Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary
January 27, 2011

Agenda Item: Rules: Chapter 96 - Local Option Sales and Services Tax for School Infrastructure (Notice)

Iowa Goal: All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.

Equity Impact Statement: This chapter applies equally to all Iowa school districts.

Presenter: None (consent agenda)

Attachments: 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board give public notice of its intent to amend this chapter.

Background: As of June 30, 2010, unreserved, undesignated fund balances ceased to exist as classifications pursuant to Statement 54 issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB 54). The proposed amendment herein conforms to comply with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).
Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 96, “Statewide/Local Option Sales and Services Tax for School Infrastructure,” Iowa Administrative Code.

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An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before March 15, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendments should be directed to Su McCurdy, Iowa Department of Education, second floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-4738; e-mail su.mccurdy@iowa.gov; or fax (515) 281-8777.

The proposed amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 423E and 423F, and GASB 54.

The following amendment is proposed:

Amend paragraph 96.4(2)“h” as follows:

h. Evidence of a healthy financial condition and long-term financial stability. The school district shall provide:

(1) Calculation of unspent balance on the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis. The calculation shall include five years of history and
three years of projected balances. The calculation of budget authority shall show and project the effect of the phaseout of the budget guarantee. Projected allowable growth shall be that known or generally anticipated at the time of the application. If the percent of allowable growth is not known or anticipated, an allowable growth of no more than 2 percent shall be utilized in the annual projections.

(2) If the unspent balance is negative in any current or projected year on the GAAP basis, the school district shall include a copy of the corrective action plan, if any, submitted to the SBRC.

(3) Calculation of unreserved fund balance on the GAAP basis by fund. The calculation shall include five years of history and three years of projected balances.