

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT 66**

2016-17 Budget Public Hearing Minutes -- September 6, 2016

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A public hearing on the 2016-17 budget for Westside Community Schools was held in open and public session on September 6, 2016, beginning at 6:00 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 this budget hearing and required information was given by publishing advance notice in *The Daily Record* in Omaha, Nebraska prior to the hearing; confirmation of which is attached to the official minutes. Advance notice also appeared on the front page of the District's website beginning on September 1, 2016, 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.

District Administrative Office Staff and District Administrators in attendance: Blane McCann, Bob Zagozda, Brian Gabriel, Enid Schonewise, Mark Weichel, Greg Betts, Alan Bone, Ruby Larson, Kami Jessop, Jim Sides, Brandi Petersen, Laura Iliff, Jay Opperman, Garret Higginbotham, Molly Hurley.

Others in Attendance\*: Dave Richardson. \*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. Williams called the meeting to order. 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 was available to any interested parties.

**Purpose of Hearing**

Mr. Williams 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 2017 fiscal year. This includes budget for the following levy funds: General Fund; Special Building Fund; Bond Debt Service Fund, and the Employee Benefit Fund; and budget for the following non-levy funds: Nutrition Services Fund; Enterprise Fund; Activities Fund; Student Fees Fund and the 2015 Phase I Construction Fund.

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Mr. Zagozda and Mr. Gabriel reviewed expected budget expenditures for both levy and non-levy funds for FY17.

Total expected expenditures for FY17 for Nutrition Services Fund (\$5.2 million), Activities Fund (\$1.8 million), Enterprise Fund (\$373,704) and Student Fees Fund (\$125,000) is \$7,498,704. As part of the recent FY16 budget amendment, the Nutrition Services Fund was adjusted from \$4.9 to \$5.2 million due to higher than projected participation and numbers in the school lunch program this past year.

Total expected expenditures for FY17 for the General Fund (\$68,410,000), Employee Benefit Fund (\$840,000), Bond Debt Service Fund (\$5.8 million), the Special Building Fund (\$500,000) and the 2015 Phase I Construction Fund (\$24 million) is \$99,550,000. General Fund Revenues are projected at \$60,119,913. The maximum tax levy for Westside is projected at \$6,584,438. This leaves a shortage (and use of fund balance) of \$1,705,649.

Mr. Zagozda and Mr. Gabriel also provided a four-year summary of State Aid and reported the loss of Teacher Education Aid and Instructional Time Aid in FY16, along with drops in Learning Community funding and Net Option funding. And though the District's General Fund expenditures have decreased for a second year in a row, and the use of the fund balance is down significantly from this same time last year, the work will continue to present a balanced budget for FY18.

There were no requests from the attendees for public comment. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



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Kris Karnes, Secretary