

**DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017
5:30PM**

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, April 3rd, 2-17 for their Committee of the Whole Meeting. The meeting was held at Achievement Service Center, 1606 Brady St. Davenport Iowa in the Jim Hester Board Room. President Johanson called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. Present: Directors: Johanson, Snyder, Gosa, DeSalvo, Hayes, Clewell. Mayfield was absent.

1.01 Energy Efficiency/ General Range of Solar Projects / Four Options for Long Range Plan

Dr. Tate, Mike Maloney and Derek Hoffer from Mid-American presented to the board. Dr. Tate said this new information and additional options for the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) are now included as a result of board feedback provided at the last board meeting. Tate explained the administration would like a decision on the LRFP at the next board meeting. Maloney presented information to the board on energy efficiency measures and retro-commissioning of existing buildings and discussed a model of placing at 315 KWh solar array at Truman Elementary. Truman was selected because it has all high efficiency mechanicals and 100% LED lighting. He then reviewed economies by location and a summary of the primary impacts of the four models which were color-coded for the sake of discussion for implementation of energy efficiency and solar electric generation. President Johanson asked board members for feedback on how important they think it is to save money in the general fund and spend money on energy efficiency. Johanson said he is thinking about making his own investment if the board does not want to explore a more aggressive option in order to save money in the general fund.

Several board members responded they value saving money in the general fund but would like the audits completed for every building before making definite plans for solar projects. After extended discussion Director's Gosa, Clewell, Snyder and Hayes said they could go along with the Orange Plan. DeSalvo emphasized she wants the audits completed for every building before starting any solar projects and thinks the Orange Plan is too aggressive. Maloney said the audits could be completed this time next year for every building. Johanson said he thought it was a mistake to prioritize other building projects over the opportunity to save money in the general fund and believes that energy efficiency and solar should be paramount and feels a sense of urgency since being more aggressive with energy efficiency and solar will save money in the general fund.

Dr. Tate asked if the board could agree with the following statement: "Invest SAVE and PPEL funds for energy efficiency projects in an accelerated pace to complete all practical projects by the end fiscal year 2019-20. Solar projects will complement the completion of energy efficiency with arrays being placed as soon as possible based on availability of funds and construction limitations." All board members agreed this statement is reasonable to them but President Johanson said he that he doesn't agree with the lack of the sense of urgency but he is only one person on the board.

1.02 Budget

Ms. Tangen provided a summary of the budget information discussed at the last board meeting. She reviewed the information on the 2016-17 Budget Amendment, the 2017-18 Proposed Budget and the Budget Guarantee. Tangen explained that the budget will be published with an increased levy rate for 2017-18 but that the board can approve the budget on April 10th at a lower rate after publication by not at a higher rate. The district certifies the budget to the state by April 15, 2017. There was a brief discussion and Tangen was asked what concerned her the most about the budget. She stated that being at budget guarantee because that means we are losing students.

1.03 Legislation and Consequences for Using Reserve Funds

Director Clewell provided an overview of recent changes regarding the progress of Senate File 455. After more than 10 years of advocating for equal funding they had been very hopeful since Senate File 455 had passed overwhelmingly in both the House and Senate. It was going to the Appropriations Committee when, unfortunately, the revenue estimates came back and the bill has now come to halt. Clewell explained it could still be considered next year, but he is very disappointed about these recent developments. President Johanson said he was confident the legislation would keep moving and be successful, but is now extremely concerned about the budget. He reminded everyone there is still the issue of the complaint against Dr. Tate by the Board of Educational Examiners for using reserve funds. Johanson stated that the board is still 100% behind Dr. Tate spending reserve funds but this ultimately means Dr. Tate could lose his superintendent license. Johanson said as much as he hates to think about this possibility the board needs to have plans in place in the event of worst scenarios which could also include removal of the board. Representative Cindy Winckler had created legislation to protect Dr. Tate but it doesn't look like it is going anywhere. DeSalvo asked what the community could do that would make a difference and could Dr. Tate be hired for another type position if he loses his license. There was brief discussion about these possibilities. Clewell also noted that the Chamber of Commerce and John Deere have gone above and beyond to help us in the effort for equal funding. President Johanson and Director Clewell made some final comments and reiterated their respect for Dr. Tate and the stance he has taken for the students of the district.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer