

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Workshop Minutes ~ March 3, 2022

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on March 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel, 302 S. 36th St., Omaha, NE.

Board members present:

- Doug Krenzer, President
- Meagan Van Gelder, Vice President
- Adam Yale, Secretary
- Beth Morrissette, Treasurer
- Dana Blakely, Treasurer-Elect
- 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 February 25, 2022, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the workshop was also published in the Daily Record on February 28, 2022, 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, Andrea Haynes.

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.

Mr. Krenzer called the Board Workshop to order at 4:03 p.m. He 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. Board member attendance is noted above.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Lucas referenced the *Strategic Plan Update* document that was prepared by Dr. Mark Weichel, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, who was unable to be in attendance. He shared that community and staff feedback has been positive and the new data dashboard on the district website is receiving considerable "views". The Strategic Plan goals have also been incorporated into the district's recruitment efforts and WE-SIDE initiative. Dr. Lucas expressed that it is important for our staff and community to recognize that the goals and strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan are embedded in the work being done across all district departments. He advised that Dr. Weichel has a Teaching and Learning subcommittee that is taking a look at different ideas for redesigning / renaming the HEAT map that the T&L team and principals use to monitor building progress. This work will take place over the summer and be ready for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Lucas said to expect an update from Dr. Weichel mid-school year (2022-2023) to hear about progress towards Strategic Plan goals and strategies.

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Mental Health Committee

Dr. Lucas referenced the *Mental and Behavioral Health Taskforce Update* document that was prepared by Dr. Kami Jessop, Director of Special Services. The taskforce originated during the 2017-2018 school year, establishing the following primary goal / purpose: *“Develop and implement a plan for coordinating mental-behavioral health resources to provide more timely, high-quality care and education services to Westside Community Schools students who may need assistance.”* While the pandemic impacted regularly scheduled meetings for the full taskforce, small groups continued to meet and make progress towards the various focus areas that had been established. Dr. Lucas advised - referencing page 3 of Dr. Jessop’s document - that progress in focus areas (as of February 2022) is identified by a green arrow (steady progress), yellow arrow (progress made; focus area not yet fully attained); or red arrow (limited or no progress). The district has established a significant network of community partners for mental / behavioral health provider access. Dr. Lucas informed the board that Dr. Jessop and Mr. Robert Aranda, Director of Student Services, are working together to explore the possibility of adding a contract social worker part-time (30-36 hours a week) for the 2022-2023 school to provide assistance to our counselors and psychologists.

Discussion of remaining agenda items will take place beginning at 8:00am on March 4, 2022, at the College of St. Mary - Lied Fitness Center, 7000 Mercy Road. Mr. Krenzer adjourned the workshop at 6:15 p.m.



Adam Yale, Board of Education Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

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 **Thursday, March 3, 2022, 4:00 p.m.** at Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel, 302 S. 36th St., Omaha; and **Friday, March 4, 2022, 8:00 a.m.** at College of St. Mary Lied Fitness Center, 7000 S. 72nd St., Omaha. The agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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