

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ September 3, 2024

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on September 3, 2024, at 6:00 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 August 20, 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 30 and September 3, 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, Andrea Haynes, Brian Gabriel, Nick Lesiak, Molly Hurley, Kami Jessop, Kelcy Tapp, Laura Mann, Robert Aranda, Quinn McGuire, Garret Higginbotham, Becky Lowther, Abby Langner.

Others in Attendance*: Erin Froschheiser, Diane Cahill, Kit Williams. *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 6:11 p.m., immediately following adjournment of the FY25 Budget Public Hearing. 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 FY24 Budget Amendment Public Hearing Meeting held on August 19, 2024. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Communications

Ms. Elizabeth Power, Director of Communications & Engagement, shared that an informational mailer will be going out to all district residents with information on the FY25 property tax request. Ground-breaking events will be held at Westgate Elementary on Wednesday, September 4th and at Hillside Elementary on September 11th.

Phase II Bond Project: Approval of Concept / Schematic Design for Paddock Road Elementary

Mr. Matt Herzog, Project Advocates, and Ms. Erin Froschheiser, Leo A. Daly Architects, presented the Concept / Schematic Design for Paddock Road Elementary for Board approval. This project will encompass a new storm shelter, gymnasium, two Early Childhood classrooms, and site master plan. Since April of this year, Leo A. Daly has been working with the Paddock Road Design Advisory Committee, district leadership and Project Advocates to develop the Concept and Schematic designs for this project. Construction is scheduled to begin June 2025 and be completed July 2026. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval of the TACK Architects Proposal; Ms. Rider seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and Ms. Froschheiser's powerpoint presentation are included in the board documents folder. (Following this presentation, Ms. Karnes had to step out of the meeting for a short time and was absent for subsequent votes, until she rejoined the meeting at 7:43 p.m. during closed session).

Phase II Bond Project: Approval of Concept / Schematic Design for Rockbrook Elementary

Mr. Herzog, along with Kit Williams and Matt Smith from BVH Architects, presented the Concept / Schematic Design for Rockbrook Elementary for Board approval. This project will also encompass a new storm shelter, gymnasium, two Early Childhood classrooms, and site master plan. Since April of this year, BVH has been working with the Rockbrook Design Advisory Committee, district leadership and Project Advocates to develop the Concept and Schematic designs for this project. Construction is scheduled to begin June 2025 and be completed July 2026. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval of the TACK Architects Proposal; Ms. Rider seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and BVH's powerpoint presentation are included in the board documents folder.

Nutrition Services Annual Report

Mr. Erin Vik, Director of Nutrition Services, presented the annual report on the district's food service program (Policy #3400). Mr. Vik reviewed Average Daily Participation (ADP), which is an assessment that is used to measure the success of the district's meal program year-over-year. ADP takes into account a number of factors, including free and reduced meal qualification, and the number of lunches and breakfasts served. Mr. Vik and his team use this information (collected for each food service site) to provide insight and trends on food offerings and numbers served. Mr. Vik also reviewed data for the Contract Meal Services, Access 66, Free and Reduced Meal Application numbers, staffing and product sourcing. A copy of Mr. Vik's Executive Summary and powerpoint presentation are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Approval

Mr. Nick Lesiak, In-house Legal Counsel, presented proposed revisions to existing policy #1115 for board approval. These revisions - previously presented for discussion at the Board Meeting on August 19, 2024 - are required per changes to laws (or new laws) enacted by the legislature during the most recent session.

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Policy #1115 - Conflicts of Interest (*Board of Education*) - existing policy

Ms. Morrisette moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the policy and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Board Policy for Review

Mr. Lesiak presented proposed revisions to existing policy #2214 for Board discussion and consideration. These revisions are required due to changes to new Federal Title IX Regulations.

Policy #2214 - Conflicts of Interest (*Administration*) - existing policy

This policy will be presented again for approval at the Board of Education Meeting on September 16, 2024. Copies of the policy and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

Public Comment

There was one request for Public Comment: Diane Cahill, nutrition services and bioengineered food.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates / Announcements

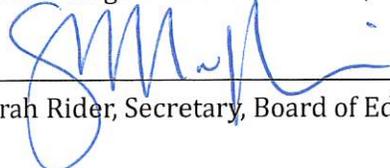
The Board was represented at the Back to School BBQ and Pep Rally at the high school on August 21st; Rockbrook Design Advisory Committee Meeting on August 22nd; BOE Policy Review Committee meeting on August 28th; and curriculum nights at both the middle school and the high school. Ms. Blakely reviewed the following upcoming events:

- September 9, 2024 Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - Westside High School - 6:00 p.m.
- September 16, 2024 FY25 Proposed Property Tax Public Hearing - Westside High School - 6:00 p.m.
- September 16, 2024 Board of Education Meeting - Westside High School - (Board Meeting will commence immediately following adjournment of the Public Hearing)
- September 21, 2024 VI-VI 2024 - CHI Center - 6:00 p.m.

District Legal Matters

At 7:28 p.m., Ms. Blakely stated that the next item on the agenda is consideration of information from legal counsel regarding pending litigation. Discussion of these matters in closed session is necessary and permitted by law. Ms. Blakely requested a motion to enter closed session. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ms. Blakely restated that the Board had adopted a motion to enter closed session to discuss pending litigation and to receive and discuss legal advice from the District's attorney, both of which are clearly necessary to protect the public's interest and to maintain the attorney-client privilege, and that the Board will limit itself to discussion of these issues. A 5-minute recess was taken at 7:28 p.m. At 7:33 p.m., the Board entered closed session. Ms. Karnes rejoined the meeting at 7:43 p.m. At 7:58 p.m., the Board adjourned from closed session (motion made by Mr. Yale; seconded by Dr. Van Gelder).

There being no further business, Ms. Blakely adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.



Sarah Rider, Secretary, Board of Education

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NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of a Budget Public Hearing and Board of Education Meeting for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **September 3, 2024**, at **6:00 p.m.** at **Westside High School, 8701 Pacific St., Omaha, NE**. The **Public Hearing** will begin at **6:00 p.m.**; the **regular Board Meeting** will begin **immediately following adjournment of the Public Hearing**. The agendas, continually kept current, are available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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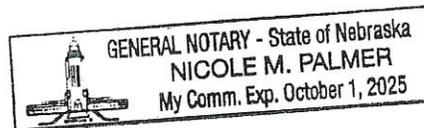
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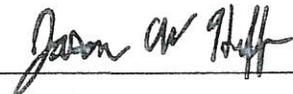


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