

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education FY23 Proposed Property Tax Public Hearing Minutes September 19, 2022

A Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 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 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

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

Board members absent (excused): Meagan Van Gelder, President
Doug Krenzer, Director

Notice of the public hearing was given in advance by publication in *The Daily Record* September 12-16, and September 19, 2022, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. Notice was also posted on the District's website beginning September 7, 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, Andrea Haynes, Brian Gabriel, Molly Hurley, Paul Lindgren, Kim De La Cruz, Kami Jessop, Kelcy Tapp, Brandi Paul, Nick Lesiak, Kelcy Tapp, Robert Aranda, Becky Lowther, Trever Reeh, Karen Anderson, Lauren Latka, Maggie Person, Jordan Rhodes, Jaime Kammendel.

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.

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 roll call was taken and attendance is noted above. Ms. Morrisette requested a motion for excused absences for Meagan Van Gelder and Doug Krenzer. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Mr. Yale seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 2022-2023 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 FY23:

- Property valuation is \$4,394,386,305, an increase of 6.03%. (FY22 was an increase of 3.66%).
- Real Estate valuation is \$4,135,695,325, an increase of 6.78%. (FY22 was an increase of 3.75%).
- Personal Business valuation is \$194,770,850, a decrease of 6.35%. (FY22 was an increase of 0.72%).
- State Assessed valuation is \$63,920,130, an increase of 0.60%. (FY22 was an increase of 8.19%).

The FY23 tax need in the levy funds are as follows:

- General Fund - \$47.24M, with a recommended levy of \$1.0750
- Bond Debt Service Fund - \$7.47M, with a recommended levy of \$0.01700
- Special Building Fund - \$1.77M, with a recommended levy of \$0.0402

Total tax levy is \$1.285, which is a decrease of \$0.0498 (3.73%). The FY23 tax revenue budget reflects an expected collection rate of 100%, as reserves are sufficient to cover any shortfall. This is the fourth year in a row that the district has been able to drop the overall levy tax rate. Dr. Lucas and the board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Gabriel for his work. They concurred that collaboration and cooperation is critical to the budget process in order to ensure that every dollar is utilized as efficiently as possible.

Approval of the FY23 property tax request will be presented at the Board of Education meeting on October 3, 2022. Ms. Morrisette asked for additional questions or comments from the Board and the audience. Being 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.)



Kris Karnes, Secretary, Board of Education

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Westside Community Schools (28-0086) 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 19th day of September 2022 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.

Property Valuations	2021-2022	2022-2023	Change
	4,144,458,640	4,394,386,305	6%

2021-2022 Budget Information				2022-2023 Budget Information			
Fund	2021-2022 Operating Budget	2021-2022 Property Tax Request	Property Tax Rate (2021-2022 Request Divided By 2022 Valuation)	2022-2023 Operating Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2022 Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	92,316,926.00	48,282,942.72	1.165000	95,768,577.00	47,239,652.78	1.075000	-8%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	6,900,000.00	7,045,579.89	0.170000	6,673,885.26	7,470,466.72	0.170000	0%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000			0.000000	0% 0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000			0.000000	0% 0
Bond Fund			0.000000			0.000000	0% 0
Special Building Fund	509,620.45		0.000000	2,230,800.70	1,767,676.77	0.040226	100%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000			0.000000	0% 0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000			0.000000	0% 0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000			0.000000	0% 0
Total	99,726,546.45	55,328,522.61	1.259072	104,673,262.96	56,477,786.26	1.285226	-4%

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That said Newspaper during that time was regularly published and
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PAYTON LUNDBERG
My Comm. Expires 06/30/2026
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before
me this 16th day of September 2022

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Total \$ 1,136.72
Notary Public in and for Douglas County,
State of Nebraska

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education FY23 Proposed Property Tax Public Hearing and Board Meeting for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **September 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.** The meetings will be held 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 immediately follow adjournment of the Public Hearing. The agendas, continually kept current, are available at the District Office. The meetings are open to the public.

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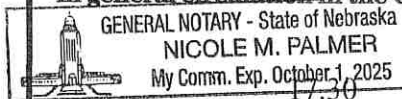
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That said Newspaper during that time was regularly published and in general circulation in the County of Douglas, and State of Nebraska.



Publisher's Fee \$ 17.30
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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19th

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Notary Public in and for Douglas County,
State of Nebraska

- Property Tax Public Hearing
- Board Meeting

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. 7, 2020 and that it appeared there continuously up through the time of the scheduled board meeting.

Name

Title

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.

