

## WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

### Special Meeting of the Board of Education Board Vacancy Candidate Interviews June 28, 2023

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The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on June 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

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

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 June 22, 2023, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on June 26, 27 and 28, 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, Nick Lesiak, Becky Lowther.

**Others in Attendance\*:** Carolyn Roeder. \*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 9:00 a.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.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct interviews for the vacancy on the Board of Education due to the death of board member Doug Krenzer on May 15, 2023. Sixteen qualified applications were received by the June 20, 2023, deadline. At the Board Meeting on June 26, 2023, the board announced the applicants and narrowed the field - via individual board member ballot - to three candidates to interview with the Board. Candidates who interviewed today are, in order: 1) Sarah Rider; 2) Jaci Lindburg; and 3) Ryan Wilkins. Because today's meeting is open to the public, each candidate - upon learning of their invitation to interview today - were encouraged to arrive shortly before their interview time and to wait in a designated holding room so as not to gain an advantage from hearing the interview questions during another candidate's time before the board.

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At the beginning of each interview, Ms. Morrisette explained the interview process, with each candidate given 5 minutes to make introductory comments, followed by ten questions and a 3 minute closing. Answers to each of the 10 questions were limited to 4 minutes each, with board members able to ask up to four follow-up questions that were limited to 2 minute answers. Mr. Yale served as the time-keeper. Ms. Rider's interview commenced at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at 9:37 a.m. The board took a brief recess. Dr. Lindburg's interview commenced at 9:49 a.m. and concluded at 10:24 a.m. The board took a brief recess. Mr. Wilkins interview commenced at 10:30 a.m. and concluded at 11:05 a.m. The board took a brief recess before reconvening at 11:18 a.m. for discussion regarding their appointment decision.

Each board member expressed their appreciation to the candidates for their willingness to serve the District in this capacity and to fully participate in the work of the Board of Education. And while only one candidate can be selected today to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Krenzer's term, there are many opportunities to serve our school community. The Board encouraged all candidates to continue their engagement and advocacy on behalf of Westside Community Schools. Ms. Morrisette invited any board member to entertain a motion. Ms. Karnes moved for Sarah Rider to fill the vacancy on the Westside Board of Education, and to fulfill the remainder of the term of the late Doug Krenzer, which runs through May 31, 2024; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ms. Morrisette again thanked all three candidates for their time and commitment to the interview process. There being no further business, Ms. Morrisette adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.



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Meagan Van Gelder, Board of Education Secretary

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CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

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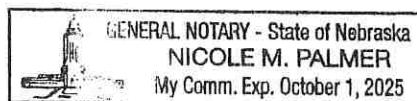
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Notary Public in and for Douglas County, State of Nebraska

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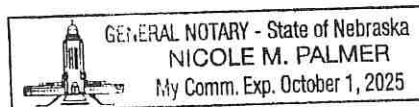
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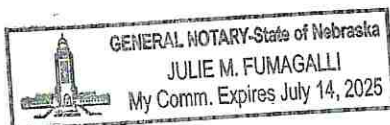
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before  
me this JUNE 28, 2023

*Nicole M Palmer*  
Notary Public in and for Douglas County, State  
of Nebraska

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Title Assoc., Communications & Graphics

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.



Notary Public