

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ May 17, 2021

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on May 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present:

- Kris Karnes, President
- Doug Krenzer, Vice President
- Dana Blakely, Secretary
- Meagan Van Gelder, Treasurer
- Beth Morrisette, Treasurer-Elect
- Adam Yale, 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 20, 2021, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on May 14 and 17, 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, Enid Schonewise, Mark Weichel, Brian Gabriel, Molly Hurley, Greg Betts, Kim De La Cruz, Kami Jessop, Paul Lindgren, Robert Aranda, Brandi Paul, Nick Lesiak, Becky Lowther, Teresa Matthews.

Others in Attendance*: Dave Richardson, Kelcy Tapp. *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.

Ms. Karnes called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:32 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Karnes requested a motion for approval of minutes from the April 19, 2021, Board of Education Public Hearing and Meeting. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Financials

Dr. Van Gelder presented the treasurer's report for April 2021, and requested approval for expenditures in the amount of \$7,892,357; Mr. Krenzer seconded. Approval of expenditures was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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Copies of the April 2021 financial reports (financial statements, general fund disbursement summary and general fund check register) are included in the board documents folder.

Communications

Public Comment: There were no requests for Public Comment.

Approval of Student Fees for 2021-2022 School Year (Policy 6340)

Mr. Brain Gabriel, Interim Chief Financial Officer, requested approval of proposed changes to Policy 6340 - student fees - for the 2021-2022 school year. These changes were presented at a Public Hearing on April 19, 2021 and include: an increase of 5 cents to breakfast and lunch prices (K-12); language changes in the *"Reimbursement for Lost or Damaged Property"* section to reflect new 1:1 technology devices (K-12); lowered summer school course fees at Westside High School and the addition of a price point for up to three courses; and price adjustments for numerous Summer Sports camps as well as making the fees the same for both resident and non-resident participants. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of Mr. Gabriel's Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Approval

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, presented policy #1115 - Conflicts of Interest - for board approval. Revisions to this policy were presented for board discussion and consideration at the April 19, 2021, Board of Education Meeting. All sections of the policy have revisions. Two new sections added are: *"Conflict of Interest Relating to Campaigning or Political Issues"* (language tracks with current district policy #4460 regarding employee use of district resources for campaigning / political issues); and *"Recordkeeping"* (as it relates to any contract the Board enters into in which a Board member has an interest in and disclosure is required). There were no additional revisions made since the first reading. Mr. Krenzer moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Executive Summary and a redline copy of policy #1115 are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policies for Review

Mr. Lesiak presented the following policies for first reading and consideration by the board:

- #1505 - Participation in Insurance Program by Board Members (policy revisions)
- #4610 - Paid Leaves of Absence (policy revisions)
- #7110 - Commercial Advertising (new policy)

Mr. Lesiak will present policy revisions again at the June 14th Board of Education Meeting for board approval. Copies of the Executive Summary and policies are included in the board documents folder.

Sale of District Equipment

Board approval was requested for the sale of district equipment from the following departments that has reached the end of its useful life or is no longer compatible with current technology:

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Building Services (two pieces of mowing equipment purchased in 1996); WHS Family and Consumer Science (12 Bernina 330 sewing machines); WHS Physics (media and computer equipment from the 60's, 70's and 80's); and District Technology Department (Macbook Air laptops, 5th Gen. iPads and other assorted computer equipment). 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.

Bond Oversight Committee

With the recent completion of the final project in Phase I of the Facilities Master Plan, the services of the Bond Oversight Committee (created by the BOE in 2015 to oversee all Phase I projects) have been completed. Ms. Karnes expressed the board's appreciation to all who have served on the BOC over the past six years. Their commitment and service to the district helped to ensure the successful completion of all projects in Phase I, on time and within budget. Mr. Krenzer shared that it is the board's desire to maintain the engagement of the BOC until such a time that a plan for Phase II projects can be implemented and will likely transition the BOC to a Superintendent Committee. Ms. Karnes advised that they will present this recommendation at an upcoming board meeting.

Sign Language Interpreter / Transliterater Negotiated Agreement for 2021-2022 School Year

Dr. Enid Schonewise, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented for board approval the Sign Language Interpreter / Transliterater Negotiated Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. District Administration worked with the Westside Education Association to finalize the agreement which includes: a 2.2% increase to the starting pay rate; revised language for additional bereavement leave; and updates to working from home on snow days. This is a one-year agreement. Mr. Krenzer moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Redline and final copies of the agreement are attached to the Executive Summary and included in the board documents folder.

Personnel Report

Dr. Schonewise presented the personnel report (ten certified staff probationary contracts; one certified staff continued leave of absence; three certified staff resignations; one administrator contract) for board approval. Ms. Morrissette moved for approval; Mr. Krenzer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Personnel Report is included in the board documents folder.

Dr. Andrea Haynes Consulting Agreement

Dr. Lucas requested board approval for a limited consulting agreement for Dr. Andrea Haynes for up to 10 days of time working in the district in the month of June. Dr. Haynes' official first day is July 1, 2021; this consulting agreement will provide time for Dr. Haynes to spend time with outgoing Assistant Superintendent Dr. Enid Schonewise in preparation of the leadership transition. Dr. Schonewise's last day is June 30, 2021. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Annual Review and Approval of Superintendent Succession Plan (Policy #2115)

Ms. Karnes presented revisions to the district's Superintendent Succession Plan for board approval. Each year, the Board Succession Planning Committee - consisting of the Board President, Vice President and immediate Past President - reviews the plan, which outlines procedures for the orderly transition of leadership in the position of Superintendent. Minor revisions consisted of updating the plan year and removal of specific board officer and superintendent names, and instead referencing only the board officer positions and position of the superintendent. Ms. Morrissette moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A redline copy of the Superintendent Succession Plan is attached to the Executive Summary and included in the board documents folder.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates

Board members and Dr. Lucas attended a variety of events over the past two weeks, including the WHS West Campus graduation reception on May 7th; Administrative team meet and greet for Dr. Andrea Haynes on May 10th; WHS Adaptive Art Class Exhibition at the Kaneko Art Gallery on May 11th; and Project Search graduation on May 14th. Work continues on the process to update the district's Strategic Plan, and Dr. Mark Weichel shared that they have received excellent input and feedback from a broad range of stakeholders. Dr. Lucas announced that plans are in the works to offer additional opportunities through Unified Sports and Special Olympics in the fall, including flag football, basketball and soccer. Stay tuned for more information to come!

Announcements

Ms. Karnes reviewed the following upcoming events:

May 27, 2021	Last Day of the 2020-2021 School Year - 1:00pm Dismissal
June 14, 2021	Board of Education Workshop - 2:00-5:00 pm - ABC Building Board of Education Meeting - 5:00 pm - ABC Building
July 19, 2021	Board of Education Workshop - 2:00-5:00 pm - ABC Building Board of Education Meeting - 5:00 pm - ABC Building

There being no further business, Ms. Karnes adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.



Dana Blakely, Board of Education Secretary

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Notice is hereby given of the Board of Education Meeting of Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Monday, May 17, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE.** An agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Administration Office. The meeting is open to the public. Social distancing protocols are followed and masks are required.

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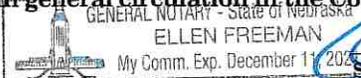
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