

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education FY24 Budget Public Hearing Minutes ~ September 5, 2023

A public hearing on the 2023-2024 budget for Westside Community Schools was held in open and public session on September 5, 2023, beginning at 6:00 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
Meagan Van Gelder, Secretary
Adam Yale, Treasurer
Kris Karnes, Treasurer-Elect
Sarah Rider, Director

Notice of this budget hearing and required information was given by publishing advance notice in *The Daily Record* in Omaha, Nebraska prior to the hearing (September 1, 4 and 5, 2023), confirmation of which is attached to the official minutes. Advance notice also appeared on the front page of the District's website beginning on August 22, 2023, and appeared continuously up through the start of this public hearing, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, as authorized by Board Policy 1220. 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. Board member attendance is noted above.

District Staff in Attendance: Mike Lucas, Mark Weichel, Brian Gabrial, Nick Lesiak, Kim De La Cruz, Kami Jessop, Kelcy Tapp, Abby Langner, Guy O'Brien, Becky Lowther, Camille Akers, Robert Miller.

Others in Attendance*: Henry Klipfel, Brandy Klipfel, Diane Cahill, Rose Howsden. *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. Ms. Morrisette called the public hearing to order. She welcomed the audience and confirmed with Mr. Lesiak 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. She acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties.

Purpose of Hearing

Ms. Morrisette 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 2023-2024 fiscal year. Mr. Brian Gabrial, District Officer of Business and Finance, reviewed expected budget expenditures for both levy and non-levy funds for FY24.

Non-levy fund budgets for FY24 total \$10,192,700: School Nutrition fund - \$7,442,700; Activities fund - \$2,500,000; and Student Fees fund - \$250,000. This is a decrease of \$545,957 (5.08%) from the amended FY23 budget for these funds, which totaled \$10,738,657.

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Levy fund budgets for FY24 total \$132,505,757: General fund - \$98,742,264; Employee Benefit fund - \$150,00; Bond fund - \$9,763,493; and Special Building fund - \$23,850,000. This is an increase of \$26,623,557 (25.14%) from the amended FY23 budget for these funds, which totaled \$105,882,201.

The grand total of all FY24 fund budgets is \$142,698,457, compared to the amended FY23 total of \$116,620,858, which is an increase of \$26,077,599 or 22.36%. Due to reserves being maintained at a sufficient level, the need for short-term borrowing through TANs has been eliminated for FY24. Mr. Gabriel noted that, for the FY24 budget, the Nutrition Service and Enterprise funds are combined in the School Nutrition Fund. Similarly, the Special Building and Phase II Construction funds are combined in the Special Building Fund. Ms. Morrisette invited comments and questions from the Board and from those in attendance wishing to address the topic of the FY24 Budget.

The Public Hearing on the proposed FY24 property tax levy will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 18, 2023, prior to the Board of Education Meeting. The Board vote to adopt the FY24 budget will occur at the September 18, 2023, Board of Education Meeting. The budget is due to the state auditor, the county clerk and NDE on September 30, 2022. Copies of Mr. Gabriel's Executive Summary, PowerPoint and the State of Nebraska Budget Form are included in the public hearing documents folder. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



Meagan Van Gelder, Secretary, Board of Education

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Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Meeting and FY24 Budget Public Hearing for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE. The Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m.; the regular Board Meeting will start immediately following adjournment of the Public Hearing. The agendas, continually kept current, are available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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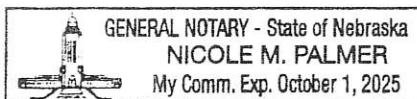
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District of Nebraska,
County of Douglas,
City of Omaha

} ss.

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me this SEPTEMBER 05 2023

Nicole M. Palmer

Notary Public in and for Douglas County, State
of Nebraska

September 5, 2023

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- FY24 Budget Public Hearing

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) beginning on Aug. 22, 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

