

**SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL ACTION**  
**October 6, 2015**

The School Budget Review Committee met in special session on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at the Department of Education, ICN Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14<sup>th</sup> 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
  - a. Fiscal Review. The Department apprised the Committee on the current status of the Hamburg and Farragut school districts, which previously had an on-site fiscal review. An update was given to the state board in September.
  - b. Unauthorized interfund transfers. During a re-audit of a district by the State Auditor's Office, inappropriate uses of funds or unauthorized interfund transfers were identified that involved the General Fund. The district will be directed to appear before the Committee to address and correct the issues.
  - c. Unspent balance report. The Committee received an update on proposed changes to the unspent balance report to show categorical funding components in the unspent balance.
  
2. Late Filers of CAR, SES, or Transportation Reports. The decision of the Committee in this matter is:
  - to direct 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.
  - to require 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.

- Districts which filed a report late are:
  - Central City
  - Davenport
  - Denver
  - Janesville
  - Mormon Trail
  - Ventura
  - Wapsie Valley

3. Reorganization Progress Reports. The decision of the Committee in this matter is to accept the reports of progress toward reorganization submitted by the whole-grade sharing districts listed in the exhibit for approval and to allow those districts to request supplementary weighting for whole grade sharing on their October 1, 2015, certified supplementary weighting enrollment for eligible resident students. These districts are:

Farragut  
Hamburg  
North Fayette  
Valley  
Walnut

Districts that did not report sufficient progress to reorganization and who are not approved to request supplementary weighting for WGS are permitted to resubmit progress reports for the December hearings. These districts are:

Alta  
Aurelia  
North Union  
North Kossuth  
North Winneshiek

4. Certificate of Need Award Recommendation for Hamburg. Action on the decision of the Committee in this matter resulted in a tie vote, therefore, the motion to accept the recommendation of the task force regarding the certificate of need request from the Hamburg Community School District, and to make a recommendation to the Department to approve the request failed. No recommendation in this matter is forwarded to the Department.

Aye: Tegeler, England. Nay: Roederer, Tack.

During the hearing, the Committee voted unanimously to permit the superintendent of Hamburg Community School District to address the Committee.

5. Turkey Valley Community School District. The decision of the Committee in this matter is to approve modified supplemental amount for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$61,392 for the actual costs of abatement of environmental hazardous material.

6. Davenport Community School District. The decision of the Committee in this matter is to deny modified supplemental amount in the amount of \$2,796,693 for additional funding for an unusual and unique fiscal circumstance.