

DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARDROOM — 901 WALNUT 6A-REVISED
MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2012

SPECIAL MEETING — 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors met in special session on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 1800 Grand.; Teree Caldwell-Johnson presiding.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA — 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Boesen moved approval of the agenda; second by Howard.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney
Nay: None

The motion carried, 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS — 6:05 p.m.

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Subject: FY 2012 — 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET — *REVISED 4 16 12*

For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION

Contact: Thomas Harper

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Attachments: None

Issue: Proposed FY 2013 budget (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board conduct the official budget hearing on the proposed FY 2013 budget and then adopt the budget for FY 2013 in order to submit the approved budget to Polk County by April 16th, as required by law.

Presenter: Thomas Harper will be available for questions.

Background: The adoption of the annual budget authorizes resources and establishes a financial direction for the district in line with the district's Ends Policies; Management Limitations 2.5 relative to Financial Planning/Budgeting, and the budget assumptions for the coming year, FY 2013.

The budget presented at the March 27, 2012 Board meeting works within the Board parameters, meets all requirements of the Board's Management Limitations, and incorporates, to the extent possible, recommendations of the Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee and the Employees' Budget Advisory Committee, while continuing to provide effective programming aimed at improving student performance.

Including this public hearing, the Board has held five public forums. Based on input, the Board asks administration to balance the budget, including the impact of collective bargaining once negotiations are completed, by leaving vacant positions across the district unfilled rather than outsourcing operations.

As required by law, the date of the official public hearing, along with the Proposed Des Moines School Budget Summary, highlighting the maximum budget and maximum overall tax rate was published in the newspaper.

<u>ALL FUNDS</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>
Total anticipated Beginning Fund Balance -restricted and unrestricted	\$174,293,871
Total anticipated Revenues and Other sources	442,481,721
Total anticipated Expenditures and Other Uses	474,278,835
Total anticipated Ending Fund Balance -restricted and unrestricted	\$142,496,757
Maximum Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)	\$18.348

Minutes

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson opened the public hearing.

Speakers:

Kerri Earnest, 1506 NS Beechwood St. Ankeny, IA 50023

Gretchen Tegeler, 400 E. Court Ave.

Rossi Frith, 1229 15th St.

Following the speakers Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked Dr. Sebring to formally introduce the matter.

Mr. Jongewaard moved the board approve the fiscal 2013 DMPS annual operating budget to include a 10% cap on unspent spending authority, an 8% solvency ratio, a provision to achieve operational savings through the review of external contracts and services and other actions necessary in addressing the Board's goal of reducing class size.

second by Boesen.

Mr. Howard called on the legislature to depoliticize the allowable growth school aid formula to consistently provide adequate funding and give local school districts more flexibility.

Ms. Boesen commented that citizens need to emphasize to their legislators that they want adequate school funding to be an annual priority. She said that the Board has the ongoing responsibility to be a good steward of any and all funding the district receives.

Ms. Elsbernd said the budget development process has been eye-opening for her as a new Board member. She echoes the comments of Mr. Howard and Ms. Boesen and said she is satisfied that the proposed budget adheres to the parameters established by the Board.

Mr. Jongewaard said the primary asset of any school district is the teachers in the classroom and the Board needs to keep that fact always in the forefront of budget development.

Mr. Sweeney feels the proposed budget is sound but said he also hopes the Board can find ways to reduce class size in the future as an important means of improving student achievement.

Mr. Murphy thanked Dr. Sebring and Mr. Harper, the district's Chief Financial Officer, for their hard work and cooperation with the Board throughout the budget development process. He also thanked his colleagues on the Board for their determination to work together despite sometimes varying perspectives on different aspects of the budget.

Ms. Boesen interjected the point that the budget is still subject to possible amendment once it's been officially adopted and filed. That may happen as a consequence of still pending collective bargaining and/or legislation.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson also thanked Dr. Sebring and Mr. Harper for their leadership and her fellow Board members for their commitment. She said she looks forward to moving ahead with the ongoing discussion as to future budget parameters and a multi-year budget perspective.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson called for a vote on the motion.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney

Nay: None

The motion carried, 7-0.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.