

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education FY24 Property Tax Public Hearing Minutes September 18, 2023

A Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Property Tax Request for the Westside Community Schools, School District 66, was convened by the Board of Education in open and public session on September 18, 2023 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 the public hearing was given in advance by publication in *The Daily Record* September 11-15 and September 18, 2023, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. Notice was also posted on the District's website beginning September 6, 2022. 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 Gabriel, Molly Hurley, Paul Lindgren, Kim De La Cruz, Kami Jessop, Kelcy Tapp, Laura Mann, Nick Lesiak, Robert Aranda, Becky Lowther, Guy O'Brien.

Others in Attendance*: Carolyn Roeder, 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.

Ms. Morrisette called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. She confirmed with Ms. Hurley that public notice had been given of the hearing under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is 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. Board member attendance is noted above.

Ms. Morrisette welcomed the audience and announced that handouts of supporting documents dealing with issues being discussed during the public hearing were available. She stated that the purpose of this special public hearing was to hear opposition, support, or observations regarding the 2023-2024 Property Tax Request for the Westside Community Schools, District 66, as certified for the District by the Douglas County Clerk.

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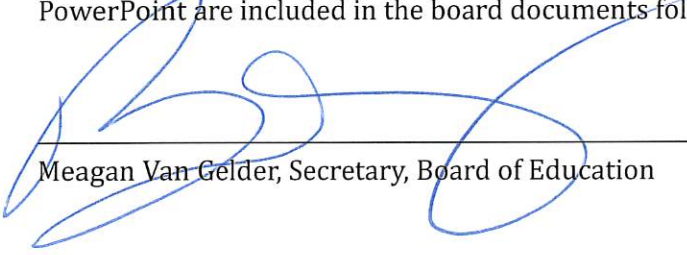
Mr. Gabriel reported the following valuations for FY24, all reflecting an increase, with property valuations having the largest growth in recent history:

- Property Valuation is \$4,809,046,780, an increase of 9.44%
- Real Estate valuation is \$4,526,258,750, an increase of 9.44%
- Personal Business valuation is \$211,636,080, an increase of 8.66%
- State Assessed valuation is \$71,151,950, an increase of 11.31%

The FY24 tax need in the levy funds are as follows:

- In the General Fund, the tax need for FY24 is \$41.8M.
- In the Bond Fund, the tax need for FY24 is \$10.5M.
- In the Special Building Fund, the tax need for FY24 is \$2.8M.

The total tax levy is \$1.146762, which is a decrease of \$0.138464 cents (10.8%) and is the fifth year in a row that the district has been able to drop the overall levy tax rate. Approval of the FY24 property tax request will be presented at the Board of Education meeting on October 2, 2023. Ms. Morrisette asked for additional questions or comments from the Board and the audience. Hearing none, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. (Copies of Mr. Gabriel's Executive Summary and PowerPoint are included in the board documents folder.)



Megan Van Gelder, Secretary, Board of Education

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I. BG - NOTICE OF SPEACIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST (WESTSIDE COMMUNITY

Notice of Special Hearing

Westside Community Schools (28-0
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9 South 76th Street, Omaha, NE for the
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	2023-2024	Change
305	4,809,046,780	9%

2022-2023 Budget Information

Budget	2022-2023 Property Tax Request	2022 Tax Rate	Proper (202 Re Div 2023
7.00	47,239,652.78	1.075000	
5.26	7,470,456.72	0.170000	
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16.43	1,767,676.77	0.040226	
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18.69	56,477,786.27	1.285226	

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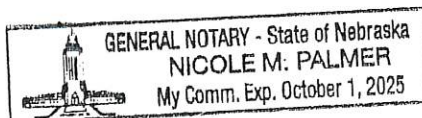
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me this SEPTEMBER 15 2023

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Notary Public in and for Douglas County, State
of Nebraska

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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Westside Community Schools (28-0066) in Douglas County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 18th day of, September 2023 at 6 o'clock PM, at 909 South 76th Street, Omaha, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2022-2023	2023-2024	Change
Property Valuations	4,394,386,305	4,809,046,780	9%

2022-2023 Budget Information					2023-2024 Budget Information				
Fund	2022-2023 Operating Budget	2022-2023 Property Tax Request	2022 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2022-2023 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation)	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2023 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	95,768,577.00	47,239,652.78	1.075000	0.982308	98,742,264.00	41,838,706.92	0.870000	-19%	3%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	6,673,885.26	7,470,456.72	0.170000	0.155342	9,763,493.00	10,531,812.32	0.219000	29%	46%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Bond Fund			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Special Building Fund	3,239,736.43	1,767,676.77	0.040226	0.036757	23,850,000.00	2,777,778.00	0.057762	44%	636%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	0%	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Total	105,682,198.69	56,477,786.27	1.285226	1.174407	132,355,757.00	55,148,297.24	1.146762	-11%	25%

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Meeting and FY24 Proposed Property Tax Public Hearing for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Monday, September 18, 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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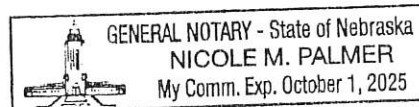
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WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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 Sept 6, 2023, and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Kim Sedivy

Name

Communications & Graphics

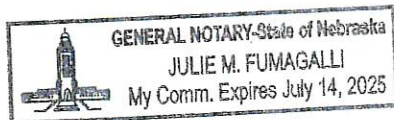
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STATE OF NEBRASKA)

) 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