

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 66**

Board Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2015

The Board of Education Meeting of School District 66 was convened in open and public session on January 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., at the Westside ABC Building, 909 South 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: Rosie Zweiback, President
 Scott Hazelrigg, Vice-President
 Martha Slosburg, Secretary
 David Williams, Treasurer
 Beth Morrissette, 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 January 7, 2015 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 Administrative Office Staff in attendance: Blane McCann, Enid Schonewise, Mark Weichel, Bob Zagozda, Greg Betts, Kami Jessop, Ruby Larson, Alison McGinn, Paul Lindgren, Rick Avard, Molly Hurley.

Others in Attendance (*): Glen Jagels, Maryanne Ricketts, Jenni Allen, Matt Lee, Stephanie Hornung, Julie Anderson, Kris Karnes, Marla Fries, Doug Krenzer, Vanessa Schutte, Rob Zimmerman, Annie Feldman, Mark Feldman, Dave Richardson, Ken Baldwin, Joe Willett, John Hughes, Chrisi Hughes, Maureen Moseman, Nick Lipsey, Joel McWilliams, Caroline Hinrichs

(*) Members of the public are not required to identify themselves to attend. Visitor names appearing in these minutes are those who signed a voluntary sign-in sheet.

President Rosie Zweiback called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties. Board member roll call was taken and attendance is noted above. Ms. Zweiback welcomed the audience and asked if public notice of the meeting had been given under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Ms. Molly Hurley responded that required notice had been given. Ms. Zweiback announced that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted at the meeting as required by law.

Mr. David Williams, Board Treasurer, made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on December 15, 2014, as presented. Mr. Scott Hazelrigg, Board Vice President, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Dave Williams presented the Treasurer's report, along with a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$9,290,307. Mr. Williams reported that in the Nutrition Services Fund, expenditures were higher this month to construction of the central kitchen. Debt Service expenditures are lower due to lower repayments as a result of refinancing. Year to date, lower General Fund revenues are due to lower tax collections and the shifting of cell tower rent to the Special Building Fund. General Fund expenditures are higher YTD due to increased transportation costs, the technology lease and an increase in salaries and benefits. Year to date expenditures are also higher in the Enterprise fund due to the construction of the central kitchen. Ms. Beth Morrissette, Board Director, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. (A copy of the treasurer's report is attached to the official minutes.)

Communications

Dr. McCann shared that Mr. Irvin Yaffe, a longtime Westside School Board Member, passed away on January 5, 2015, in Austin, TX, at the age of 96, just 5 days shy of his 97th birthday. Mr. Yaffe served the District for 24 years, from 1958 until 1982. Dr. McCann reported that Mr. Yaffe's family would be planning a memorial service celebration here in Omaha in the coming months.

Dr. McCann shared that the Nebraska Association of School Boards will hold their School Board Recognition Week later this month, January 25-30, 2015. Dr. McCann recognized the commitment of our board members and thanked them for dedication to serving our district students and families.

Loveland Elementary

Ms. Stephanie Hornung, Principal at Loveland Elementary, provided an update to the board on strategic plan and learning goals and other activities happening at Loveland this year. The theme at Loveland for the 2014-2015 school year is "Turning The Pages Together", which goes along with their building goal of reading. The Loveland school plan, in alignment with the District Strategic Plan, includes: improve reading comprehension for all students; personalize learning for all students, and technology integration. One of the elements of the District Strategic Plan that is impacting Loveland's reading goal is the Master Schedule. It has allowed for a consistent reading block at all grade levels and has greatly benefitted all students. The new "Journeys" reading materials that were recently adopted have supported grammar, phonics, reading and spelling. Additionally, the common plan time for all grade level teachers provides for more productive collaboration and lesson planning. Loveland staff and students are also using Google Docs; students are recording their Intervention & Enrichments activities in an I/E Digital Log;

and teachers are sharing technology “Tips & Tricks” during staff meetings. (A copy of Ms. Hornung’s power point is attached to the official minutes).

Board Policy Update #5220 & #5220R

Ms. Alison McGinn, District Administrative Counsel, presented recommended revisions to Board Policy #5220 and Board Regulation #5220R on Educational Records. These revisions are part of regulatory changes and periodic review of FERPA policy and procedures to reflect requirements of federal law on education records. Ms. McGinn provided the Board with a redline copy of both the policy and the regulation reflecting proposed revisions. Those revisions, clarifications and updated information include:

- Who constitutes a “school official” to whom records are released;
- Notification procedures for records to be released pursuant to subpoena;
- Release of records for students in foster care;
- Other statutory provisions of when records can be released;
- What constitutes “directory information” and limitations on release even if it is directory information;
- Parental opt-out of disclosure;
- Records of students no longer enrolled.

Additionally, some information previously contained in the Regulation has been moved to the Policy. The Regulation now includes procedures for opting-out and for requesting copies of records. Ms. McGinn will present Board Policy #5220 and Board Regulation #5220R for approval by the board at the February 2, 2015 Board of Education Meeting. (A copy of the Executive Summary and redline copies of the policy and regulation are attached to the official minutes.)

Board Policy Review

As part of an on-going review of District board policies, Ms. McGinn presented the following board policies with recommended revisions:

- #1000 – Purpose of Board of Education Policies
- #1100 – Legal Basis
- #1110 – Code of Ethics
- #1115 – Conflicts of Interest (formerly #1450)

Ms. McGinn provided the board with a redline copy of each of the policies. Recommended changes include any regulatory updates, clarifying language and, in some instances, additional references to legal standards. Ms. McGinn will present the above policies for approval by the board at the February 2, 2015 Board of Education Meeting. (A copy of the Executive Summary and redline copies of the policies are attached to the official minutes.)

Personnel Report

Dr. Enid Schonewise presented the following recommendations to the board for approval: one resignation and one probationary contract. Ms. Morrisette made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented by the Administration. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. (A copy of the Personnel Report is attached to the official minutes.)

Anti-Bullying Report

Dr. Gregory Betts, Director of Learning Innovation and Professional Development, presented a report on the District's Anti-Bullying Committee. Formed during the 2008-2009 school year, the committee is comprised of school resource officers, social workers, school counselors and administrators from all grade levels. Anti-Bullying Week at the elementary level is scheduled for the week of January 19-23, 2015. Westside Middle and Westside High Schools will be holding their Anti-Bullying Week activities later in the semester.

The Anti-Bullying Committee is scheduled to meet on January 27th. With half of the members new to the committee this year, they are eager to discuss the districts current programming and new State policies surrounding student and staff bullying. They will also be reviewing District Board Policies #5300 (Student Conduct) and #5310 (Bullying and Dating Violence). In addition, since the district has added 1:1 at the K-6 level this year, they will also be reviewing Board Policy #6410 (Use of District Technology and Internet Safety).

Ms. Zweiback inquired on how the district tracks incidents of bullying and student conduct so we know that our efforts are having an impact and positively affecting our school culture. At the middle school and high school, school administrators, deans and counselors log incidents in PowerSchool®, which is the District's web-based student information system. At the elementary buildings, incidents are logged in Review 360®, a multi-tiered software program that is also used by Special Services staff. Additionally, the District is working to: align the Positive Behavior Interventions Support (PBIS) program at High School and Career Center; align the K-8 ACES program with the PBIS program; and align PBIS with the District's Whole Child counseling grant. (A copy of the Executive Summary and Power Point is attached to the official minutes.)

Facilities Master Plan Report

Dr. McCann presented for discussion a Facilities Master Plan that has been developed from the work of the Facilities Task Force. At a December 15, 2014 Board of Education "Big Idea" Meeting, the Board was provided with information on the work of the Facilities Task Force, which began meeting in June 2014. The 15-Year Facilities Master Plan being presented includes \$147,000,000 in physical plant needs, renovations, additions, new construction and land acquisition that would be completed in three phases. The full report has been posted on the District's website – www.imagineadistrict.com.

Phase One (\$94,822,000 bond referendum to be placed on May 2015 ballot), encompassing work to be completed from 2015 to 2021, would address safety / security needs, building system improvements and building envelope needs at all buildings; renovations at Paddock Road, Prairie Lane and Westside Middle School; remodeling or new construction at Swanson and Oakdale; and construction of a new two-section school at Sunset Hills. Additionally, funds would be used to acquire land in the district. Phase Two improvements would be completed from 2021 to 2025 and include renovations / additions at Hillside, Rockbrook and Westbrook, and a new three-section school at Westgate. Phase Three improvements would be completed from 2028 through 2030 and include building improvements at Westside High School and new construction at Loveland Elementary.

Dr. McCann stated that District Administrators and members of the Task Force would be going back out to Community Club meetings to visit further about the plan with district families and residents. The District is committed to neighborhood schools and the impact that strong schools have on property values. Ms. Martha Slosburg, Board Secretary, explained that any remodeling or new construction would keep in mind the historical and unique elements of district buildings and that it is important for buildings to be “designed for the neighborhood”. (A copy of the Facilities Task Force power point is attached to the official minutes.)

Board Member Representation Update

Beth Morrissette is our new District representative to the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties – Sub-Council 3. Ms. Morrissette reported that Ms. Lorraine Chang was re-elected chairperson of Learning Community.

Announcements

Dr. McCann reviewed upcoming events, which include:

January 14, 2015	PDK Annual Board of Education Dinner @ UNO
January 19, 2015	Professional Development Day (Students No School)
January 25-26, 2015	Legislative Issues Conference – Cornhusker Marriott Lincoln
January 25-30, 2015	NASB School Board Recognition Week
February 2, 2015	Board of Education Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.
February 3-4, 2015	NCSA 2015 Education Forum - Kearney
February 12-13, 2015	Parent / Teacher Conferences / Intersession (No School)
February 16, 2015	Professional Development Day (Students No School)
February 17, 2015	Board of Education Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.