

**DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER  
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM  
1606 BRADY STREET  
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, October 2, 2017 for the Committee of the Whole Meeting. The meeting was held at the Achievement Service Center, 1606 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Johanson called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. Present: Director's Johanson, Beck, Potts, DeSalvo, Hayes, Mayfield and Gosa.

**1. School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Application for Excessive Limited English Proficiency costs**

Ms. Tangen explained she would not be able to attend the next Regular Board Meeting where this agenda item requires approval, so she wanted to present it this evening so board members could review it and ask questions. For the 2017 school year the costs of the Limited English Proficient program exceeded the revenues by \$1,135,235. Tangen explained that she has submitted an application to SBRC every year it has been available and it is usually approved.

**2. Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)**

Ms. Tangen explained that the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) is a voter approved special revenue for Iowa school districts. The current levy expires on June 30, 2019 and is \$0.97/\$1000 property valuation of home and commercial property owners. In Davenport, voter approved PPEL represents \$.097 of the \$15.83 current school tax rate and provides more than \$4.2 million each to care for and maintain nearly 3.2 million square feet of Davenport facilities. Mr. Maloney provided an overview of the items that can be paid for using PPEL funds and emphasized that PPEL funds cannot be used for routine maintenance but only for repairing or restoring to original condition. Maloney provided a brief overview of how the district has used PPEL funds and discussed district priorities in relation to these funds. Ms. Tangen explained their recommendation is that the voter portion of the PPEL levy be increased to the maximum of \$1.34/\$1000 assessed valuation. This will generate approximately an additional 1.6 million a year and that the election will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April 2018. She reviewed the legal requirements and the board's role in the election. She recommended forming a community based committee to conduct marketing and advocate passage of the ballot issue. Tangen emphasized that the district has lived up to past promises for using PPEL funds and visible improvements have been made in all district facilities during the past levy funding period and that PPEL funds are critical to keeping the facilities safe, comfortable and up to date for the over 15,000 students served. Board members asked a variety of questions about the timing of the election, selection of members for the community based committee and the difference between PPEL and SAVE funds. They explained that the PPEL fund generates funding through property taxes where the SAVE generates funds through sales tax. PPEL is used primarily as a maintenance fund whereas SAVE is used primarily as a capital improvement fund.

**3. ASC to JB Young Project**

Mike Maloney provided an update on the costs of the ASC to JB Young project. The estimated cost of the project has increased over time as they went through the design development process with each department head and defining more clearly their needs and wants. They have prioritized improvements and potential cuts in scope. They now project total cost of the renovations at completion to be \$6.2 million which is an increase of a \$394,814 to the original budget. Contributing to projected increased costs include fire code and ADA improvements required by the City of Davenport which were more than expected. Also contributing to the increase in costs has been the \$100,000 to meet the desires of the community to improve the green space associated with parking

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improvements and also the rise in construction costs. Maloney explained that the inflation in construction costs since last December alone would account for \$309,654 of the projected increase in costs. President Johanson expressed frustration about the ADA requirements which will result in two toilet rooms being closed off because it will cost too much to make them ADA compliant. There was a discussion about how this decision could be appealed and the entity involved in making these types of decision.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.

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Mary Correthers  
Board Secretary/Treasurer