

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM
1702 MAIN STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803
SPECIAL CALL OPEN MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 for Special Call Open Meeting. The meeting was held at the Achievement Service Center, 1702 Main Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Johanson called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Directors present: Johanson, Hayes, Mayfield, Beck, Potts and DeSalvo. Director Gosa participated by phone.

1.01 - Approval of Five Year Budget Reduction Plan

Motion by Hayes and seconded by Potts the board approved the Five Year Budget Reduction Plan.

Discussion: Mayfield said if closing or consolidating schools is included in the plan he doesn't want it to be expected that this will definitely happen. Johanson said it is his belief that that the SBRC will hold the board's feet to fire and it will be difficult for them to let us slide and is pessimistic about our likelihood of satisfying the SBRC with this plan. He said it seems the board has not taken the idea of closing or consolidating schools serious enough that they are actually making a commitment to do this in the future. Beck said we are highlighting things we have accomplished in budget cuts for 2017-18 and also what we are working on now and this should put us in good standing with the SBRC. Johanson said he is not aware of anyone from the SBRC saying this. He said Mr. Cooley has said he doesn't want to demonstrate a trend for negative spending authority. Gosa asked about the line items concerning savings from outsourcing. Tate said he has provided estimates on savings from outsourcing for three years. He has put out requests of interests to companies and when they get responses RFP's can be prepared. Gosa said he is against any type of outsourcing as he thinks it may save money initially, but it ends up costing more in the long run. Tate said if the board decides not to do outsourcing then it will need to find reductions somewhere else. Mayfield and Beck asked if we know if we saved money from outsourcing the busing and Tate said he did not go back in history to identify this. Hayes asked if the numbers for 2017-18 are completed yet and Ms. Woods said these numbers are still being finalized and that the CAR (Certified Annual Report) is due September 15th. DeSalvo asked what exactly will be submitted to the SBRC since the 2017-18 books have not been closed yet. Ms. Wood stated that she will be working on this with the consultant this Friday and said she is digging into the staffing changes in particular. DeSalvo expressed her reservations in approving something that is ever changing. Ms. Wood also indicated she will be working with a consultant on Friday that is assisting her with the documents to be presented to the Department of Education. DeSalvo asked if the board would be voting on this again, let's say a year from now, when things are updated or changed. Tate said normally the board would vote on just the bottom line but this is different so he would say the board would vote on it again. Johanson asked Ms. Wood if she can estimate if the data concerning reduction in FTE's will demonstrate that we did what we were supposed to do and Ms. Wood said she doesn't have the information yet but also stated that the conversations she has had with Karla from the Department of Education is if we had an increase, for example, because of TLCS, and if the net shows an increase rather than a decrease she suggested that it would be important to break it down more closely instead of just providing a grand total. Johanson voiced concerns about the definition that seems to be used for FTE's. For example, contracts he signs indicate that a coach is 1 FTE but a coach is not a full FTE and this could be part of the problem or confusion concerning FTE's. Ms. Wood said she shares Johanson frustration and this is what she is currently working on to provide accurate information regarding this

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topic. Johanson asked if this plan will result in a negative spending authority and Dr. Tate and Ms. Wood indicated it would be negative by 2022-23. Johanson said he doesn't support the plan because it indicates a negative spending authority and it is not as aggressive as it needs to be. Potts said after about the third year in the budget plan we really can't know the exact numbers since income is based on enrollment, state funding formula and many of areas and he thinks the SBRC understand this. Hayes expressed how frustrated she is and is hesitant to approve the plan on projected numbers on 2017-18 but she also understands something needs to be presented. DeSalvo again expressed that she doesn't have confidence in the plan because of the numbers being ever changing and she is not in favor of closing a school which is in this plan.

Vote: Ayes: Hayes, Potts, Gosa and Beck. Nays: Johanson, DeSalvo and Mayfield. Motion carried.

1.02 - Approval of Request for Modified Supplemental Amount

Motion by Hayes and seconded by Potts the board approved the request for Modified Supplemental Amount in the amount of \$4,056,342 which represents the negative unspent balance as of June 30, 2017.

Discussion: DeSalvo asked Ms. Wood to provide more details on this item and provide the board with exact numbers for the unspent balance and FTE's one it has been determined.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer