

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66**  
**Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ February 22, 2022**

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The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on February 22, 2022, 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 Morrisette, Treasurer
- Dana Blakely, Treasurer-Elect
- Adam Yale, Secretary
- 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 8, 2022, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on February 18, 21 and 22, 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, Mark Weichel, Andrea Haynes, Brian Gabriel, Molly Hurley, Kim De La Cruz, Nick Lesiak, Kelcy Tapp, Robert Aranda, Kami Jessop, Russ Olsen, Becky Lowther, Jaime Kammendel, Sally Shepherd, Teresa Matthews, Maggie Person, Karen Anderson.

**Others in Attendance\*:** Chris Keele, Patti Peterson, Peter Gadzindki, Sara Achelpohl. \*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. 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 February 7, 2022. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Morrisette presented the treasurer's report for January 2022 and requested approval for expenditures in the amount of \$7,597,111; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Approval of expenditures was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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Copies of the January 2022 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, welcomed coaches and members of the Boys and Girls Wrestling Teams in recognition of their outstanding season and success at the State tournament last week.

### **Approval of Contractor - West Campus Drainage Project**

Mr. Russ Olsen, Director of Facilities, requested approval of the bid from CDS Enterprises in the amount of \$125,280 for work to be completed at West Campus to improve drainage and over-the-ground water runoff on the northwest edge of the district's property line. Water erosion has caused damage to adjacent properties. This work will include grade adjustments, creation of a swale for runoff and installation of a large drain pipe to direct water to the City's existing drainage infrastructure. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and bid sheets are included in the board documents folder.

### **Sale of District Equipment (Policy #3450)**

Mr. Olsen requested approval for the sale of three Bobcat implement attachments, to be sold on consignment to Bobcat of Omaha. Proceeds will be applied to the purchase of new equipment. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

### **Board Policy for Approval (#5230)**

Ms. Kim De La Cruz, Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, requested approval of revisions to existing policy #5230 - Graduation (for the classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024; and class of 2025 and beyond). Previously presented for board consideration at the Board of Education Meeting on February 7, 2022, revisions for the classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024 include language clean-up and updates related to new course offerings that will count towards the requirements for a commended diploma; updated language related to math offerings; HPE requirements/Rule 10 compliance, and counseling requirements; and clarity around the service learning waivers related to the pandemic. Revisions for the class of 2025 and beyond include some of the same language clean-up as well as the removal of language related to commended diploma and the addition of language related to the Latin/laude System for recognizing academic achievement (which will begin with the Class of 2025). Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and redline policies are included in the board documents folder.

### **Board Policy for Approval (#2200)**

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, requested approval of revisions to existing policy #2200 - Administration of Schools. Previously presented for board consideration at the Board of Education Meeting on February 7, 2022, these revisions are non-substantive (primarily language clean-up) and do not change the structure of any processes / procedures outlined in the policy.



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Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and redline policy are included in the board documents folder.

### **Board Policies for Review (#2210 and #2212)**

Mr. Lesiak presented the following two existing policies for board consideration and discussion:

#2210 - Administration in Policy Absence - recommending minor language revisions

#2212 - Equal Allocation of Resources - recommending to repeal this policy; outdated assumptions that are not relevant to how the district is today; some terms are not referenced in any other policy language; and there are a number of other criteria that govern allocation of resources.

Both policies will be presented again for board approval on March 7, 2022. A copy of the Executive Summary and redline copies of the policies are included in the board documents folder.

### **Approval of Negotiated Agreement for 2022-2023 School Year**

Dr. Andrea Haynes, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and District Operations; and Melanie Connolly, Director of Human Resources, presented the 2022-2023 Certified Teacher Negotiated Agreement for board approval. Dr. Haynes introduced members of the Negotiation Teams representing the WEA and the District. Both teams expressed their appreciation for the collaboration and positive working relationship that exists here at Westside Community Schools for this annual process. Highlights of the agreement include an estimated base salary increase of 3.82%; a new teacher starting salary increase of \$900, to \$40,200; language revisions for clarity on personal leave, bereavement leave, and to the grievance process; and language revisions to compensation for unfilled absences at the elementary level and additions to the Extra Duty Schedule. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary, Keynote and Negotiated Agreements - both redline and final - are 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; five certified resignations) for board approval. Ms. Karnes 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.

### **Loveland Roads Street Repair Project - MOU**

Mr. Krenzer presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Street Improvement District 2021-01 (SID) and Westside Community Schools (WCS) that outlines proposed financial responsibilities between the SID and WCS for the purpose of constructing City standard streets as outlined in the MOU. Owners of private property fronting Ridgewood Avenue, from Poppleton Avenue to Pacific Street; and Poppleton Avenue, from Ridgewood Avenue to Loveland Drive, petitioned the City of Omaha to form the SID (approved on December 21, 2021).

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These owners - as identified in the MOU - along with WCS agree to the Cost Sharing Arrangement, subject to the completion of the project (City of Omaha - 50%; WCS - 40%; SID - 10%). Mr. Krenzer expressed - on behalf of the Board and the District - appreciation to those residents who have devoted their time and resources to this project. Mr. Krenzer requested a motion for approval of the MOU between the District and SID 2021-01 on terms and conditions to be agreed to by the parties. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and MOU are included in the board documents folder.

**Public Comment:** There were three requests for public comment: Mr. Peter Gadzinski - Loveland School Streets; Ms. Patti Peterson - Ridgewood/Poppleton Streets; Ms. Diane Cahill - community support and transparency with school board nominees.

**Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates**

Board members have been present at a number of activities over the past two weeks, including sporting events, performing arts events and building walk-throughs. Mr. Krenzer attended a Metropolitan Area Board of Education (MABE) Meeting on February 9th; Ms. Morrissette provided testimony in opposition to LB 1211, which would remove language on option enrollment. Dr. Lucas, Mr. Krenzer and Ms. Morrissette represented the district at the UNO-PDK Annual Board Appreciation Dinner, held on February 15th at the Holland Performing Arts Center after a two-year hiatus.

**Announcements**

Mr. Krenzer reviewed the following upcoming events:

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| February 28, 2022 | Inclusion Week  |
| March 3-4, 2022   | Board of Education Workshop<br>3/3/22 - 4:00 p.m.; and 3/4/22 - 8:00 a.m. |
| March 7, 2022     | Board of Education Student Advisory Committee - ABC - 5:00 p.m.           |
| March 7, 2022     | Board of Education Meeting - ABC - 6:00 p.m.                              |
| March 19, 2022    | Battle of the Books - WMS - 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.                           |
| March 21, 2022    | Board of Education Meeting - ABC - 6:00 p.m.                              |

There being no further business, Mr. Krenzer adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



Adam Yale, Board of Education Secretary

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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 **Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 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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## WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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](http://www.westside66.org)) beginning on Feb. 8, 2022 and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Karin Sedivy  
 Name

Assoc., Communication & Graphics  
 Title

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
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Before me, a Notary Public, qualified in and for said County and State, personally came Karin 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.

Julie M. Fumagalli  
 Notary Public

