

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 66
Board Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2016**

The Board of Education Meeting of School District 66 was convened in open and public session on October 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Westside ABC Building, 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: David Williams, President
 Beth Morrisette, Vice President
 Kris Karnes, Secretary
 Dana Blakely, Treasurer
 Adam Yale, 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 September 28, 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.

District Staff in Attendance:

Blane McCann, Enid Schonewise, Mark Weichel, Bob Zagozda, Molly Hurley.

Others in Attendance:

Bernard Kenney, Mike Coyle.

* 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. Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board member roll call was taken and attendance is noted above. Mr. Williams 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 is posted at the meeting, as required by law. He acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties.

Ms. Morrisette made a motion to go into closed session to discuss strategy with legal counsel regarding the acquisition of real estate, with such closed session being clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and is in compliance with law. Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Williams confirmed at 5:35 p.m. that the board would go into closed session only to discuss strategy with legal counsel regarding the acquisition of real estate.

At 6:28 p.m., the board adjourned from closed session (motion made by Mr. Yale and seconded by Ms. Morrisette) and immediately moved next door for the regular Board of Education Meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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Mr. Williams called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Board member roll call was again taken; attendance is noted above. Mr. Williams welcomed the audience 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 is posted at the meeting, as required by law. He acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties.

Dr. McCann announced that the agenda this evening is short to provide board members and district leadership the opportunity to visit our school buildings during evening parent-teacher conferences.

District Staff in Attendance:

Blane McCann, Mark Weichel, Bob Zagozda, Alison McGinn, Brandi Petersen, Jim Sides, Alan Bone, Greg Betts, Jenny Brockman, Ruby Larson, Molly Hurley.

Others in Attendance*:

Dave Richardson, Alexis Boulos, Meagan Van Gelder, Doug Krenzer, Kari Krenzer, Dan Goaley, Jennifer Goaley, Josh Militti.

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Ms. Blakely made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Public Hearing and Board of Education Meeting held on April 25, 2016, as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes from Board of Education Public Hearing and Board Meeting on September 19, 2016: motion made by Ms. Morrissette; seconded by Ms. Blakely; motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of minutes from Board of Education / Senior Leadership workshop August 18-19, 2016: motion made by Ms. Karnes; seconded by Mr. Yale; motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of minutes from Board of Education Board Candidate Interviews on September 20 and 26, 2016; motion made by Ms. Blakely; seconded by Ms. Morrissette; motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications

Ms. Petersen recognized Ms. Ava Steele, an 8th grader at Westside Middle School, and Mr. Josh Militti, a senior at Westside High School, for their recent academic accomplishments.

Ava achieved a perfect subscore on her ACT test and is one of only three students in Nebraska honored for getting a perfect score on at least part of the ACT test while still in middle school. Ava was awarded a full scholarship to the University of Nebraska Lincoln in a special surprise ceremony at school on September 27th. The scholarship will cover 120 credit hours or the cost of a Bachelor's Degree, estimated at approximately \$36,000-\$38,000.

Josh earned a perfect score of 36 on the 2015-2016 ACT. He intends to major in chemical or biochemical engineering and plans to apply to MIT, Stanford, Berkeley and Minnesota.

FY17 Property Tax

Mr. Zagozda and Mr. Gabriel requested approval of the FY17 property tax levies that were presented at a Public Hearing on September 19, 2016. Recommended levies are:

General Fund (LC levies .95)	\$ 6,930,252
Levy	.203189*
Bond Debt Service Fund	\$ 5,858,586
Levy	.171769
Special Building Fund	\$ 0
Levy	.000000
All Levy Funds Total	\$12,788,837
Combined Local Levy	.374958

* Includes a \$0.003189 levy for Voluntary Termination expenses

Ms. Karnes read the Tax Request Resolution and moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. FY17 Tax Request resolution approved by unanimous roll call vote. (A copy of the FY17 Tax Request Resolution is attached to the official minutes.)

Papio-Missouri River NRD Resolution

Mr. Zagozda presented for board approval a resolution for Westside Community Schools to join the Papio-Missouri River NRD Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. At the October 15, 2015, Board of Education Meeting, Westside Schools preliminarily agreed to participate in this update to the region's 2011 plan. Mr. Zagozda reviewed plan's purpose (to reduce the community's risks to hazards and disasters, such as tornadoes, severe storms, flooding, fires, transportation incidents, chemical spills, etc.) by identifying vulnerabilities and also the mitigation measures to reduce that vulnerability.

Mr. Zagozda stated that, through our participation, the District would be eligible in the future to apply for FEMA mitigation grants, including projects such as: back-up power generators, storm shelters, weather radios and storm-water projects. The next step is to adopt the NRD's final plan, and the District will implement its provisions through our normal maintenance and repair procedures, including summer projects. This board action reaffirms the District's commitment to the NRD's plan. Ms. Blakely read the resolution and moved for approval; Ms. Morrissette seconded. The Papio-Missouri River NRD Resolution was approved by unanimous roll call vote. (A copy of the Executive Summary, Project Flyer, Resolution and Westside Community Schools Plan are all included with the official minutes.)

Board Candidate Selection

Ms. Alison McGinn, District Administrative Counsel, was joined by Mr. Nick Lesiak from the law firm of Koley Jessen to provide oversight of the selection of the new Board of Education member. Ms. McGinn reviewed the appointment process that began with the announcement of seven candidates on September 6, 2016. The field was narrowed to four (Alexis Boulos, Douglas Krenzer, Jim Rose and Meagan Van Gelder) and public interviews were held on September 20 and September 26, 2016. This evening, the Board will reduce the field from four to two, and then from two to one, by ballot. The candidate selected will officially begin his / her board term on October 17, 2016.

In the first ballot round (from four to two), the two candidates with the majority votes were Alexis Boulos and Doug Krenzer. In the second ballot round (from two to one), Doug Krenzer received the majority votes. The Board thanked all the candidates for their willingness to serve the District in this capacity and expressed their hope that all would stay actively involved. Ms. Karnes moved that Doug Krenzer fill the vacancy on the Westside Board of Education, and to fulfill the remainder of the term of Ms. Rosie Zweiback, which runs through May 31, 2018. Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote. (A copy of the Executive Summary and nominating ballot is attached to the official minutes.)

Reports

Ms. Blakely reminded the Board about the upcoming NASB Area Membership Meeting on October 12, 2016, to be held at the Embassy Suites Old Market.

Announcements

Dr. McCann reviewed upcoming events, which include:

October 6-7, 2016	Intersession - No School
October 10, 2016	Professional Development - Students No School
October 11, 2016	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
October 12, 2016	NASB Area Membership Meeting - Embassy Suites Old Market
October 17, 2016	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
October 23, 2016	Children's Hospital Monster Mash @ Rockbrook Village - 9:30 a.m.
November 3, 2016	Lighthouse Leader / Hall of Fame Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
November 7, 2016	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Kris Karnes, Secretary