

## **WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66**

### **Minutes from a Special Meeting of the Board of Education ~ October 19, 2023**

(For the purpose of approving the 2024 Caucus Committee)

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The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on October 19, 2023, at 4:45 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

**Board members present:** Beth Morrisette, President  
Dana Blakely, Vice President  
Adam Yale, Treasurer  
Kris Karnes, Treasurer-Elect

**Board members absent (excused):** Sarah Rider, Director  
Meagan Van Gelder, Secretary

Notice of the meeting was given by placing advance notice on the front page of the District's website as authorized and permitted by Board Policy 1220. Notice for this meeting appeared beginning on October 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. A copy of the proof of publication 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:** Nick Lesiak, Molly Hurley, Mark Weichel.

**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 Meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. She welcomed those in attendance 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. Ms. Morrisette requested a motion for excused absences for Ms. Rider and Dr. Van Gelder. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Approval of 2024 Caucus Committee**

Mr. Nick Lesiak, In-House Legal Counsel, presented the 2024 Caucus Committee for board approval:

- Rod Anderson; Amy Brown; Michael Grier; Todd Johnson; Charlie Liakos; and Janet Parsonage

The Caucus is held every two years to nominate candidates to fill vacancies on the Board of Education. Terms expiring on May 31, 2024 are currently held by Sarah Rider and Meagan Van Gelder. The Caucus Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Education, with appointments confirmed in the fall preceding the caucus. Once appointed, the Caucus Committee will meet in an open meeting (public notice is given) to establish its recommendations to the Board on caucus details to include: date, time and location of the caucus; preparation of caucus rules; and filing deadline for candidates.

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Ms. Karnes moved for approval of the 2024 Caucus committee (Rod Anderson, Amy Brown, Mike Grier, Todd Johnson, Charlie Liakos and Janet Parsonage); Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

There being no further business, Ms. Morrisette adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.



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Megan Van Gelder, Secretary, Board of Education

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## WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROOF OF PUBLICATION

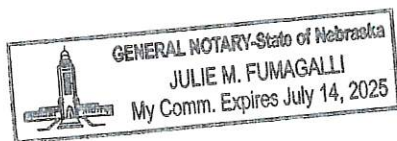
The undersigned hereby certifies that a Notice of Board Meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was placed on the home page of the website of Westside Community Schools ([www.westside66.org](http://www.westside66.org)) beginning on October 17, 2023 and that it appeared there continuously up through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

Kim Sedivy  
Name

Communications & Graphics  
Title

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS )

Before me, a Notary Public, qualified in and for said County and State, personally came Kim Sedivy, 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.



Julie M. Fumagalli  
Notary Public