

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 66
Board Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2017**

The Board of Education Meeting of School District 66 was convened in open and public session on August 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westside ABC Building, 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: Beth Morrissette, President
Dana Blakely, Vice President
Doug Krenzer, Secretary
Kris Karnes, Director

Board member absent (excused): David Williams, Director
Adam Yale, Treasurer

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 August 2, 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.

Ms. Morrissette called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board member attendance is noted above. It was confirmed that Mr. Williams' and Mr. Yale's absences were excused. Ms. Morrissette 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. She acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties.

District Staff in Attendance:

Blane McCann, Mark Weichel, Bob Zagozda, Enid Schonewise, Greg Betts, Jim Sides, Kami Jessop, Molly Hurley, Brandi Petersen, Alison McGinn, Erin Vik, Alan Bone, Laura Iliff.

Others in Attendance*:

Dave Richardson, Michael Modra.

*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.

Approval of Minutes from July 31, 2017

Mr. Krenzer moved for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Big Idea Meeting held on July 31, 2017, as presented. Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote, with Ms. Blakely abstaining.

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Communications

Ms. Brandi Petersen, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, advised that the first "Teacher of the Month" recognition for the the upcoming school year will be announced at the August 21st Board of Education Meeting. She also reported that a number of district residents have signed up for our newsletter link, and plans are being made to promote our district events (sporting events, concerts, plays, etc) at a number of our neighborhood businesses.

Board Policy for Approval

Ms. Alison McGinn, Administrative Counsel, and Mr. Erin Vik, Director of Nutrition Services, presented the following new board policy for approval:

Board Policy 3410 - Unpaid Meal Accounts (Business)

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 required the USDA to examine schools' policies related to unpaid school meal charges and determine the feasibility of national standards for such policies. After soliciting input through a Request for Comments and studying the issue further, USDA determined that states and local school districts would be responsible for establishing local policies. The USDA subsequently published guidance requiring school districts to have a policy and clearly communicate the policy to parents on unpaid meal charges. This policy was presented for first reading at the board meeting on July 17, 2017. Ms. Blakely moved for approval of new board policy #3410; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the board policy is attached to the official minutes.

Lighthouse Educator Update / August Professional Learning Preview

Dr. Greg Betts, Director of Professional Learning, presented an update on last week's activities with the Lighthouse Educator Academy (LEA), as well as upcoming meetings this week. He outlined the multiple professional learning and support modules that the district has in place for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year teachers through LEA that include Master Mentors and Instructional Coaches. Dr. Betts also shared this week's pre-opening meeting schedule for all staff, that kicked off this morning with a breakfast social and welcome back meeting at Westside High School. (A copy of Dr. Betts' Executive Summary and powerpoint are attached to the official minutes.)

GOALS Interlocal Agreement

Board approval is being requested of the Greater Omaha Attendance and Learning Services (GOALS) Center Interlocal Agreement, which supports the Learning Community Superintendent's plan to prevent chronic absenteeism and combat the adverse impact on student achievement and performance. The plan that was developed by local superintendents contained two objectives: (1) meeting statutory requirements; and (2) creating a comprehensive school district/community approach to absenteeism that is cooperative, innovative and is research and evidenced based. The plan includes the following components:

- Prevention and Early Intervention;
- Absence Referral to County Attorney;
- Tracking and Monitoring;
- Plan Review

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Ms. Karnes moved for approval of the GOALS Interlocal Agreement; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (A copy of the GOALS Interlocal Agreement is attached to the official minutes.)

Personnel Report

Dr. Schonewise presented recommendations for approval for six resignations, one retirement and one leave of absence. Mr. Krenzer moved for approval of the Personnel Report. Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (A copy of the Personnel Report is attached to the official minutes.)

Reports

Ms. Blakely reported that she will be attending an upcoming NASB Executive Board Meeting; Ms. Morrisette attended an education roundtable hosted by Congressman Don Bacon; Dr. Weichel provided a reminder that all students will be required to have a signed parent permission form on file to participate in solar eclipse activities on Monday, August 21, 2017.

Announcements

Dr. McCann reviewed other upcoming events:

August 8, 2017	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - 6:00pm
August 10, 2017	All Elementary Buildings - Open House / Sneak-Peek Night (Individual Elementary Building times & activities vary)
August 15, 2017	First Day of School!
August 21, 2017	Board of Education Public Hearing - 6:15pm (FY17 Budget Amendment)
August 21, 2017	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30pm
September 1, 2017	Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
September 4, 2017	Labor Day - No School / District Office Closed
September 5, 2017	Board of Education Public Hearing - 6:00pm (FY18 Budget)
September 5, 2017	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30pm
September 7-8, 2017	BOE / Senior Leadership Workshop - NE City
September 12, 2017	Bond Oversight Committee Meeting - 6:00pm
September 18, 2017	Board of Education Public Hearing - 6:00pm (Proposed Property Tax Request)
September 18, 2017	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30pm

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Doug Krenzer, Board Secretary