

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**DISTRICT 66**  
Board Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2016

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The Board of Education Meeting of School District 66 was convened in open and public session on March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., at Westside High School, 8701 Pacific Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present:        Scott Hazelrigg, President  
   David Williams, Vice-President  
   Martha Slosburg, Secretary  
   Beth Morrisette, Treasurer  
   Rosie Zweiback, Director  
   Dana Blakely, 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 2, 2016, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting, a copy of which is 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.

**Attendance:**

Blane McCann, Enid Schonewise, Mark Weichel, Greg Betts, Peggy Rupprecht, Bob Zagozda, Kami Jessop, Ruby Larson, Alison McGinn, Jim Sides, Amanda Moon, Kathie McGill, Maryann Ricketts, Crystal Bolamperti, Mike Freeman, Susie Sloup, Mike Fryda, Guy O'Brien, Viktoria Matheson, David Shabram, Kristeen Shabram, Scott Becker, Cara Kimball, Amanda Moon, Jen Sinclair, Maria Olvera, Alexis Boulos, Laura Iliff, Glen Jagels, Melissa Jackson, Lacey Batt, Dan Carlson, Kristen Job, Gail Johnson, Kim Schmidt, Jenny Paskach, Lanny Stutheit, Sarah Percival, Chelsea Krebs, Doug Hauserman, Julie Thacker, Kris Luxon, Kathy McGauvern, Emily Hough, Kari Kratky Salem, Kara Lolley, Angela Bergman, Kathy Cordes, Deanna Wagner, Jeff Wagner, Ann Kaufman, Susan Hall, Rob Zimmerman, Adam Yale, Kris Karnes, Lisa Peters, Stacy Cramer, JoAnne Amoura, Jackie O'Dell, Deb Gifford, Jack Gifford, Pete Madsen, Ellen Struve, Reese Pike, Kevin Pike, Meghan Taylor, Elizabeth Thomas, Jean Thomas, Dawn Hammel, Beatrice Hammel, Alberto Miranda, Jana Tucker, Phil Tomek, Deb Tomek, Hannah Keator, Jill Hollander, Jim Jansen, Mary Jansen, Theodore Jansen, Cathy Haney, Kris Karnes, Adam Yale, Dana Bartee, Daniel Hershiser, Aviva Segall, Barbara Lund Irvin, James Johnson, Joan Tucker, Rose Kent, Kelly Schulz, Ashley Rogers, Allison Hall, Carly Ingraham, Phoebe Yueill, Angie Key, Carolyn White, Lanessa Lehr, Alan Warig, Jared Kolok, Sherry Taxman, Sonja Douglass, Stacy Carnazzo, Susan Gass, Ann Christiansen, Michelle Wing, Jillian Tucker, Robert Ragland, Julia Hershiser, Meghan Morse, Jim Olmsted, Denise Stange, Eva Houston, Marnee Jepsen, Jen Scranton, Anne Stepanek, Claire Smith, Hope Brusso, Savanna Wiseman, Victoria McHugh, Harold Cruz-Sanchez, Doug Krenzer, Stephanie Dorsey, Molly Clark, John Hughes, Chrisi Hughes, Linda Comfort, Liz Comfort, Crystal Brislen, Chris

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Johnson, Rhonda Calderon, Brad Duggan, Eric Mathis, J.T. Bergman, Ameer Zetzman, Jeanne Simmons, Sean Simmons, Cicero Calderon, Janet Koski, Edgar Hicks, Melissa Roth, Maureen Moseman, Kathleen Upton, Chris Schmidt, Grace Calderon, Haley Gagne, Hillary Owens, Donna Thomas, Lilly Bowman, Christian Madsen, Laird Moore, Sarah Helvey, Liz David, Paul David, Sara Young, Connor Smith, Haley Petri, Erik Henry, Francine Watkins, Neal Stepanek, Catherine Stepanek, Avery Wetzel, James Solheim, Kelley Maxwell, Karin Waggoner, Ava Waggoner, Mike Scarff, Drew Wigodsky, Mike Boyer, Alec Reilly, Camden Oathout, Janet Parsonage, Jenny Wolf, Nathan Wolf, Jenni Schlossman, Chris Mathiasen, Frank McBride, Melodey Lawson, Westley Pierce, Janis Pierce, Aaron Pierce, Kaitlyn Mathis, Irelyn Pierce, Noah Pierson, Tyler Pierson, Graycen Boettger, Peg Simon, Tommy Simon, Steven Simon, Joe Simon, Nicole Winters, Marjorie Winters, Nyca Gaskill, Lee Madsen, Ann Corporan, Amanda Petersen, Patrick Linehan, Jeannie Battafarano, Benjamin Battafarano, Isaac Ferber, Joe Willett, Shelly Sip, Megan Whittle, Julie Gibson Beiel, Rev. A. David Paul, Connie Rotermund, Corynn Rotermund, Camille Rotermund, Sam Bergman, Barb Coulter, Chad Coulter, Susie Prucha, Kym Bauer, Marie Murillo, Vicky Houston, Ann Hoffman, Pete Hall, Andrea Mitteis, Blair Mitteis, Craig Rotermund, Amy Rector, Mark Santo.

\* 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. Hazelrigg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board member roll call was taken and attendance is noted above.

Mr. Hazelrigg welcomed the audience and asked if public notice had been given of the meeting under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Ms. Hurley responded that required notice had been given. He acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties. Mr. Hazelrigg announced that a copy Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted at the meeting as required by law.

Ms. Blakely made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meetings held on February 15, 2016; February 20, 2016; and February 29, 2016, as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Communications**

Dr. McCann recognized a number of students who have recently participated in Information Technology activities. Four students from Westside Middle School (Mirha Alkic, Aliya LaRoda, Ella Paulson and Samantha Wahl) were invited to attend the 2016 UNO Code Crush, an IT immersion experience for girls that exposes them to a number of IT career paths. Two students from Westside High School, freshmen Emma Carlson and Ciara Baumert, won National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing Student Awards

after being nominated by Ms. Kristeen Shabram, a business teacher at Westside Middle School. Ms. Shabram was also a recipient of an NCWIT award, receiving the Aspirations in Computing Educator Award for Nebraska and Southwest Iowa. This annual award is presented by the NCWIT to teachers who have demonstrated a commitment to encouraging young women's aspirations in computing.

### **WHS Student Advisory Board**

The following officers from Westside High School Student Advisory Board (SAB) were in attendance to provide an update on activities at the high school: Hannah Keator, President; Libby Seline, Treasurer; Kate Alston, Public Relations Officer. Ms. Keator shared with the board that their reports, while in past have focused primarily on SAB activities, will highlight school-wide events and activities. The high school show choirs all recently placed in their respective divisions at a recent competition (Simply Irresistible - 2nd Place; Warrior Express - 1st Place; ATSC - Grand Champion). Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball recently completed successful seasons, with the Girls earning a trip to the State Tournament. And the Theater Department recently wrapped up its production of "A Midsummer's Night Dream" and has one more production this year.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Hazelrigg acknowledged that a number of individuals had requested to address the board this evening during Public Comment regarding the District's recent budget reduction proposals. Mr. Hazelrigg reminded the audience that the proposals that were presented at the February 29, 2016 Board of Education Budget Meeting are ideas only at this point. Decisions on the proposed budget recommendations will be made toward the end of the month. In addition, the District will hold two public information sessions on March 16, 2016 for people to hear additional information on the proposed reductions. People will be able to submit written questions at these sessions, or in advance on the district website at the "Let's Talk" icon.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education regarding the recent budget reduction proposals that were presented at the February 29, 2016 BOE Budget Meeting: Dr. Pete Madsen; Ava Bowman; Ellen Struve; Jacob Wigodsky; Jackie O'Dell; Ellie Thomas; James Johnson; Ernest Richardson; Roger Groth; Maria Olvera; Angela Bergman; Rev. A. David Paul; Jim Olmsted; Nyca-Ann Gaskill; Vicky McHugh; Patrick Linehan; Harold Cruz-Sanchez; Nicole Winters; Gail Carpenter-Johnson; Angela Mosier; Jennifer Paskach; Grace Sadler; Barb Irvin.

### **Sunset Hills Elementary Architect**

Mr. Rob Zimmerman of Project Advocates presented for Board approval the contract for Design Services for the Sunset Hills Elementary project. An RFQ (Request for Qualifications) was posted on the district website on January 8, 2016, and 11 firms submitted Statements of Qualifications by the February 2, 2016 deadline. Of those eleven firms, six (Schemmer, BCDM,

TACK, BVH, RDG and Alley Poyner Macchieto) were selected to interview with the selection committee (Bob Zagozda, Rob Zimmerman, Joel McWilliams, Cyndi Reed, Dana Blakely). TACK Architects was chosen, based on the committee's selection criteria that included relevant experience, site design concepts, designing around the existing building, and fee. The contract was negotiated with TACK with assistance from attorney Rex Schultze of Perry, Guthery, Haase and Gessford Law Firm. TACK's contract fee is \$790,757. Ms. Zweiback made a motion to approve TACK Architects for the new Sunset Hills Elementary building project. Ms. Morrisette seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Disposal of District Furniture / Equipment**

Mr. Bob Zagozda presented for board approval the authorization to sell or dispose of unusable items from the West Campus (Career / Community Conference Center), Underwood Hills and Elementary Schools. This approval is required, per Neb. Revenue Statute 79-10,114. Mr. Zagozda said the district is currently taking inventory of items at these buildings and will re-use as much equipment as possible. For items that the district is unable to use, storage pods will be set up at West Campus and Oakdale for items to be sold / and or disposed of. Proceeds from the sale of unusable equipment will go into the General Fund. Ms. Blakely made a motion to approve the sale or disposal of unusable equipment. Ms. Morrisette seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Board Policy Approvals**

Ms. Alison McGinn, Administrative Counsel, presented for approval two board policies that were presented for discussion and consideration at the February 15, 2016 Board of Education Meeting.

#### **Board Policy 4435 - Reports on Child Abuse and Neglect (revisions)**

Updates were made to language in the policy to reflect current statutory wording and to add reference to administrative procedures that have been developed for reporting. Ms. Zweiback made a motion to approve the administration's revisions to Board Policy 4435. Ms. Slosburg seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (A copy of the Executive Summary, Board Policy 4435 and accompanying Regulation is attached to the official minutes.)

#### **Board Policy 5316 - Removal of Students by Law Enforcement Officers (new)**

This policy has been written in order to have a policy in place that follows statutory prerequisites for the conditions that must be met prior to removal of students from school premises by law enforcement. A separate form was also created to assist school staff when this situation arises. Ms. Morrisette made a motion to approve the new board policy 5316. Ms. Blakely seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (A copy of the Executive Summary and Board Policy 5316 is attached to the official minutes.)

### **Personnel Report**

Dr. Enid Schonewise presented the Personnel Report with recommendations for approval of eight resignations. Ms. Zweiback moved for approval of the Personnel Report. Ms. Slosburg seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (A copy of the Personnel Report is attached to the official minutes.)

### **BOE NASB Legislation Committee Appointment**

The Westside Community Schools Board of Education shares an appointment on the Nebraska Association of School Boards' (NASB) Legislation Committee with the Papillion-LaVista Public School District Board of Education. This seat rotation is for a term of 3 years. The current term, held by Papillion-LaVista, runs through June 30, 2016. Beth Morrissette has agreed to fill this appointment for the Westside Community Schools BOE, from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Ms. Morrissette's board colleagues thanked her for accepting this appointment and serving in this capacity on behalf of the Westside Community Schools Board of Education. Ms. Hurley will submit the NASB Legislation Committee Appointment Form to NASB.

### **Elementary & Secondary Counseling Grant (Written Report)**

Ms. Kathie McGill, Guidance Counselor, prepared a written report on the Whole Child Elementary and Secondary Schools Counseling Grant. This three-year, \$1.2 million grant was awarded to Westside Community Schools in 2014 by the U.S. Department of Education and is being used to enhance student counseling and mental health services across the District. Ms. McGill's report includes district activities to date and next steps. (A copy of Ms. McGill's report is attached to the official minutes.)

### **Reports**

Ms. Beth Morrissette shared that the Learning Community (LC) will be interviewing candidates this week for the LC CEO position.

### **Announcements**

Dr. McCann reviewed upcoming events, which include:

March 21, 2016	Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
March 28-April 1, 2016	Spring Break
April 5, 2016	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
April 11, 2016	Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
April 18, 2016	WCS / WEA BOE Candidate Forum – 7:00 p.m.
April 25, 2016	BOE Meeting / Art Fair @ CCC
May 5, 2016	Mentor Breakfast @ CCC
May 9, 2016	Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Hazelrigg asked for a motion for the board to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Zweiback moved that the Board go into closed session to evaluate and discuss the job performance of the Superintendent and which is necessary for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Ms. Slosburg seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and the Board took a brief recess, before going into closed session at 8:22 for the purpose of evaluating and discussion the job performance of the Superintendent and which was necessary for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

The board adjourned from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.