

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting Minutes ~ March 18, 2024

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present:

Beth Morrisette, President
Dana Blakely, Vice President
Meagan Van Gelder, Secretary
Adam Yale, Treasurer
Kris Karnes, Treasurer-Elect
Sarah Rider, 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 March 5, 2024, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on March 15 and 18, 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, Kim De La Cruz, Kelcy Tapp, Nick Lesiak, Robert Aranda, Laura Mann.

Others in Attendance*: Carolyn Roeder, Alex Sandoval, Jessica Sandoval. *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. Morrisette called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She welcomed those in attendance and confirmed with Mr. Lesiak 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. Morrisette requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on March 4, 2024. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Yale presented the treasurer's report for February 2024 and moved for approval of expenditures in the amount of \$9,766,436; Ms. Blakely seconded. Approval of expenditures was passed by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the February 2024 financial reports (financial statements, general fund disbursement summary and general fund check register) are included in the board documents folder.

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Communications

Ms. Elizabeth Power, Director of Communications and Engagement, provided a brief overview of the current functions and role of the communications department, along with her vision for department growth into the future.

General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Mr. Craig Jones, Senior Managing Director and Head of Public Finance at FNBO, shared analysis recently with Dr. Lucas and Mr. Gabriel that the district could realize a savings of \$500K or more through the process of refinancing the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021 and Series 2024. It is recommended that the board approve this refinance of bonds, as it represents the best opportunity for debt savings on this issuance for the foreseeable future.

GO Refunding Bonds Taxable Series 2021

Ms. Blakely moved for approval of a resolution of the Board of Education of Douglas County School District 0066 (Westside Community Schools) in the State of Nebraska authorizing the purchase and cancellation of all or a portion of the District's outstanding general obligation refunding bonds, taxable series 2021, in such amounts, from such maturities and at such prices as shall be determined by the authorized officials of the District authorizing certain actions and documents; and prescribing other matters relating thereto. Ms. Rider seconded. Resolution passed by unanimous roll call vote.

GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2024

Mr. Yale moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the issuance by Douglas County School District 0066 (Westside Community Schools) in the State of Nebraska of its general obligation refunding bonds, series 2024, in one or more series and in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed seven million nine hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$7,995,000) for the purpose of purchasing and canceling certain outstanding bonds of the district; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; authorizing certain officials to determine the final aggregate principal amount, maturities, rates, redemption provisions, terms and other details of such bonds; imposing an ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the District to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on such bonds; designating the bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations; authorizing the sale and delivery of the bonds to the purchaser thereof; authorizing certain actions and documents; and prescribing other matters relating thereto. Ms. Blakely seconded. Resolution passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Phase II Bond: Limited Notice to Proceed GMP for ABC Building

Mr. Matt Herzog from Project Advocates requested approval of a Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment to the Construction Manager at Risk Contract with Hausmann Construction for the ABC Building renovation project. The LNTP GMP amendment includes mechanical, plumbing, and the LULA lift. The proposed LNTP GMP value is \$654,247. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and contract are included in the board documents folder.

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Phase II Bond: Construction Contract for WHS Restroom Renovation Project

Mr. Herzog requested approval of the stipulated sum construction contract with 7er Construction for the restroom renovation project at Westside High School. The District received three bids on March 13, 2024. The bids were opened publicly at the ABC building at 2:00 PM with BVH Architecture and Project Advocates in attendance. 7er Construction was the low bidder in the amount of \$2,940,183.00. Dr. Van Gelder moved for approval; Ms. Rider seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and contract are included in the board documents folder.

Proposals for District Audit Services

Mr. Brian Gabriel, District Office of Business and Finance, advised the Board that the district issued a Request for Proposals for annual audit services in December 2023. The proposals were sent to firms that provide audit services to each of the local Omaha metro area school districts. Proposals were due by January 30, 2024. The district received 2 proposals. After reviewing both proposals and evaluating them in terms of firm resources, audit approach, and cost, it is the recommendation to the Board to renew the District's current relationship with Eide Bailly. Ms. Rider moved for approval; Dr. Van Gelder seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and District Audit Services RFP are included in the board documents folder.

Student Wellness Triennial Assessment Report

Dr. Mark Weichel, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, provided the Annual Progress Report to the board on the topic of Student Wellness (as required by Board Policy #5660), including highlights of the triennial wellness audit conducted in the spring and summer of 2023. The triennial assessment is required by NDE to ensure schools and school districts are maintaining or improving on expectations defined within their organization's specific wellness policy. Overall, the district was approved with full support. Policy #5660 includes all of the needed information, and our focus on data through our strategic plan data dashboard was a key highlight. Our K-12 PE curriculum and work with belonging and school culture also contributed to helping the district meet its goals. One area of improvement, which has been corrected, was to include our triennial assessment on the district website. A copy of Dr. Weichel's Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Board Policies for Review

Mr. Nick Lesiak, In-House Legal Counsel, presented revisions to two existing policies for board consideration and discussion: #4380 - Holidays and Vacations (Personnel), and #6320 - Review of Educational Materials (Instruction). Approval of these revisions will be requested at the Board of Education Meeting on April 8, 2024. The Executive Summary and redline copies of each policy are included in the board documents folder.

Personnel Report

Dr. Haynes presented the personnel report (five certified staff probationary contracts; one administrator contract; seven certified staff resignations; one certified staff cancellation of contract) for board approval. Dr. Van Gelder 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.

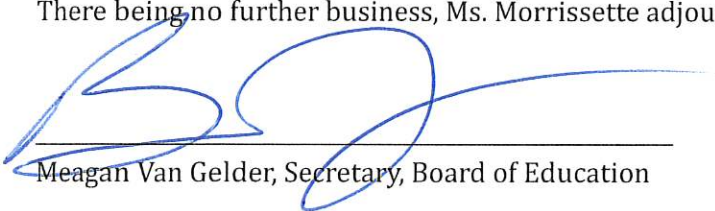
Public Comment - There were no requests for public comment.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates / Announcements

Ms. Morrisette reviewed recent activities and events attended by board members that included: WE-SIDE Steering Committee Meeting; Westside Brand Meeting; BOE Policy Subcommittee Meeting; Bond Oversight Committee Meeting; Teaching and Learning Committee; NASB Legislative Committee Meeting; MABE Meeting; walk-throughs at the middle school and West Campus; volunteer at Oakdale Book Fair; Scholastic Art and Literature Award Ceremony; Boys State Basketball; and WHS Track and Field meet at College of St. Mary.

March 29, 2024	Early Dismissal Day (WHS @ 12:30pm; WMS @ 12:45pm; PK-6 @ 1:00pm)
April 1-5, 2024	Spring Break - No School
April 5, 2024	District Offices close at 12 Noon
April 8, 2024	Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m.
April 15, 2024	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m.
April 18, 2024	K-8 Art Fair - Regency Shopping Center - 5:30 p.m.
April 22, 2024	Board of Education Meeting - ABC Building - 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Ms. Morrisette adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



Meagan Van Gelder, Secretary, Board of Education

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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 **MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** 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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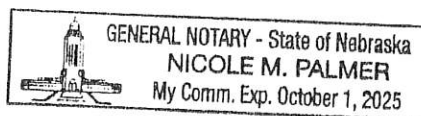
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WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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) beginning on March 5, 2024, and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Name Karin Sedivy

Title Communications & Graphics

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

Before me, a Notary Public, qualified in and for said County and State, personally came Kim 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.

State of Nebraska – General Notary
CHELSEA DUBAS
My Commission Expires
April 6, 2024

Christina
Notary Public