WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ December 13, 2021

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on December 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
	Beth Morrissette, Treasurer
	Adam Yale, Secretary
	Dana Blakely, Treasurer-Elect
Board member absent (excused):	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 November 16, 2021, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on December 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 Gabrial, Molly Hurley, Kim De La Cruz, Greg Betts, Kami Jessop, Brandi Paul, Nick Lesiak, Kelcy Tapp, Robert Aranda, Chase Tonkinson, Brandon Meseure, Elizabeth Raphael, Garret Higginbotham, Russ Olsen, Sara Rodwell, Kayla Newumann.

Others in Attendance*: Patti Peterson, Steve Milliken, Diane Cahill, Peter Gadzinski. *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 6:01 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. Mr. Krenzer advised that Ms. Karnes would be absent and requested a motion to approve her absence. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 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 November 15, 2021. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Blakely presented the treasurer's report for November 2021 and requested approval for expenditures in the amount of $8,234,713; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Approval of expenditures was passed by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the November 2021 financial reports (financial statements, general fund disbursement summary and general fund check register) are included in the board documents folder.

Communications

Ms. Brandi Paul, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, introduced Mr. Chase Tonkinson and Mr. Brandon Meseure, co-sponsors for the high school's ESports Team, which had a hugely successful inaugural season. They swept the State Championship awards and had one student (James G.) take national honors, beating other competitors from the university level! Way to go, WHS ESports Team! Ms. Paul welcomed Rockbrook 2nd grade teacher, Ms. Elizabeth Raphael and three of her students - Laylah, Olivia and Will - who shared about their focus on service projects and learning about serving others. In November, their class held a "Socks & Undies" drive that helps families in our very own school community. Awesome work!

ESU3 Presentation

Mr. Scott Blum, ESU3 Executive Director of Professional Development, and Mr. Stu Dornan, ESU3 Board Member - District 3, presented an overview of the services and educational supports that they provide to 18 school districts in four counties (Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington). These 18 school districts represent over 84,000 students in Pre-K through 12th grade. There are a total of 17 Educational Service Units serving school districts across the state of Nebraska. The core services offered through ESU3 include Professional and Customized Learning for students and staff; Information Systems and Technology with support and filtering for over 100,000 devices; Special Education Services; the Gifford Farm Education / Agricultural Center; and CO-OP purchasing services. Copies of ESU3 handouts are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Review - #2110: Employment of Superintendent

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, presented revisions to existing policy #2110 - Employment of Superintendent - for board review and consideration. These revisions include language added from the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument. Having the evaluation process of the superintendent spelled out in board policy makes it clear and concise and provides clarity to the procedures. This policy will be presented again for approval at the Board of Education Meeting on January 18, 2022. A copy of the Executive Summary and a redline copy of policy #2210 are included in the board documents folder.

District Enrollment and Demographic Update 2021-2022 School Year

Mr. Robert Aranda, Director of Student Services, presented an overview of the 2021-2022 student demographics and statistical profile. Mr. Aranda reported that district enrollment is up 1.74% over last year, with 6,069 K-12 students. He attributed this increase to families moving into the district and the

fact that many parents held their in-coming kindergartens out of school last year due to the pandemic. Two data points that reflected lower numbers over the previous year were students who qualified for Free / Reduced Meals and Option-In enrollment students. Mr. Aranda will have the complete enrollment and demographic report available in January. Copies of the Executive Summary and select profile data are included in the board documents folder.

Approval of Contractor for S. Allen Seline Softball Complex

Mr. Russ Olsen, Direct of Facilities, requested approval of the bid from Odeys Sports Field Experts to complete upgrades at the district's S. Allen Seline Softball Complex - 7816 Western Avenue. The project includes a new practice field for the Westside High School softball team. Funding for this project is to be shared between WCS and the Westside Foundation. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Personnel Report

Dr. Andrea Haynes, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & District Operations, presented the personnel report (two probationary contracts; three retirements; seven resignations) for board approval. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Personnel Report is included in the board documents folder.

Consideration of Superintendent Discretionary Payment

Mr. Krenzer introduced a motion to approve the full amount of the discretionary payment to Dr. Lucas as outlined in the second amendment to the superintendent's employment agreement (section 3.a.), dated June 14, 2021. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Update on Potential Courses of Action for Street Improvements around Loveland Elementary through a District / City of Omaha Partnership

Dr. Lucas shared that the District is waiting on a determination from the City of Omaha regarding a street improvement petition for road repairs around Loveland Elementary. He anticipates that the City Council will be voting on their decision regarding the petition - and the percentage of the total amount that the city will agree to cover - within the next few weeks. Dr. Lucas stressed that the District is a willing partner in helping to resolve the road repair issues and working with the Loveland Neighborhood Association. Mr. Krenzer thanked those in the neighborhood who have worked through the long process of getting the petition to the City Council. Dr. Lucas is hopeful that more specific steps toward a resolution can be shared in January once the City makes their determination regarding the petition and cost-share of the project.

Public Comment

There were two requests for public comment: Diane Cahill - WE-SIDE and ESSER Funds; Peter Gadzinski - Loveland School streets.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates

Mr. Krenzer thanked Hillside Principal Cynthia Bailey and her staff for hosting a visit to their building by state senators on December 7th; Ms. Blakely attended a Swanson Science Park Arboretum Association Meeting and expressed what a great example this organization is of the partnership to maintain and improve the land in the neighborhood surrounding Swanson Elementary School. Dr. Lucas will be attending a meeting on Wednesday with our district lobbyist, Sean Kelley, and Senator Lynn Walz regarding a proposed school funding bill.

Announcements

Mr. Krenzer reviewed the following upcoming events:

December 17, 2021	District Spelling Bee - 8:30 a.m. - Westside Middle School
Dec. 22, 2021 - Jan. 4, 2022	Winter Break - No School
Dec. 23-24, 2021	District Offices Closed
Dec. 30-31, 2021	District Offices Closed
January 5, 2022	Students Return! First Day of Second Semester
January 17, 2022	MLK Day - No School for Students / PD Day for Teachers
January 18, 2022 (Tuesday)	BOE Student Advisory Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m. @ ABC
January 18, 2022 (Tuesday)	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - ABC Building

Student Discipline Matter

Mr. Krenzer advised that this item on the agenda is a matter for closed session and is necessary and permitted by law. He requested a motion for the board to enter closed session to protect the public interest, to prevent the disclosure of personally identifiable information about a student, to prevent needless injury to a student's reputation, and because it is in the best interests of the student, other persons, and the school district to do so. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by roll-call vote. Mr. Krenzer restated that the Board would enter closed session to protect the public interest, to prevent the disclosure of personally identifiable information about a student, to prevent needless injury to a student's reputation, and because it is in the best interests of the student, other persons, and the school district to do so, and that the board will limit itself to discussion of this issue. The Board entered closed session at 7:17 p.m. The Board came out of closed session at 8:03 p.m. There being no further business, Mr. Krenzer adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Adam Yale, Board of Education Secretary

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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 **Monday, December 13, 2021, 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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Board of Education Meeting
December 13, 2021

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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 Nov. 16, 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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