

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ August 5, 2024

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on August 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Westside High School, 8701 Pacific St., 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 July 16, 2024, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on August 2 and 5, 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, Mark Weichel, Kami Jessop, Kim De La Cruz, Molly Hurley, Laura Mann, Kelcy Tapp, Paul Lindgren, Becky Lowther.

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 Meeting to order at 5:00 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 Meeting attendance is noted above. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Blakely requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on July 15, 2024. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications

Ms. Elizabeth Power, Director of Communications & Engagement, updated the Board on the District's response to last week's storm that caused power outages at nearly all district buildings and forced the district to reschedule the All Staff Back to School event at Baxter Arena from August 1st to today (August 5th). The high school was a designated cooling center over the weekend for community members, and

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students answered the call to assist our building service staff with clearing tree limbs and debris at district properties. She shared that the new district logo was rolled out earlier today to all staff and the community, and her department is working on a district-wide mailing regarding the tax levy that will go out in early September.

Employment Actions Related to the Contracts of Certified Staff Members

Ms. Melanie Connolly, Director of Human Resources, presented the personnel report (one certified staff probationary contract) for board approval. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Rider seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Personnel Report is included in the board documents folder.

Approval of Bid for WHS Theater Lighting

Mr. Andy Wane, Director of Facilities, presented a bid from Heartland Scenic Studio for approval for the upgrade of Theater Lighting in the Westside High School Auditorium. Three bids were received, and Heartland Scenic Studio submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$128,004, minus a voluntary deduct of \$20,140, for a total of \$107,864. The work will be completed over winter break (December 23, 2024 - January 3, 2025). Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and bid tab sheet are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policies for Approval

Mr. Nick Lesiak, In-house Legal Counsel, presented three policies for board approval, previously presented at the Board Meeting on July 15, 2024, for board discussion and consideration. One consists of revisions to an existing policy and two are new policies. The revisions and new policies are required by changes to laws (or new laws) enacted by the legislature during the most recent session.

Policy #6175 - Projection Maps (Instruction) - new policy.

Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Policy #6205 - Malcolm X Day Education (Instruction) - new policy

Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Policy #6210 - Citizenship - American History (Instruction) - policy revisions

Ms. Morrissette moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Copies of each policy and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Review

Mr. Lesiak presented one proposed new policy for Board discussion and consideration. As with the previous three policies, this new policy is required due to changes to laws (or new laws) enacted by the legislature during their last session.

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Policy #6105 - Repeat of Grade at Parent-Guardian Request (*Instruction*) - new policy

This policy will be presented again for approval at the Board of Education Meeting on August 19, 2024. A copy of the policy and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Approval of Superintendent Goals for the 2024-2025 School Year

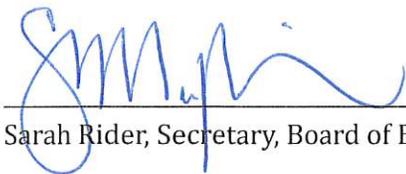
Dr. Lucas presented his 2024-2025 goals and priorities for the 2024-2025 school year for Board approval. The establishment of the Superintendent goals and priorities for the school year is a collaborative effort between the Superintendent and the Board of Education, and aligns with the Superintendent Performance Assessment that is completed in the spring of each year. Ms. Morrissette moved for approval; Ms. Rider seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and Dr. Lucas' Goals and Priorities are included in the board document folder, and are also posted on the district's website.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates / Announcements

The Board was represented at a number of events over the last three weeks including the All Admin luncheon on July 18th and new teacher luncheon on July 25th; NASB Legislative Committee meeting and the district logo / brand unveiling luncheon. Board members also helped staff the cooling station at Westside High School this past weekend.

August 8, 2024	First Day of School
August 12, 2024	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - Westside High School - 6:00 p.m.
August 19, 2024	Board of Education Meeting - Westside High School - 6:00 p.m.
August 30, 2024	Professional Learning Day - No School for Students
September 2, 2024	Labor Day - No School / District Offices Closed

There being no further business, Ms. Blakely adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.



Sarah Rider, Secretary, Board of Education

**WESTSIDE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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 on **Monday, August 5th, 2024** at **5:00 p.m.** at **Westside High School, 8701 Pacific 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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The Daily Record

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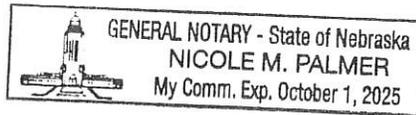
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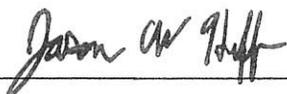


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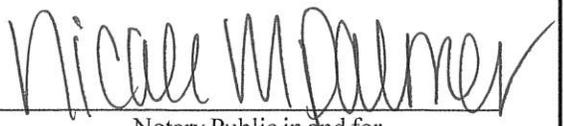
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