

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 66
Board Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2017**

The Board of Education Meeting of School District 66 was convened in open and public session on August 21, 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
Adam Yale, Treasurer
Kris Karnes, Director
David Williams, 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 August 15, 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 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board member attendance is noted above. 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.

District Staff in Attendance:

Blane McCann, Mark Weichel, Bob Zagozda, Molly Hurley, Brandi Petersen, Greg Betts, Brian Gabriel, Jim Sides, Kami Jessop, Lynn Spady, Laura Iliff, Cynthia Bailey, Guy O'Brien, Sarah Mosel.

Others in Attendance*:

Matthew Callaway, Courtney Callaway. *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

Ms. Karnes moved for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on August 7, 2017, as presented. Ms. Blakely seconded, with Mr. Yale and Mr. Williams abstaining. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Yale presented the treasurer's report for July 2017 and requested approval of expenditures in the amount of \$7,957,100. Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the July 2017 financial statement is attached to the official minutes.

Communications

Ms. Brandi Petersen presented recognitions for the following: Westside High School Cheer and Dance Team members who represented Westside recently with a group that performed during halftime of a Kansas City Chiefs game at Arrowhead Stadium; Hillside Elementary for their recent recognition as a favorite school through a contest sponsored by Chick-Fil-A; and Mr. Matt Kock, who was voted August's Teacher of the Month for Westside Community Schools. Matt was presented with a \$100 check Ms. Courtney Callaway with Prime Choice Insurance.

FY17 Budget Amendment

Mr. Zagozda and Mr. Gabriel presented budget amendments for FY17 at a Public Hearing immediately preceding this board meeting. Changes to the original adopted FY17 budget include:

- An increase of \$300,000 to the budgeted disbursements and transfers in the Nutrition Services Fund due to increased contract meals.
- An increase of \$400,000 to the budgeted disbursements and transfers in the Activities Fund due to increased activity with the grant funds generated at VI-VI.
- An increase of \$126,296 to the budgeted disbursements and transfers in the Cooperative Fund.

Mr. Williams moved for approval to amend the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 by: increasing the Nutrition Services Fund to \$5,500,000; increasing the Activities Fund to \$2,200,000; and increasing the Cooperative Fund to \$500,000, resulting in no change to the property tax rate for the District. Mr. Krenzer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll vote. (A copy of the notice of amended budget summary is attached to the official minutes.)

Personnel Report

Ms. Alison McGinn, District Administrative Counsel, presented the personnel report with recommendations for approval of three probationary contracts. Mr. Williams moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (A copy of the personnel report is attached to the official minutes.)

FY18 Budget Update

Mr. Zagozda and Mr. Gabriel presented an overview of the FY18 budget prior to the Public Hearing that is scheduled for September 5, 2017. They reviewed the budget process and timeline, as well as preliminary expenditure estimates of levy funds and preliminary revenue estimates for FY18. Approval of the FY18 budget will be requested at the Board Meeting on September 18, 2017. (A copy of the Executive Summary and Powerpoint presentation are attached to the official minutes.)

Levy Override Update

Dr. McCann and Ms. Morrissette shared that ballots for the Levy Override will be mailed this week. This is a mail-in election and, to be counted, ballots must be in the possession of the Douglas County Election Commission office by 5:00pm on September 12, 2017. An informational guide of frequently asked questions has been placed on the district website.

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Announcements

Board members shared about their visits to school buildings for back-to-school nights, the first day of school, as well as eclipse activities early today. Mr. Yale expressed his thoughts on the recent events in Charlottesville and that, as both a district parent and board member, is proud to be a part of a district that promotes tolerance and inclusive environments.

Dr. McCann reviewed upcoming events:

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
September 19, 2017	Adolescent BrainHealth (Parent Seminar @ WHS) - 6:30pm
October 2, 2017	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30pm
October 6, 2017	VI-VI 2017 @ Omaha Design Center - 6:00pm
October 16, 2017	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30pm
October 16-18, 2017	Parent Teacher Conferences - Evenings
October 20, 2017	Intersession - No School

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Doug Krenzer, Board Secretary