

**NOTICE OF MEETING
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting of School District No. 17, in the County of Douglas, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, August 18, 2008** at 5606 South 147th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

An agenda for such meetings, kept continuously current are available for public inspection at the office of the superintendent at 5606 South 147th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

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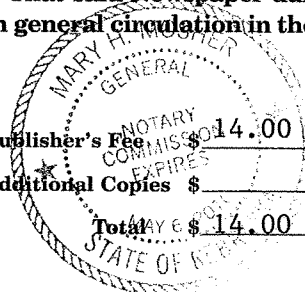
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BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board of Education Committee of the Whole will meet on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Don Stroh Administration Center, 5606 South 147th Street.

The Public Meeting Act is posted on the Wall and Available for Public Inspection

Public Comments on agenda items - This is the proper time for public questions and comments on agenda items only. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice-President before the meeting begins.

A G E N D A

1. Budget Update
2. Legislative Agenda 2009

Public Comments - This is the proper time for public questions and comments on any topic. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice President before the meeting begins.

Minutes
Committee Meeting
August 18, 2008

The members of the Board of Education met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Don Stroh Administration Center, 5606 South 147th Street. The agenda included an update on the 2008-2009 budget, and discussion on the legislative agenda for 2009.

PRESENT: Brad Burwell, Mike Pate, Jean Stothert, Mike Kennedy, and Linda Poole

ABSENT: Dave Anderson

A budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Don Stroh Administration Center.

The proposed budget for 2008-2009 is an increase of approximately 7.5 % from last year. There district enrollment increased by 200 students, the valuation is up at 3.5%, and the levy, with the reduction of state aid, will go up one-cent.

The recommendations for reduction of the 2008-2009 budget has not changed since the last presentation. The budget adjustments consists of reduction of the funding for summer projects for next year, reduction of the cash reserve, recapture funds from the Employee Benefit Fund, and an increase of the tax levy by one-cent.

Board members want to look at all possible reduction options before an increase of any taxes.

Dr. Lutz reiterated that the election of the 12 positions for the Learning Community Coordinating Council will be finalized in the general election in November, and the last six members will be chosen during a caucus session on November 20 at ESU #3 beginning at 6 p.m. In addition, districts that are not represented by a voting member may appoint a non-voting member. Superintendents of the Learning Community will serve in an advisory capacity.

Board members voiced uncertainty about the new Learning Community law, and proposed legislative changes in the areas of governance, finance, and poverty and ELL plan approval. There was also discussion to restore ESU funding that was targeted to the Learning Community governance. Other concerns from the board members were in regards to the equal access for suburban students to the elementary learning centers, the accountability of the Learning Community Coordinating Council, to find ways to limit the Learning Community powers, and how the cost of transportation will be addressed in the law, to name a few.

Comments from the Public:

John Sieler, who is a candidate for the Learning Community, introduced himself and stated he will be working to keep independent schools. He will be available to listen to the concerns of board members and the community.



CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2008

NAME:

REPRESENTING:

Doug Beavel	Millard West High
Molly Erickson	MEA
Thomas J. Matzen (T.J)	Millard West High
Jessica Borja	Millard West High
Sumal Prakash	Millard West High School
Varan Richter	Millard West High
Jeremy Schneider	Millard West High
John Sieler	John Sieler
Amanda Buener	Millard West
Rachel Preston	Millard West
Betsy Sacco	Millard West
Annanda Stralhoff	MW