

LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES

LEARNING COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

September 12, 2019

A meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties was held September 12, 2019, at the Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24 Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68110. Notice of the meeting, containing the date, time, place and agenda, was given in advance thereof by publication in the Daily Record on September 5, 2019. The proofs of publication have been received and will be made a permanent part of the record of the meeting. Notice of the agenda was given to all members of the Council on September 6, 2019.

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was convened and called to order by Chair Kelley at 6:05 p.m. and began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Public Notice & Compliance with Open Meetings Act.** Chair Kelley announced that the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted at the room entrance and that copies of materials being reviewed by the Council were available to the public.
3. **Roll Call.**

Voting Members Present: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Ward, Woodward, Kelley

Voting Members Excused: Avery

Members Absent: Williams

Staff Present: Franklin, Parker, Benzel, Patton, Kreher

Also Present: Margaret Hershiser, Koley Jessen P.C.; Kim Bodensteiner, BECI

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Chair Kelley presented the Council minutes from the August 8, 2019 public meeting of the Council. Motion by Mr. Hager, seconded by Ms. Woodward, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on August 8, 2019. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Ward, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**

5. **Reports**

a) Chair – Chair Kelley discussed the Grade Level Reading campaign and Community Achievement report (CAP) review.

b) Treasurer

- i. Motion by Ms. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Hager, to accept the Treasurer's report dated August 31, 2019. Discussion took place. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**

- ii. Motion by Ms. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Hager, to accept the Fourth Quarter Budget to Actual report. Discussion took place. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**
 - c) Chief Executive Officer – Mr. Patton explained the Community Achievement report (CAP) review process.
 - d) Legal Counsel – No Report
6. Public Comment – None.
7. Superintendents’ Plan for Early Childhood Education Plan Overview – Kim Bodensteiner provided an update of an upcoming event. Two handouts were provided.
8. Learning Community Center of South Omaha Update – Ms. Franklin provided a report.
9. Learning Community Center of North Omaha Update – Ms. Franklin and Ms. Parker provided a report.
10. Subcommittee Reports
- a) Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee – No Report
 - b) Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee
 - i. **Action Items: 2019-2020 Budget**
 - 1. Motion by Ms. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Hager, upon recommendation of the Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee, I move that the Coordinating Council approve the General Fund Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$600,087, calling for a total property tax requirement of \$0. Discussion took place. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**
 - 2. Motion by Ms. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Hager, upon recommendation of the Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee, I move that the Coordinating Council approve the Capital Projects Fund Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$809,000, calling for a property tax requirement of \$793,426.42, plus a 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$8,014.40, for a total property tax requirement of \$801,440.82. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**
 - 3. Motion by Ms. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Hager, upon recommendation of the Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee, I move that the Coordinating Council approve the Elementary Learning Center Fund Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$8,274,166 calling for a property tax requirement of \$9,395,510.82 plus a 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$94,904.05 for a total property tax requirement of \$9,490,414.87. Yeas:

Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**

4. Motion by Ms. Hahn, seconded by Ms. Woodward, upon recommendation of the Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee, I move that the Coordinating Council approve the Research & Evaluation Fund Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$744,400, calling for a total property tax requirement of \$0. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**

ii. **Action Item: 2019 Tax Year Levy Resolutions**

Motion by Ms. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Hager, upon recommendation of the Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee, I move adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute § 77-1601.02 provides that the Coordinating Council, as the governing body of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties (the "Learning Community"), passes by majority vote a resolution setting the Learning Community's tax requests for its Capital Projects Levy and Elementary Learning Center Levy after holding a public hearing for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the Learning Community's tax requests for the 2019-2020 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, such special public hearing was held on September 12, 2019 as required by law to receive and consider public comments regarding the proposed property tax requests of the Learning Community's Capital Projects Levy and Elementary Learning Center Levy, notice of the special public hearing having been given in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute § 77-1601.02;

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the property differs from the previous year's total assessed value by 7%; the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as the previous year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be \$0.015119 per \$100 of assessed value; the Learning Community proposes to adopt a property tax requests that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.016052 per \$100 of assessed value for the 2019-2020 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Learning Community will be less than last year's; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Council, after having reviewed the Learning Community's tax requests for each said levy, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the tax requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the Learning Community, as determined by the Coordinating Council for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Documents provided were as follows, copies of which will be made a permanent part of the record of the meeting:

- Public Hearing and Council Minutes dated September 12, 2019
- Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2019
- CEO 2019/2020 Goals
- Proposed Diversity Plan 2020/2021
- Community Achievement Plan (CAP)



Jill Woodward – Secretary