

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 66
Public Hearing Minutes – August 15, 2016

A Public Hearing for a 2015-2016 Budget Amendment for Westside Community Schools, School District 66, was convened by the Board of Education in open and public session on August 15, 2016, at 6:15 p.m., at the Westside ABC Building, 909 South 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: David Williams, President
 Beth Morrissette, Vice President
 Kris Karnes, Secretary
 Dana Blakely, Treasurer
 Adam Yale, Director

Notice of the public hearing was given in advance by publication in *The Daily Record* on August 9, 2016, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. Notice of the public hearing was also posted on the district website. Notice of this public hearing 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 offices. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened public hearing was open to the attendance of the public.

District Staff in attendance:

Blane McCann, Bob Zagozda, Alison McGinn, Mark Weichel, Greg Betts, Enid Schonewise, Brian Gabrial, Brandi Petersen, Jim Sides, Ruby Larson, Alan Bone, Molly Hurley, Garret Higginbotham, Cindy Vann.

Others in Attendance*:

Dave Richardson, Grant Mussman, Ivan Gilreath, *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.

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Board member roll call was taken and attendance is noted above. Mr. Williams 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 is posted at the meeting, as required by law. He acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda and supporting documents dealing with issues being discussed during the public hearing were available.

Mr. Williams stated that the purpose of this special Public Hearing was to hear support, opposition, or observations relating to the proposed budget amendments for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for School District 66.

Mr. Bob Zagozda, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Brian Gabrial, Director of Finance, reported that adjustments to the original adopted FY16 budget, specifically in the General Fund and Nutrition Services Fund, would be necessary in order to accommodate higher than expected participation in the school lunch program, and avoid the possibility of needing an emergency meeting should General Fund expenses exceed budgeted expenditures. Board

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approval of these adjustments will be sought at the regular Board of Education Meeting immediately following this Public Hearing.

Changes are as follows: Both the budgeted disbursements and transfers and the total available resources before property taxes in the Nutrition Services Fund are increased by \$300,000. The budgeted disbursements and transfers in the General Fund increased by \$500,000. Neither budget amendment will change the District's tax rates.

Mr. Williams asked for questions or comments from Board of Education Members. He then asked for questions or comments from the audience in attendance. Hearing none, Mr. Willams adjourned the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. (A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to the official minutes.)



Kris Karnes, Secretary