

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Workshop ~ July 21, 2023

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on July 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the College of St. Mary Lied Fitness Center, 7000 Mercy Road, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present:

- Beth Morrisette, President
- Dana Blakely, Vice President
- Meagan Van Gelder, Secretary
- Adam Yale, Treasurer
- Kris Karnes, Treasurer-Elect
- Sarah Rider, 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 July 17, 2023, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on July 19 and 20, 2023, and on their website. Copies of proof of publication are 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: Mike Lucas, 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.

Ms. Morrisette called the Board of Education Workshop to order at 8:32 a.m. 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 was posted at the meeting and on the district website, as required by law. She acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties. Board Meeting attendance is noted above.

Dr. Lucas and Ms. Morrisette thanked everyone for making time to be in attendance today. Agenda discussion items will focus on board member strengths; formulating ideas on guiding principles for the board; and monthly time commitments associated with various board responsibilities and priorities.

Board Member time commitments and responsibilities: High priority activities include Board meetings at 75-90 minutes per meeting, along with time to review all board meeting materials prior to the board meeting (approximately 30-45 minutes). Board Standing Committee time commitments will vary, depending on requirements of each committee. Board members discussed having one board member serve as a lead contact for each committee. Committee leads for the upcoming school year (through May 2024) will be: Committee on American Civics - Dana Blakely; Succession Planning Committee - Beth Morrisette; Finance Committee - Adam Yale; Legislative Committee - Adam Yale; Facilities Committee - Kris Karnes; and Policy Review Committee - Meagan Van Gelder.

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Board members were in agreement that the Policy Review Committee and the Finance Committee typically require monthly or twice-monthly meetings of 30-45 minutes each. The Board also meets monthly for one hour (prior to a board meeting) with the Board of Education Student Advisory Committee. Dr. Van Gelder, Ms. Rider and Ms. Morrisette will consider some ideas to present to the full board on establishing a new format for these meetings as well as expectations of student participation.

Other board commitments include ensuring there is a Board presence at district level and school building events and meetings (i.e.: back-to-school / end-of-year activities, plays, concerts, award and recognition events, athletic events, parent advisory committees, WE-SIDE Committee, Bond Oversight Committee). Because of the sheer number of school / work-day and evening events and activities, Board members concurred that they have maintained a positive "shared responsibility" approach to ensure Board of Education representation. Further, board members also participate with state-level organizations like Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB); Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE); and State Legislative activities / hearings.

Board members reviewed their Gallup CliftonStrengths "Top 5" and how those individual qualities contribute to the collective strength of the full board. Board members expressed their appreciation for each others' abilities, perspectives and viewpoints that help guide their decision-making. The group further explored some ideas around the creation of "guiding principles" for their team. Some preliminary thoughts that they will fine-tune include: commitment to the whole student; responsibility to district stakeholders; making Westside a place that people want to be; maximizing time, resources and strengths; and being data-informed and results-driven. Mr. Yale, Ms. Blakely and Ms. Karnes will review the Superintendent performance evaluation to create some alignment with the certified staff evaluation.

There being no further business, Ms. Morrisette adjourned the meeting at 3:37p.m.



Board of Education, Acting Secretary

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Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Workshop for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Friday, July 21, 2023, 8:30 a.m.** at College of St. Mary Lied Fitness Center, 7000 S. 72nd St., Omaha, NE. The agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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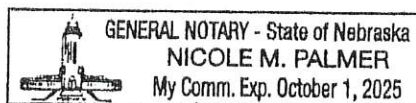
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County of Douglas,
City of Omaha

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me this JULY 20 2023

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Notary Public in and for Douglas County, State
of Nebraska

July 21, 2023

The undersigned hereby certifies that a Notice of Board Meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was placed on the home page of the website of Westside Community Schools (www.westside66.org) beginning on July 17, 2023 and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Name _____

Title

 General Notary - State of Nebraska
TRACY K. MUSINSKY
My Comm. Exp. June 16, 2027.

Before me, a Notary Public, qualified in and for said County and State, personally came Molly Hurley, known to me to be the identical person, and signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the execution of this document to his or her voluntary deed.

Notary Public