while still competitively bidding most of the subcontracted work. The CMR construction delivery method yields the most value on complex phased projects like the cafeteria addition and locker room renovations at Westside High School. Ms. Morrissette moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and CMR Motion are included in the board documents folder.

Technology Refresh and Approval for Sale of Devices

Dr. Paul Lindgren, Director of Technology, and Dr. Matt Lee, Coordinator of Technology Integration and Digital Content, presented an update on the current technology that encompasses the district's 1:1 technology program. The district is in year 21 of the high school 1:1 program, and in year 11 of our K-12 1:1 program. To ensure that students and staff are equipped with technology devices that allow for high-quality, technology-based learning experiences, a refresh of those devices is required on a regular basis. Dr. Lee reviewed the current deployment of devices for staff and students, and highlighted additions and changes to this next technology refresh. The district will realize a cost-savings of approximately \$300,000. Dr.'s Lindgren and Lee requested approval for the sale of a selection of Apple devices, including 8th-generation iPad tablets, 4th-generation iPad Air tablets, M1 MacBook Air laptops, 4th-generation iPad Pro tablets, and a limited number of other assorted Apple products. For the sale of district technology devices, the district will partner with a third-party company that will ensure the complete and safe deletion of all district data, and pay an agreed-upon value based on market rates and device condition. Funds from the sale will be utilized to reduce the net cost to the district for this refresh. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Rider seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and Slide Presentation are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policies for Approval

Dr. Andrea Haynes, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and District Operations, requested approval of revisions to policies #4220 - Employment of All Staff, and #4250 - Employment of Classified Staff. Both policies were previously presented by Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, for board discussion on February 18, 2025. Dr. Haynes is requesting approval in Mr. Lesiak's absence at tonight's board meeting. Revisions to both policies clarify that the Board has the sole authority to authorize contracts for certified employees (teachers and administrators) and classified employees at the director level or above. Ms. Morrissette moved for approval of revisions to policy 4220; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ms. Morrissette moved for approval of revisions to policy 4250; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary and redline copies of each policy are included in the board documents folder.

Personnel Report: Employment Actions Related to the Contracts of Certified Staff Members

Dr. Andrea Haynes, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and District Operations, presented the personnel report (one probationary contract; five resignations; one administrator contract) for board

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approval. Ms. Rider 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.

Public Comment: There were no requests for Public Comment.

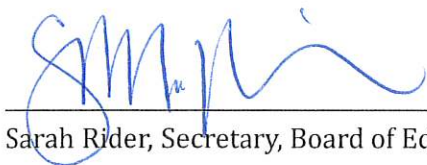
Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates / Announcements

The Board was represented at a number of activities and meetings, including: a presentation to WHS Transition students; the WHS musical production of *"Momma Mia"*; State Swimming; Girls Basketball District and State Championship games; WMS Show Choir competition; Oakdale Elementary Talent Show; Westside Foundation Board Meeting; NASB Legislative Committee Meeting; walk-throughs at WHS, Westbrook, Westgate and Oakdale; and Parent - Teacher Conferences.

Mr. Yale reviewed the following upcoming activities:

March 11, 2025	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m.
March 17-21, 2025	Spring Break - No School
March 24, 2025	Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m.
March 25, 2025	Loveland Phase II Project Community Meeting - Loveland Elementary - 6:00 p.m.
March 26, 2025	Rockbrook Pre-Construction Community Meeting - Rockbrook Elementary - 6pm
March 29, 2025	Westside Multicultural Fair - WHS - 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
April 2, 2025	Paddock Road Pre-Construction Community Meeting - PR Elementary - 6:00 p.m.
April 7, 2025	NOTE: BOE Meeting previously scheduled for 4/7/25 has been cancelled due to no quorum of the Board available on that day
April 9, 2025	Westbrook Pre-Construction Community Meeting - Westbrook Elementary - 6pm

There being no further business, Mr. Yale adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.



Sarah Rider, Secretary, Board of Education

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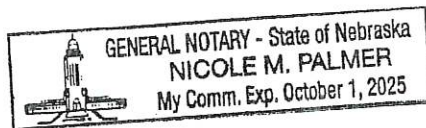
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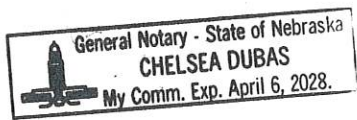
The undersigned hereby certifies that a Notice of Board Meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was placed on the home page of the website of Westside Community Schools (www.westside66.org) beginning on Feb. 19, 2025, and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Kevin Sedivy
Name

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.



Chelsea Dubas
Notary Public