

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT 66  
Board Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2017**

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The Board of Education Meeting of School District 66 was convened in open and public session on June 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Westside ABC Building, 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

**Board members present:** David Williams, President  
Beth Morrissette, Vice President (arrived late)  
Kris Karnes, Secretary  
Dana Blakely, Treasurer  
Adam Yale, Director

**Board Member Absent (Excused):** Doug Krenzer, 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 June 8, 2017, 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:**

Molly Hurley.

**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. Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board member 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.

Mr. Yale made a motion to go into closed session to evaluate and discuss the job performance of the Superintendent, which is necessary for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and is in compliance with law. Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Williams confirmed that the board would go into closed session only to evaluate and discuss the job performance of the Superintendent, which is necessary for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and is in compliance with law.

At 6:22 p.m., the board adjourned from closed session (motion made by Ms. Blakely and seconded by Mr. Yale) and took a short recess prior to reconvening in adjacent board room for the Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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## **Board of Education Meeting**

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Mr. Williams called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board member attendance is noted below, and Mr. Williams acknowledged Mr. Krenzer's excused absence. 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.

**Board members present:** David Williams, President  
Beth Morrissette, Vice President  
Kris Karnes, Secretary  
Dana Blakely, Treasurer  
Adam Yale, Director

**Board Member Absent (Excused):** Doug Krenzer, Director

### **District Staff in Attendance:**

Blane McCann, Mark Weichel, Enid Schonewise, Bob Zagozda, Alan Bone, Alison McGinn, Molly Hurley, Brandi Petersen, Matt Lee, Greg Betts, Kevin Koch.

### **Others in Attendance\*:**

Dave Richardson, Neal Grandgenett, Elliott Ostler, Tami Williams, Brett Curran, Joe Stegman, Logan Eickhoff, Tyson Guzman, Nick Henrichs, Kyle Trivilino, Trevor Baraja.

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### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Morrissette moved for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Public Hearing and Meeting meeting held on May 8, 2017, and the Board of Education / Senior Leadership Workshop held on May 19, 2017 as presented. Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote, with Ms. Blakely abstaining.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Blakely presented the treasurer's report for May 2017 and requested approval of expenditures in the amount of \$8,740,383. Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the May 2017 financial statement is attached to the official minutes.

### **Communications**

Ms. Brandi Petersen, Director Communications and Community Engagement, presented an overview of our student and staff recognitions over this past school year. Ms. Petersen also acknowledged the great season for the Warrior Varsity Baseball team, who finished second in the state tournament. A number of players and Coach Kevin Koch were in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Blakely presented Ms. Karnes with a certificate of achievement for her outstanding attendance at every Don & Millie's Nights!

**Board Policies for Approval**

Ms. Alison McGinn, Administrative Counsel, presented the following board policies for approval. Policies 3225, 3310, 5220 and 5300 were introduced for discussion at the Board Meeting on May 8, 2017. Policy 6340 was presented for discussion at the Public Hearing on May, 8, 2017.

**Board Policy 3225 (new) - Filing of Tort Claims (Business)**

Motion to approve made by Mr. Yale; seconded by Ms. Morrissette. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Board Policy 3310 (revisions) - Transportation To & From School (Business)**

Motion to approve made by Ms. Blakely; seconded by Ms. Karnes. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Board Policy 5220 (revisions) - Education Records (Students)**

Motion to approve made by Ms. Karnes; seconded by Mr. Yale. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Board Policy 5300 (revisions) - Conduct (Students)**

Motion to approve made by Ms. Morrissette; seconded by Ms. Karnes. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Board Policy 6340 (revision) - Student Fees for 2017-2018 (Instruction)**

Motion to approve made by Mr. Yale; seconded by Ms. Morrissette. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Copies of Executive Summaries, along with a copy of each board policy, are attached to the official minutes.

**Board Policy for Review**

Ms. McGinn and Dr. Schonewise presented revisions to Board Policy 5660 - Student Wellness (Students) for board consideration and discussion. Proposed revisions to policy 5660 and accompanying regulation 5660R include:

- Rules on sales of competitive foods during the school day, including fundraising sales and times;
- Addition of restrictions on sale of homemade foods on school grounds, at school-sponsored events;
- Promoting wellness and student safety by allowing the distribution of snacks to students if they meet USDA Smart Snack Guidelines and are included on the District's approved snack items list, while still allowing for limited classroom holiday celebrations; and
- Discourage the use of food by staff as a reward for students. If food is given by a staff member, it must be an item appearing on the approved snack list by the District as a reward or incentive to be distributed by staff.

Ms. McGinn and Dr. Schonewise reported that a meeting is also scheduled with district staff and parents to review proposed revisions and changes to the Student Wellness policy. This policy will be brought back for board approval on July 17, 2017. Executive Summary and redline copies of board policy 5660 and board regulation 5660R are attached to the official minutes.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

Dr. Weichel and Dr. Lee, along with our partners from UNO (Dr. Neal Grandgenett, Dr. Elliott Ostler and Dr. Tami Williams) presented an update on the District's Strategic Plan that was implemented beginning in the fall of 2014. At that same time, working with the team from UNO, the district developed a process to measure the outcomes of the Strategic Plan. The presentation this evening focused on foundation level goals as well as a few selected outcomes from core strategies one, two and three. (A copy of the full Strategic Plan report is attached to the official minutes.)

Next steps for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year include a targeted social media plan for sharing key information from this report, planning a board retreat with a focus on student learning and continuing the work of the HEAT map process with building principals and their design teams. An all administrator work group meeting scheduled for August 1, 2017 will be used for buildings to set their goals for the upcoming school year. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to the official minutes.

### **Teaching & Learning Reorganization**

Dr. Weichel presented a report on the reorganization of duties and responsibilities within the Teaching and Learning department due to the retirement of Ms. Ruby Larson, Director of Elementary Teaching & Learning. Planning began last fall for the possibility that the position would not be filled, and discussions throughout this past school year recently culminated in final details on the restructure of the department, along with staff roles and responsibilities. Each board member has been provided with the Teaching and Learning Team roles and responsibilities for the 2017-2018 school year. Some of the major reassignments from Ms. Larson's duties include:

- Grant development and oversight (i3, CAPS, and Poverty and LEP) to Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning (Dr. Weichel);
- Title I to Director of Professional Learning (Dr. Betts);
- K-6 Curriculum and Assessment to Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, which is now titled Director of Curriculum and Assessment (Mr. Sides);
- English Language Learners and Early Childhood to Director of Special Services (Ms. Jessop).

In addition, various individuals have been given roles to support work assigned. This year, every elementary principal will have one support assignment. A copy of the Teaching and Learning Team roles and responsibilities is attached to the official minutes.

### **Transliterator Negotiated Agreement**

Mr. Zagozda requested approval of the Transliterator Negotiated Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion to approve made by Ms. Morrissette; seconded by Ms. Karnes. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive summary and negotiated agreement is attached to the official minutes.

**ESU3 Drivers Education Agreement**

Board approval of driver education instruction provided by ESU3 is required annually. This contracted service is offered during the summer months. Mr. Yale moved for approval of the ESU3 driver education agreement for the 2017-2018 school year; motion seconded by Ms. Blakely. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary and contract is attached to the official minutes.

**Bond Oversight Committee Appointment**

Board approval requested for one new 2-year appointment to the five-member Bond Oversight Committee (Mr. Jess Zeiss, June 2017 through May 2019), and the extension of two current BOC terms (Mr. John Hughes and Mr. Mike Williams, June 2017 through November 2018). Others currently serving on the BOC are in year two of 2-year terms - Mr. Kris Brown and Ms. Ann Christiansen (June 2016 through May 2018). Ms. Karnes moved for approval of new 2-year appointment and extension of two terms to run through November 2018; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to the official minutes.

**Personnel Report**

Dr. Schonewise presented recommendations for approval of three resignations; 14 probationary contracts; and one cancellation of previously approved leave of absence request. Ms. Blakely moved for approval of the Personnel Report; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Personnel Report is attached to the official minutes.

**Board of Education Slate of Officers - 2017-2018**

Mr. Yale moved for approval of the Board of Education officer slate for June 2017 through May 2018:

President:	Beth Morrissette
Vice President:	Dana Blakely
Secretary:	Doug Krenzer
Treasurer:	Adam Yale
Director (Treasurer Elect):	Kris Karnes
Director:	David Williams

Motion to approve seconded by Ms. Karnes. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Approval of Bank Authorized Signers**

Board approval is required each year - as needed - to update any changes to authorized signers on selected district bank accounts at American National Bank and Security National Bank. Ms. Karnes moved for approval of identified changes to bank account signers; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to the official minutes.

**Board of Education Committee Assignments**

Pursuant to Board Policy #1170 - Committees of the Board - the following committee appointments have been made for the 2017-2018 school year:

**Standing Committees:**

- Committee on Americanism: Dana Blakely, Doug Krenzer, David Williams
- Succession Planning Committee: Doug Krenzer, Beth Morrissette, David Williams
- Finance Committee: Kris Karnes, Beth Morrissette, Adam Yale

**Temporary Committees:** The Board of Education may authorize the formation of such temporary committees as it deems necessary.

- Legislative Committee: Kris Karnes, Doug Krenzer, David Williams.
- Levy Override Committee: Kris Karnes, Beth Morrissette

A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to the official minutes.

**Reports**

Dr. McCann advised the Board that Sean Kelley will be providing a legislative update at the July 17, 2017 Board Meeting. Dr. McCann and other metro area superintendents are scheduled to meet with Gov. Ricketts in Omaha on June 27th.

**Announcements**

Dr. McCann reviewed other upcoming events:

June 13, 2017	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - 6:00pm
June 17, 2017	Warrior Golf Classic - Eagle Hills
June 26, 2017	Westside Open - Player's Club
July 11, 2017	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - 6:00pm
July 17, 2017	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30pm
July 26-28, 2017	NCSA Administrator Days - Kearney
July 31, 2017	Lighthouse Educator Academy Welcome Breakfast - 8:00am
August 7, 2017	Veteran Staff Returns! ** All Staff Welcome Back Breakfast & Meeting @ WHS - 7:45am **
August 7, 2017	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30pm
August 8, 2017	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - 6:00pm

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

  
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Doug Krenzer, Board Secretary