

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
Summary of Action
August 16, 2016

The School Budget Review Committee met to hold hearings on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at the Department of Education, ICN Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146. The following members of the Committee were present: Director Ryan Wise, Department of Education, Director Dave Roederer, Department of Management, and public members: Gretchen Tegeler, Keith England, and Leland Tack. Public member Gina Primmer was absent. The director of the Department of Education is a non-voting member and the chair. Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

All decisions by the Committee shall be made in accordance with reasonable and uniform policies which shall be consistent with chapter 257. All such policies of general application shall be stated in rules adopted in accordance with chapter 17A. The Committee shall take into account the intent of chapter 257 to equalize educational opportunity, to provide a good education for all the children of Iowa, to provide property tax relief, to decrease the percentage of school costs paid from property taxes, and to provide reasonable control of school costs. The Committee shall also take into account the amount of funds available (257.31(10)). The SBRC shall review a school district's unexpended fund balance prior to any decision regarding unusual finance circumstances. The SBRC shall review a school district's unspent balance prior to any decision to increase modified supplemental amount under subsection 257.31(5).

1. Committee Informational Items

Cash Reserve Levy Limit List. Reviewed the final listing of districts of maximum cash reserve levy permitted according to Administrative Rules and the amount by which any district was reduced. Only two districts had reductions; each of those districts had a small change on the CAR which changed the levy limit, and therefore, the levy was reduced to the new limit.

Final report on Columbus Phase I fiscal visit. Reviewed the final report on **the** Phase I fiscal visit to the Columbus Community School District which the SBRC had directed the Department to conduct.

2. Bettendorf Community School District. Approved modified supplemental amount for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$228,864 for a unique need related to a program that provides substantial benefit to students.

3. Amended FY17 Special Education Administrative Costs. Granted permission to use special education program funds for administrative costs of special education programs in the amended amounts for the 2016-17 school year to the districts approved by the Department of Education.