

**DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER  
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM  
1606 BRADY STREET  
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018**  
**SPECIAL CAL OPEN MEETING**

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 for a Special Call Open Meeting. The meeting was held at the Achievement Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room at 1606 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa, in said District. Vice-President Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:15PM. Present: Director's Hayes, DeSalvo, Potts, and Mayfield. Gosa and Johanson participated by phone. Beck was absent.

**1. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

**1.01 – Approval of Modified Supplemental Amount for Enhanced Security**

**Motion** by Director DeSalvo and seconded by Director Potts the board approved the request and exhibits requesting a modified supplemental amount to fund an enhanced security program for the district.

**Discussion:** Dr. Tate provided an overview of the packet he will be sending to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee). Dr. Tate and his leadership team come up with a framework for an Enhanced School Security Program. The framework includes a position to work directly with students, additional School Resource Officers and security personnel. He reviewed the timeline for this request. Dr. Tate sent a request to the School Budget Review Committee to conduct a special meeting to consider this request. On June 21, 2018 the SBRC sent the requirements for this request and this evening he will be reviewing the information required in order for the SBRC to consider the request. By June 28th, which is tomorrow, he has to provide the packet to the SBRC and the meeting with the SBRC is scheduled for July 3, 2018 to review this request. This meeting will take place either by Skype or Zoom.

He reviewed the evolution of the security plan. The District Security Team, which includes Dr. Tate, has been reviewing best practices, reading books, looking at school security. Dr. Tate interviewed students from all four of the high schools, all the principals and associate principals. With those interviews and information gathered from the security team the top requirement for things needed to enhance security is more security personnel within the schools. It came out loud and clear with the students that a top priority is having trusted adults who are neutral for them to talk to. Next, he reviewed the packet the board is being asked to approve this evening.

The Davenport Community School District is asking for a modified supplemental amount of \$1,130,000. The SBRC is asking the district to demonstrate the need for the request. He indicated that since Columbine on April 20, 1999, over 215,000 students have experienced an incident of school violence in 217 schools. During that time 141 children and adults have been killed and 287 injured. As the threat of mass shootings in schools becomes commonplace, there is an obvious increase in student mental health instability. School shootings contribute to heightened anxiety throughout society. In school year 2017-18 alone there have been 35 school shooting incidents, making this the deadliest school year in history. In the first 21 weeks of 2018 there were 23 shootings which covered the country from east coast to west coast and from Florida to Michigan.

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The closest shooting to Davenport was in Dixon, Illinois where a School Resource Officer confronted a gunman and saved student lives. In April of 2018, he made five separate pleas to Iowa legislators to pass a bill to allow the district to use reserve funds to hire safety net personnel. These appeals went out variously to all legislators, the governor, senate and house majority and minority leadership. No legislation was considered, so he is now asking the SBRC to grant the authority to use reserve funds. Next, the SBRC wants to know the impact to programs and students. There will be increased security in the schools with the program being requested. It will ensure that every school building in the district has an assigned security personnel on a daily basis. The Davenport School District is requesting additional spending authority. The district has a balance of \$17 million dollars in reserve cash and that will increase to \$20 million next year.

The board has to also approve the summary of exhibits. The exhibits include the following:

Exhibit 1 is a guest editorial published in the *Quad City Times* outlining Dr. Tate's belief that it takes people to provide enhanced security for schools in these dangerous times.

Exhibits 2 through 6 are letters and emails sent between March 29, 2018, and April 16, 2018, to state elected leaders asking them to pass legislation to permit spending from cash reserves to hire personnel to enhance the security in schools.

Exhibit 7 is a general outline of the purpose and composition of the District Security Team.

Exhibits 8, 9, and 10 provide general job descriptions for the School Resource Officer, District-level Security and Student Outreach Specialist, and Campus Security Supervisors.

Exhibit 11 is an outline of the Student Voice program which the Security Specialist will coordinate in the Davenport Community Schools.

Exhibit 12 a copy of the minutes from the June 27, 2018, board meeting.

Representing the district at the July 3, 2018 meeting will be Dr. Tate and Claudia Wood, CFO. He pointed out to the board that if they vote to approve this request this is specifically what the funds have to be used for and they must also include plans for how the program will be funded in future years since, if approved, the SBRC will only grant this funding for one time. He stated that the continuation of the Enhanced Security Program beyond one year will depend on a combination of the following factors: 1) Community investment in the form of grants; 2) City/School partnership to enhance security; 3) State legislation to provide funding for security programs; 4) Using the provisions of H.F. 565 to transfer balances in state four-year old account (\$400,000), Home School Assistance (\$600,000), and professional development supplemental (\$700,000); 5) Aggressively seeking grants from every conceivable source; 6) Making additional sustainable reductions to general fund operations.

Dr. Tate indicated that last year the district had two School Resource Officers (SROs) to cover our 30 schools, and 28 unarmed security supervisors in our intermediate schools, high schools and Keystone Academy. There are no security personnel in our elementary schools. LOST, SAVE, and PPEL funds have been used to harden the schools and after the Sandy Hook shooting the district accelerated security projects and since that time building security measures have been a priority. In 2013, the district adopted the A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Escape) model for reacting to an active shooter. Last year, the City of Davenport and school district were able to obtain grant funding to hire an additional two SROs, for a total of four beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Just recently the district contracted with a company to help monitor social media to detect threats to student safety and security. Additionally, the district is launching a pilot program for an emergency communications system for students and employees. However, Dr. Tate emphasized the solution is people not facilities and he described the Enhanced Security Plan. The model includes a district-level Security and Outreach Specialist whose main roles include working with students in their capacity as one of the first levels of information to prevent threats, and serving as an expert on the best practices

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for security in schools. The Enhanced School Security Plan will include the addition of two more full-time SROs which will bring the total to six for the district. This will allow every school in the district to have some SRO support even though it might be part time. The six SROs in the district will be available to respond quickly to any school in need. The enhanced security model includes the addition of 18 unarmed campus security supervisors so that every elementary, intermediate and high school and Keystone Academy will have at least one security supervisor full time in the school. Dr. Tate reviewed the itemized program expenditures which totals \$1,129,034. Dr. Tate concluded his presentation and asked for comments from the board.

President Johanson thanked everyone involved for putting this plan together. Director Potts supports the plan, but emphasized the board understand the need for continued funding after this first year. Director DeSalvo asked Dr. Tate to review the job descriptions for each of the positions and Dr. Tate read through all the job descriptions. Director Mayfield stated that so much depends on the everyday life of the students and this needs to include support to prevent threats from within the school not just outside threats. Dr. Tate responded that Mayfield is correct and this will be an emphasis in the plan. Continued discussion by the board was not possible due to continued interruptions from the audience. **Vote:** All Ayes motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director DeSalvo made a motion to adjourn. Director Potts seconded the motion.  
Vice-President Hayes declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer