

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
Summary of Official Action
October 4, 2016

The School Budget Review Committee met to hold hearings on Tuesday, October 4, 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: Gina Primmer, Keith England, and Leland Tack. Public member Gretchen Tegeler 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

Letter to Field. During the summer work session, the Committee decided it would like to draft a letter or School Business Alert e-news article to the field related to financial plan components for requests related to modified supplemental amounts and negative unspent balance plans. The Committee discussed the letter.

2. Late Filers of CAR, SES, or Transportation Reports. Directed the districts and AEAs to file all future CAR-COA, CAR-SES, ATR, and VIS reports in the manner and by the date prescribed by the Department of Education, including extensions granted for unusual circumstances that meet the definition of good cause. The date prescribed is September 15 following the close of the fiscal year.

Required each district or AEA that did not certify its CAR-COA, CAR-SES, or ATR by September 15th, or by the extended due date if applicable, to appear before the committee at its regular session in December following the close of the fiscal year to present the procedures that the district or AEA will implement to prevent late filing of the Certified Annual Report-Chart of Account (CAR-COA), special education supplement (CAR-SES), and annual transportation (ATR) reports, and vehicle information system (VIS) in all future years. These districts or AEAs are:

- Sioux Central
- Sioux City
- Schaller-Crestland
- Mississippi Bend AEA

3. Reorganization Progress Report. Accepted the reports of progress toward reorganization submitted by the whole-grade sharing districts listed for recommended approval and to allow those districts to request supplementary weighting for whole grade sharing on their October 1, 2016, certified supplementary weighting enrollment for eligible resident students.

District not submitting or submitting a progress report by choice:

- Hubbard-Radcliffe
- Eldora-New Providence
- Schleswig

Districts submitting a progress report but not requesting supplementary weighting at this time:

- Alta
- Aurelia
- North Fayette
- Valley

Districts not making sufficient progress toward reorganization:

- North Winneshiek

Districts making sufficient progress toward reorganization approved to request supplementary weighting for whole grade sharing on October 1:

- North Union
- Prairie Valley
- Southeast Webster-Grand

4. Woodward-Granger Community School District. Approved the request for modified supplemental amount for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$101,398 for initial staffing of a new school facility and classroom and library supplies and to deny \$103,236 of administrative and operational costs.