

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
Summary of Action
January 28, 2020

The School Budget Review Committee held hearings beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at the Department of Education, State Board Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146. Members of the Committee consist of the following: Director Ryan Wise, Department of Education, Director Dave Roederer, Department of Management, and public members: Leland Tack, Gretchen Tegeler, Keith England, and Martha Bruckner. The director of the Department of Education is a non-voting member and the chair.

All decisions by the Committee were 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. On Time Funding for Increased Enrollment Applications. Approved modified supplemental amount for the 2019-2020 school year for increased enrollment for all eligible districts making requests.
2. Open Enrollment Out Applications. Approved modified supplemental amount for the 2019-2020 school year for tuition costs incurred for open enrollment out students not included on the previous year's certified enrollment report for eligible districts making requests.
3. Limited English Proficiency Applications. Approved modified supplemental amount for the 2019-2020 school year for the costs of providing instructional services to limited English proficient students being served beyond the five years of weightings for all eligible districts making requests.
4. Excess Costs of Providing the LEP Program. Approved modified supplemental amount for the 2018-2019 school year for the costs of providing additional instructional services to limited English proficient students in excess of weightings generated, modified supplemental amount granted or other resources in school year 2018-2019, to all eligible districts making a request.
5. Bettendorf Community School District. Authorized a transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund and approved modified supplemental amount for fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$312,000 for costs contributing to new construction of a school building.

6. Davenport Community School District. Received the district's progress report based on the district's corrective action plan due to a negative unspent balance (FY19), required the district to provide a progress report to the SBRC at the March hearing, and approved the request of \$9,275,489 for modified supplemental amount.

Directed the district to operate its expenditures in compliance with Iowa Code. Directed to not expend in the General Fund for FY20 more than \$155,765,110, not including any allowable special education expenditures in excess of special education receipts, plus actual miscellaneous income received, and plus additional SBRC approved MSA amounts for the current year. Miscellaneous income shall not be expended until received.

Directed to submit monthly board reports to its board demonstrating the financial position of the district in relationship to its certified budget control lines and to maximum spending authority. These reports shall be available to the SBRC and to the auditor on request.

Directed to return at the March hearing to provide a progress report on the corrective action plan. The board president and vice president are directed to attend future SBRC hearings relating to the district's negative unspent balance, including progress reports.