

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
PUBLIC HEARINGS / ADOPTION  
PROPOSED BUDGETS**

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
1:02 p.m.

The Western Community College Area Board of Governors held a meeting for the purpose of Public Hearings and Adoption of the Proposed 2022-2023 Western Community College Area Budgets at 1:02 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, in the Coral E. Richards Boardroom, at Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, in the City of Scottsbluff, in the County of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, as per the Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary published in the Star-Herald, on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

A current agenda was available in the Board Secretary's office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.

**AREA BOARD**

Karen S. Anderson, Vice Chairperson .....	Present
Margaret R. Crouse .....	Absent
Linda A. Guzman-Gonzales .....	Present
F. Lynne Klemke, Chairperson .....	Present
Allan D. Kreman.....	Present
Kimberly A. Marcy .....	Present
William M. Packard .....	Present
M. Thomas Perkins .....	Present
Coral E. Richards .....	Present
R. J. Savely, Jr.....	Present
Richard G. Stickney.....	Present

**QUORUM**

Chair Klemke declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

**BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS**

Chair Klemke announced that for public information there is a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act available on the table at the back of the room.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Guzman-Gonzales MOVED the agenda be approved as presented. SECONDED by Ms. Richards.

The vote was, Yes: Anderson, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Crouse. Motion carried.

**EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBER(S)**

Chair Klemke reported that Dr. Margaret Crouse notified the Board Secretary she would be unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Health.

Ms. Anderson MOVED to excuse the absence of Board member, Dr. Margaret Crouse. SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales.

The vote was, Yes: Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Crouse. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS / ADOPTION OF 2022-2023 WCCA BUDGETS**

Pursuant to Section 13-501 to 13-513, R.R.S. and Section 85-1517, R.R.S., Chair Klemke declared the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following budgets and consider amendments relative thereto open at 1:02 p.m.

### **Presentation of Proposed 2022-2023 Budgets**

Chair Klemke asked Ms. Lynne Koski, Vice President of Administrative Services, to present the proposed 2022-2023 Budgets.

Ms. Koski explained that the proposed 2022-2023 WCCA Budget is developed to support the College mission statement to assure learning opportunities for all.

In preparing the budget, levy and budget lids are considered. The levy must not exceed the difference between 11.25 cents and the rate levied for the capital improvement funds per \$100 of taxable property valuation for operating expenditures. New this year, pursuant to State Statute §77-1631 through §77-1634, property tax requests greater than allowable growth percentage (2% plus real growth percentage) are required to participate in a Joint Public Hearing.

The budget lid pursuant to State Statute § 13-518 through § 13-522 limits Restricted Funds revenue, which are State Aid and Property Taxes. This sets a base limitation of 2.5% plus growth in full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment exceeding 2.5% and allows for 1% additional authority with 75% Board approval of members constituting a quorum authorized to conduct business (Attorney General opinion 17-006, December 28, 2017).

The following factors affect Operational Funding.

- Increase (decrease) in tuition rates per credit hour
  - \$0 resident
  - \$0 dual credit (CollegeNow)
  - \$0 non-resident and border states (CO, SD, WY)
- Credit/Contact Hours projected at 2020-21 actual hours
- 3.63% WNCC area valuation increase
- The funding formula, based on State Statute 85-2234, specifies the following state aid distribution:
  - \$3,159,241 (3% increase) certified community college system aid
  - \$104,452 WNCC certified state aid increase
  - \$28,821 Dual Credit state aid increase (LB1008, 2020 and LB380, 2021)
  - Board approved 1% budget lid override July 20, 2022

The Operating Revenue Budget is summarized by the source of revenue, the prior year budget, the proposed budget and the percentage of the total budget for each source. The General Operating 2022-2023 budget increased by \$651,975 over the previous year.

The factors affecting operational expenditures include new academic programming that includes implementation of Diesel and Heavy Truck Technology (second year), Welding program expansion, and Building Trades; the Information Technology Strategic Plan for 2020-2025 includes software and system security; the negotiated total compensation agreement of 2%; as well as economic factors such as supply chain limitations, utilities, and insurance.

The total proposed Operating Expenditure Budget is \$28,985,677 with a total dollar increase of \$651,975. This represents an increase of 2.30% over the prior year's budget.

The Operating Expenditures are summarized in two ways:

1. Program Classification (2022-2023)
  - instruction (32%)
  - academic support (14%)
  - student services (12%)
  - institutional support (32%)
  - physical plant (9%)
  - student financial support (1%)
2. Object of Expenditure (2022-2023)
  - personnel services (65%)
  - travel (2%)
  - operating expenses (30%)
  - capital outlay (3%)

Ms. Koski continued with review of the Building Improvement Levy Lid. State Statute 85-1517 authorizes property tax levy up to 2 cents per \$100 valuation for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2013.

The total proposed Building Improvement/Bond Fund is \$32,644,045. New buildings/renovations include:

- Prior Year Carry-over Projects:
  - Main Building B Pod Reno Phase I, \$765,323
- 2022-2023 Building and Renovation Projects:
  - Debt Service/Lease Purchase, \$1,151,185
  - Facility Fee Expenditures, \$2,507,010
  - Main Classroom/Technology Renovation \$1,800,000
  - Career and Technical Education Facilities \$24,610,079
  - External/Internal Improvements, \$1,810,448

The total Building Improvement Budget Summary for the WNCC campuses (Alliance, Scottsbluff, Sidney) is as follows:

- Improvements/Debt Service
  - ▶ Funded by
    - Carry Forward Balance \$6,321,705
    - Property Tax Revenue \$2,908,038
    - Other Revenue \$444,033
    - Student Facility Fee \$240,269
    - External Sources (non-tax) \$22,730,000
- Total Resources \$32,644,045

Ms. Koski presented a summary of the 2022-2023 Tax Supported Budgets. The 2021-2022 Operating Budget was \$28,333,702 compared to the 2022-2023 proposed budget of \$28,985,677; the 2021-2022 Building Improvement Budget was \$8,802,139 compared to the 2022-2023 proposed budget of \$32,644,045, the 2021-2022 Tax Supported Budgets totaled \$37,135,841 compared to 2022-2023 proposed budgets in the amount of \$61,629,722.

Additional budgets presented for approval include the Self - Supporting Budgets with a total proposed budget of \$25,054,902. This includes the Designated Funds which are auxiliary enterprise accounts such as food service, bookstore, and residence halls as well as some educational areas (\$5,343,364); the Restricted Funds include items that are restricted to a

specific purpose by an external party and include federal student aid/grants, federal loan pass-through fund, state and federal HEERF and ARPA funds (\$19,361,791); the Agency Fund includes student clubs and organizations (\$349,747). The self-supporting funds budget is funded by sales and fee revenue and state and federal financial aid. Projected revenue is \$23,349,173 with a carry forward balance of \$1,705,729.

Ms. Koski added that tax supported budgets advance the 2017-2022 Strategic Master Plan. Focus areas include:

- engaged teaching and active learning
- student recruitment, retention and completion
- diversity, equity and Inclusion
- seamless academic and career pathways
- community and employer responsiveness
- operational efficiency and effectiveness

Chair Klemke asked if there were any Public Comments. In the absence of public comments, Chair Klemke declared the Public Hearing for the Adoption of 2022-2023 WCCA Budgets closed at 1:23 p.m.

#### **Adoption of 2022-2023 Budgets**

Chair Klemke entertained a motion for the adoption of the 2022-2023 budget funds.

Ms. Anderson MOVED the Board adopt the 2022-23 Western Nebraska Community College Area budgets as follows:

General Fund	\$28,985,677
Capital Improvement and Bond Fund	\$32,644,045
Designated Fund	\$ 5,343,364
Restricted Fund (includes loan fund)	\$19,361,791
Agency Fund	\$ 349,747
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$86,684,624</b>

SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales

The vote was, Yes: Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Crouse. Motion carried.

#### **Close Public Hearing for Adoption of 2022-2023 WCCA Budgets**

In the absence of public comments, Chair Klemke declared the Public Hearing for Adoption of 2022-2023 WCCA Budgets closed at 1:23 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Klemke reported the next Regular meeting of the Board is Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing and no earlier than 1:30 p.m., Coral E. Richards Boardroom, at Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsbluff, NE.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Klemke declared the meeting for the purpose of the Public Hearings and Adoption of the Proposed 2022-2023 Western Community College Area Budgets adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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F. Lynne Klemke, Chairperson

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Susan L. Verbeck, Secretary