

# LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES

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2. Public Notice and Compliance with Open Meetings Act
3. Presentation of the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget for the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties
4. Public Comment on Presented Budget
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# Learning Community Coordinating Council

September 7, 2023 – 6:00PM

1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68110

**Learning Community Vision: That all children within the Learning Community achieve academic success without regard to social or economic circumstance.**

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as listed.)

## I. Opening the Meeting

- i. Call to Order: The regular September meeting of the Learning Community Council is called to order on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6 p.m.
- ii. **Council Mission Statement: Together with school districts and community organizations as partners, we demonstrate, share, and implement more effective practices to measurably improve educational outcomes for children and families in poverty.**
- iii. Public Notice and Compliance Nebraska Open Meetings Law
- iv. Council Roll Call:
- v. Pledge of Allegiance

## II. Public Comment

## III. Reports

- i. Chair
- ii. CEO
- iii. Treasurer
- iv. Legal Counsel
- v. Foundation

## IV. Consent Agenda

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- i. Minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting of the Council

## V. Programming Update

- a. Centers Updates
- b. Superintendents' Plan
- c. District Initiatives

## VI. Subcommittee Reports

- a) Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee (ELD)
- b) Budget, Finance and Audit Subcommittee

### i. **Action Items:** 2023-2024 Budget

- a. Motion to approve the General Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$498,200 calling for a total property tax requirement of \$0.
- b. Motion to approve the Capital Projects Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$874,000 calling for a property tax requirement of \$1,107,900 plus a 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$11,191 for a total property tax requirement of \$1,119,091.
- c. Motion to approve the Elementary Learning Center Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$11,146,786 calling for a property tax requirement of \$11,146,786 plus a 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$112,593.69 for a total property tax requirement of \$11,259,379.69.
- d. Motion to approve the Research & Evaluation Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$717,604 calling for a total property tax requirement of \$0.

### ii. **Action Items:**

Motion to adopt of the following resolutions and to recommend the same to the full Council at the next Learning Community Coordinating Council meeting.

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 2023-2024 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, such special public hearing was held on September 07, 2023 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 12.84%; 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 \$0.014292 per \$100 of assessed value; the Learning Community proposes to adopt a property tax requests that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.013827 per \$100 of assessed value for the 2023-2024 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Learning Community will increase last year’s budget by 6.74 percent; 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 2023-2024 fiscal year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community hereby sets its Capital Projects Levy property tax request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year at \$1,119,090.90; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community hereby sets its Elementary Learning Centers Levy property tax request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year at \$11,259,379.69.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be certified and forwarded to the Douglas County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

- a) Legislative Subcommittee
- b) Administration and Personnel Subcommittee

## VII. New Business

Upcoming Meeting – September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68110

## VIII. Adjourn

**\*Closed Session:** If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the council will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

**\*\*Sequence of Agenda:** The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the Council. Please arrive at the beginning of the meeting.

### UPCOMING LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Advisory Committee	To Be Determined
LC Coordinating Council	September 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24 <sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE
Subcouncil #1	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #2	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #3	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #4	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #5	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #6	To Be Determined

### HANDOUTS TO ACCOMPANY THIS AGENDA ARE AS FOLLOW

- LCCC Minutes dated August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Learning Community Coordinating Council

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:00PM

1612 North 24<sup>th</sup>, Omaha, Nebraska

## Meeting Minutes

**Learning Community Vision: That all children within the Learning Community achieve academic success without regard to social or economic circumstance.**

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### I. Opening the Meeting

- i. Call to Order: The regular August meeting of the Learning Community Council is called to order on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:02 p.m.
- ii. **Council Mission Statement: Together with school districts and community organizations as partners, we demonstrate, share, and implement more effective practices to measurably improve educational outcomes for children and families in poverty.**
- iii. Public Notice and Compliance Nebraska Open Meetings Law

A meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties was held August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Notice of the meeting, containing the date, time, place, and agenda, was given in advance thereof by publication in the Daily Record on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The proof 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 August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### iv. Council Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Brock, Hall, Hoeger, Miller, Otis, Thommes, Shelton, Ward

Voting Members Excused:

Members Absent: Brady, Hahn, Kuhn, Scott

Staff Present: Ekwerekwu, Le, Lewis, Lopez, Videgla

Also Present: BECI, Koley Jessen, Emspace

### v. Pledge of Allegiance

### II. Public Comment

Dr. Williams Cornelius: 1905 Lothrop Street, Omaha NE 68110

### A. Reports

- i. Chair-

Welcomed everyone and thanked CEO for his time and all the efforts he made to better the Learning Community vision. He also reminded the council boards of doing their due diligence to keep up with Subcouncil meetings and reminded them that he is available to help them all find out which Subcouncil they belong to and share upcoming meetings.

ii. CEO-

1. Welcome back to our monthly rotation of Council meetings, and welcome back to the school year! We wish all schools the best as we begin another year of instruction and learning.
2. Please review the Centers Update meeting material to learn more about current events going on at the Centers. We are very excited to discuss new staff members, new families onboarded, and upcoming family recruitment opportunities. Please let us know if you have any questions.
3. Many subcommittee meetings have occurred in the past few weeks. We appreciate the dedication and support and look forward to the updates at this month's Council meeting.
4. Discussions continue with the LUND property management company, as well as Omaha Economic Development Corporation (OEDC), to discuss renewing the lease at the LCCNO location. More information will be provided after future meetings are held. The current lease expires in November of 2024. We are awaiting a response from OEDC as to what our renewal options may be in the future.
5. The LC Foundation met last week to discuss upcoming efforts to ascertain funding sources and opportunities to support the LC families. We will continue the conversation, execute action items, and deliver upon next steps in the coming months.
6. The LC State Audit process has ended. Thanks to all for their contribution to this project. A copy of the final report is attached to this month's Council meeting materials.
7. The LC staff continues to assess physical locations for the LCCSO satellite location. We will engage the ELD subcommittee to thoroughly discuss our action items as they arise.
8. Be prepared to analyze and formally vote upon the upcoming year's budget at the upcoming September 7, 2023, meeting (please note the unique meeting times on this date). Additionally, please note that we will also meet on September 28, 2023.

Councilman Kuhn joined the meeting at 6:16 PM.

- iii. Treasurer- Hall shared they met and discussed and would like for you all to look at the consent agenda and will report about other issues later on.
- iv. Legal Counsel- No report
- v. Foundation- Hoeger shared they met and talked about things that the Learning Community needs, creating a functional foundation, plan on how to use money raised and also long-term fundraising ideas that will continue to sustain the projects that will come around.

II. Consent Agenda

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- i. Minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting of the Council
- ii. Treasurer's Report – dated June 30<sup>th</sup> & July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- iii. Budget to Actual 3QFY 2022/2023 financial statements

Motion first by Kuhn, second by Hall, to approve the Minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023; the Treasurer's Report dated June 30<sup>th</sup> & July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and the Budget to Actual 3QFY 2022/2023 financial statements.

**Yeas:** Brock, Hall, Hoeger, Kuhn, Miller, Otis, Shelton, Thommes, **Nays:** Ward, **Motion carried.**

### III. Programming Updates

- a) Centers Updates- Lopez shared how the team has already been flourishing in connecting with communities' members through the outreach done in the community. PU currently has up to 80 new families that are interested in coming onboard. Along with that, they are excited of new courses that are coming this fall for the families. For the South Center, they are happy to have provided computer classes to families that were in need and this week they are onboarding 23 new families to the program. She also highlighted the part of her report that shows the fun and activities that were done in the summer for families and children.
- b) Superintendent's Plan-
- c) District Initiatives- Lopez wanted to thank councilman Tim Hall, for touring Papillion/LaVista and she shared that she was also able to visit Elkhorn and seeing it live, she learned a lot.

### IV. Subcommittee Reports-

- a) Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee (ELD)- Miller shared they met and had a presentation from BECI, and it was a fascinating presentation. She shared what she loved the most was the information exchanged between Principal, teachers, facilitators and more. It was a great model to see how we all come as a community and how we can do so well.
- b) Budget, Finance and Audit Subcommittee- Hall reinstated the findings that were done during the audit and had they have received the final audit. Lewis also shared that we are in the clear and there was no score given for the final audit up on Kuhn questioning. Hall shared that procedures and policies have been fixed to avoid conflict of interest.
- c) Legislative Subcommittee- Brock shared that there are two items of consideration right now. Holding a primary election for a Subcouncil that has four or less candidates. This consideration may not go into effect until 2026. The Governor's line item to supplement our General Fund line item is being examined. Lewis is going to provide projections of what it would look like to raise the 10% employee cap to 15% for consideration at the upcoming legislative subcommittee meeting.
- d) Administration and Personnel - Subcommittee met on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and will meet again August 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss recommendations and edits that can be done to the handbooks and CEO annual review process and bylaws for the council.



## V. New Business

- i. **Action Item:** Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the council motion to approve the additional 1% allowable growth rate for the 2023-2024 Elementary Learning Center and Capital Projects budgets.

Motion first by Thommes, second by Hoeger, to approve the additional 1% allowable growth rate for the 2023-2024 Elementary Learning Center and Capital Projects budgets.

**Yeas:** Brock, Hall, Hoeger, Kuhn, Miller, Otis, Shelton, Thommes, **Nays:** Ward, **Motion failed.**

- ii. **Action Item:** Upon recommendation of the BFA Subcommittee, the council motion to move the \$78,056.00 Restricted R&E funds in General Fund out of General Fund to the Research & Evaluation Restricted Fund.

Motion first by Hall, second by Hoeger, to approve the motion to move the \$78,056.00 Restricted R&E funds in General Fund out of General Fund to the Research & Evaluation Restricted Fund.

**Yeas:** Brock, Hall, Hoeger, Kuhn, Miller, Otis, Shelton, Thommes, Ward, **Motion carried.**

- iii. **Action Item:** Personnel Matter - CEO Resignation

Motion first by Thommes, second by Hoeger, to approve the CEO resignation.

Motion to approve the council to enter an executive session. Motion first by Miller, second by Kuhn.

**Yeas:** Brock, Hall, Hoeger, Kuhn, Miller, Otis, Shelton, Thommes, Ward, **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 7:04 PM

The motion to come back to open session was made by Miller, second by Shelton. Unanimous consent approved this motion.

Council came back from session at 7:50 PM

Motion first by Thommes, second by Hoeger, to accept the CEO resignation.

**Yeas:** Brock, Hall, Hoeger, Miller, Otis, Thommes, Ward, **Abstain:** Kuhn, **Nays:** Shelton, **Motion carried**

VI. Upcoming Meeting – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68110

VII. Adjourn at 7:55 PM.

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- Emspace+ Lovgren June 2023 and July 2023 Report
- LCCC Minutes dated June 15th, 2023
- April Treasurer's Report dated June 30th & July 31st, 2023
- Budget to Actual 3QFY 2022/2023 financial statements
- Center Updates
- Additional 1% Allowable Growth Rate document
- Restricted R&E in General Funds
- Audit Report and Management Letter FY 2022
- Proposed Meeting Dates