

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education FY26 Budget Public Hearing Minutes ~ September 8, 2025

A public hearing on the 2025-2026 budget for Westside Community Schools was held in open and public session on September 8, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Westside High School, 8701 Pacific Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present:

- Adam Yale, President
- Kris Karnes, Vice President
- Meagan Van Gelder, Treasurer
- Sarah Rider, Treasurer-Elect
- Beth Morrisette, Secretary (arrived late)
- 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 August 19, 2025, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on September 5 and 8, 2025, and on their website at omahadailyrecord.com, as well as the NE Press Association website at nepublicnotices.com. 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, Mark Weichel, Andrea Haynes, Brian Gabrial, Nick Lesiak, Molly Hurley, Kim De La Cruz, Kelcy Tapp, Matt Lee, Becky Lowther.

Others in Attendance*: Diane Cahill. *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.

At 6:00 p.m. Mr. Yale called the public hearing to order. He 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 was posted at the meeting, as required by law. He acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties.

Purpose of Hearing

Mr. Yale announced that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear support, opposition, or observations relating to the proposed budgets for School District 66 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Mr. Brian Gabrial, District Officer of Business and Finance, reviewed expected budget expenditures for both levy and non-levy funds for FY26.

Non-levy fund budgets for FY26 total \$10,473,235: School Nutrition Fund - \$8,173,235; Activities Fund - \$2,000,000; Student Fees Fund - \$300,000. This is a decrease of \$786,695 (6.99%) from the FY25 amended budget for these funds, which totaled \$11,259,930.

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Levy fund budgets for FY26 total \$203,533,959: General Fund - \$106,537,653; Employee Benefit Fund - \$54,071; Bond Fund - \$11,351,843; Special Building Fund - \$85,590,392. This is a decrease of \$59,277,895 (22.56%) from the FY25 amended budget for these funds, which totaled \$262,811,854.

The grand total of all FY26 fund budgets is \$214,007,194, compared to the amended FY25 total of \$274,071,784, which is a decrease of \$60,064,590, or 21.92%. The Public Hearing on the proposed FY25 Property Tax levy will be prior to the next Board of Education Meeting on September 22, 2025. The vote to adopt the FY26 budget will occur at the September 22nd Board of Education Meeting. The budget is due to the State Auditor, the County Clerk and NDE on September 30, 2025. Copies of Mr. Gabriel's Executive Summary, PowerPoint and the State of Nebraska Budget Form are included in the public hearing documents folder.

Mr. Yale invited comments and questions from the Board and from those in attendance wishing to address the topic of the FY26 Budget. Hearing none, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Beth Morrisette, Secretary, Board of Education

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education FY26 Budget Public Hearing and regular Board Meeting for Westside Community Schools, District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 909 S. 76th 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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The Daily Record

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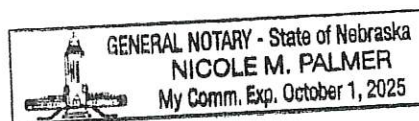
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County of Douglas,
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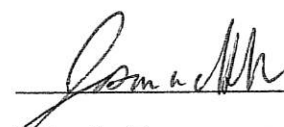
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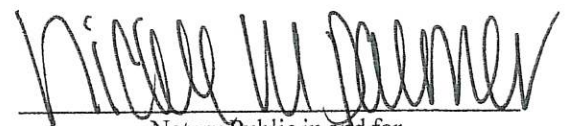
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Board of Education Meeting & FY26 Budget Public Hearing
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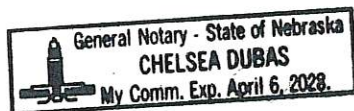
The undersigned hereby certifies that a Notice of Board Meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was placed on the home page of the website of Westside Community Schools (www.westside66.org) beginning on Aug. 19, 2025 and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Kim Sedivy
Name

Communications
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.



[Signature]
Notary Public