

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Workshop ~ July 9, 2024

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on July 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Security National Bank, 1120 S. 101st Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present:

- Dana Blakely, President
- Adam Yale, Vice President
- Sarah Rider, Secretary
- Kris Karnes, Treasurer
- Meagan Van Gelder, Treasurer-Elect
- Beth Morrissette, 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 June 25, 2024, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on July 5 and July 8, 2024, 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, Molly Hurley, Mark Weichel, Kim De La Cruz, Robert Aranda.

Others in Attendance*: *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. Blakely called the Board of Education Workshop to order at 10:02 a.m. 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 Meeting attendance is noted above.

Ms. Blakely thanked everyone for making time to be in attendance today and welcomed Deb Manning with SOLVE Consulting. Ms. Manning reviewed the District's Mission and Vision statements and Strategic Plan goals. She then led the Board through a number of reflection activities that focused on various aspects of being a member of a leadership team, upholding a commitment to high levels of accountability, empathy and collaboration; and recognizing and respecting the diversity and skill-sets of each team member. Board members were asked to consider and share-out ideas to ensure more effective communication; to hold themselves and the group accountable to high performance; and to establish goals and the evidence required to measure success of those goals.

Dr. Mark Weichel, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Kim De La Cruz, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, provided an overview of their department's "*Continuous Improvement Process Handbook*" that was used at their workshop on May 28, 2024, with over 100 K-12 building leaders, curriculum leaders, department chairs and others who were in attendance.

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Establishing and sustaining common language and processes that are data-driven is critical to ensuring that the District is a learning organization with the expectation that every student can learn. Dr. Weichel and Ms. De La Cruz reviewed the continuous improvement process that is used by all grade-level and curriculum teams to effectively and efficiently educate ALL students.

Ms. Blakely reviewed and confirmed the following board committee assignments and school building partnerships for the 2024-2025 school year:

Board Committee Assignments -

Succession Plan Committee: Dana Blakely; Adam Yale; Beth Morrissette
Finance Committee: Kris Karnes, Dana Blakely; Meagan Van Gelder
Legislative Committee: Dana Blakely; Sarah Rider; Beth Morrissette
Policy Committee: Adam Yale; Kris Karnes; Sarah Rider
Facilities Committee: Kris Karnes; Meagan Van Gelder; Beth Morrissette
American Civics Committee: Adam Yale; Sarah Rider; Meagan Van Gelder

School Building Partnerships -

Dana Blakely: Paddock Road; Sunset Hills; Underwood Hills
Adam Yale: Loveland; Swanson; Westbrook
Sarah Rider: Rockbrook; Prairie Lane
Kris Karnes: Westside High School
Meagan Van Gelder: Oakdale; Westgate; Westside Middle School
Beth Morrissette: Hillside; WHS West Campus

Dr. Lucas shared that a new district logo will be rolled out on August 1, 2024, at the All Staff Back to School Meeting at Baxter Arena. Over the years, there have been a number of district logos, the most current being the "starman" and we're excited to introduce the newest logo for Westside Community Schools! Looking ahead to the 2024-2025 school year, Ms. Blakely asked each board member to identify two or three goals that align with the District's Strategic Plan, Superintendent goals and Board leadership to help ensure accountability to their roles on the Board of Education and also to help maintain work / life balance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.



Sarah Rider, Board of Education Secretary

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NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Workshop for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**, at **Security National Bank, 1120 S. 101st 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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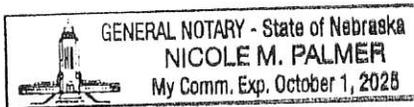
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