

## WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

### Board of Education FY25 Budget Amendment Public Hearing Minutes ~ August 18, 2025

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A Public Hearing for a 2024-2025 Budget Amendment for Westside Community Schools, School District 66, was convened by the Board of Education in open and public session on August 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the District Administration Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

**Board members present:** Adam Yale, President  
Beth Morrisette, Secretary  
Meagan Van Gelder, Treasurer  
Sarah Rider, Treasurer-Elect  
Dana Blakely, Director

**Board member absent (excused):** Kris Karnes, Vice President  
Beth Morrisette, Secretary

Notice of the Public Hearing was given by placing advance notice on the front page of the District's website no less than 48 hours in advance of the scheduled commencement of the meeting as authorized by Board Policy 1220. Notice for this Public Hearing appeared beginning on August 5, 2025, and appeared continuously up through the start of this meeting. Notice of the Public Hearing was also published in the Daily Record on August 15 and 18, 2025, and on their website at [omahadailyrecord.com](http://omahadailyrecord.com), as well as the NE Press Association website at [nepublicnotices.com](http://nepublicnotices.com). 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:** Mike Lucas, Mark Weichel, Andrea Haynes, Brian Gabriel, Nick Lesiak, Molly Hurley, Kami Jessop, Kim De La Cruz, Kelcy Tapp, Laura Mann, Robert Aranda, Matt Lee, Jake Ritonya, Becky Lowther.

**Others in Attendance\*:** Stephanie Adams, 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.

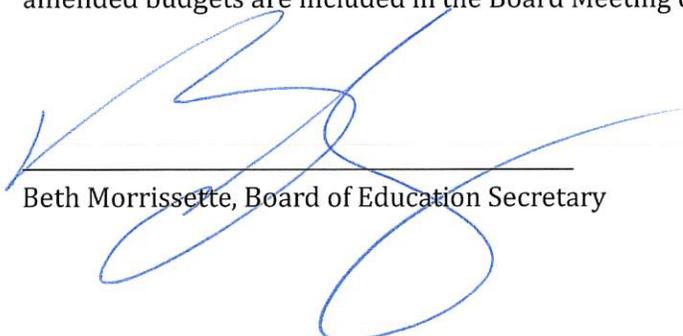
Mr. Yale called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed the audience and confirmed with Ms. Hurley that public notice had been given of the meeting under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, and that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted at the meeting, as required by law. He acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda and supporting documents dealing with issues being discussed during the public hearing were available. Board member attendance is noted above.

Mr. Yale stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear support, opposition, or observations relating to the proposed budget amendment(s) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for School District 66. Mr. Brian Gabriel, District Officer of Business and Finance, reviewed the following two adjustments to the FY25 budget: **(1)** In the School Nutrition Fund, the budgeted disbursements and transfers (expenses) are increased by \$600,000; and **(2)** In the Bond Fund, the budgeted disbursements and transfers (expenses) are increased by \$37,000,000.

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These changes to the FY25 budget do not require a change to the District's FY25 tax rates. Approval of these changes will be requested at the regular Board of Education meeting immediately following the Public Hearing.

Mr. Yale invited questions or comments from the Board, as well as from those in attendance. Hearing none, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. Copies of the Executive Summary and the original and amended budgets are included in the Board Meeting documents folder.



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Beth Morrissette, Board of Education Secretary

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Budget Amendment Public Hearing and regular Board Meeting for Westside Community Schools, District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held August 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE. The agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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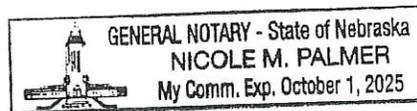
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*Nicole M. Palmer*  
Notary Public in and for  
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# NOTICE OF AMENDED BUDGET HEARING AND AMENDED BUDGET SUMMARY

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

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 13-511, that the governing body will meet on the 18th day of August, 2025, at 6:00 PM at 909 South 76th Street, Omaha, NE 68114 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to amending the budget which was originally adopted on the 16th day of September, 2024. Due to unforeseen circumstances, actual expenditures in certain funds for the current fiscal year will exceed budgeted expenditures unless the current fiscal year budget of expenditures is revised. None of the proposed budget adjustments will change the District's tax rates for District residents. In the School Nutrition Fund, higher than expected expenditures for labor, food, and general supply costs will cause expenditures to be \$600,000 higher than originally budgeted. In the Bond Fund, higher than expected expenditures for the refinancing of bond debt will cause expenditures to be \$37,000,000 higher than originally budgeted. The originally adopted level of expenditures cannot be reduced during the remainder of the current fiscal year to meet the need for additional budget in the amount of time left before year-end. The budget detail is available at the school district office of Westside Community Schools during regular business hours.

Beth Morrisette

Secretary

### AMENDED BUDGET

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement
	2022-2023 (1)	2023-2024 (2)	2024-2025 (3)			
General	\$ 88,792,915.94	\$ 93,425,027.59	\$ 101,995,123.14	\$ 25,498,780.55	\$ 88,317,145.33	\$ 39,572,482.36
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
Employee Benefit	\$ 120,015.73	\$ 76,438.98	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	-
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
Activities	\$ 2,000,877.15	\$ 2,309,362.45	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 295,253.20	\$ 2,795,253.20	-
School Nutrition	\$ 7,644,742.72	\$ 8,035,026.19	\$ 8,509,929.56	\$ 136,458.71	\$ 8,646,388.27	-
Bond	\$ 6,666,385.26	\$ 8,279,617.40	\$ 50,188,054.26	\$ 9,697,645.17	\$ 49,098,399.63	\$ 10,896,262.80
Special Building	\$ 2,721,082.48	\$ 17,647,544.47	\$ 110,528,676.51	-	\$ 106,528,676.51	\$ 4,040,404.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Student Fee	\$ 163,436.79	\$ 188,550.57	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 108,109,456.07</b>	<b>\$ 129,961,567.65</b>	<b>\$ 274,071,783.47</b>	<b>\$ 35,628,137.63</b>	<b>\$ 255,735,862.94</b>	<b>\$ 54,509,149.16</b>

Breakdown of Property Tax	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
	\$ 10,896,262.80	\$ 43,612,886.36	\$ 54,509,149.16

### ADOPTED BUDGET

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement
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Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
Employee Benefit	\$ 120,015.73	\$ 76,438.98	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	-
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 108,109,456.07</b>	<b>\$ 129,961,567.65</b>	<b>\$ 236,471,783.47</b>	<b>\$ 36,228,137.63</b>	<b>\$ 218,735,862.94</b>	<b>\$ 54,509,149.16</b>

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