

**DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM — 400 ROBERT D. RAY DRIVE
MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2011**

SPECIAL MEETING – 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors met in a special session on Tuesday, April 12, 2011; Connie Boesen presiding.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved to approve the agenda; second by Link.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods
Nay: None
Absent: Motion carried.

CONSENT – 6:35 p.m.

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ADJOURN MEETING AND FORUM 6:45 p.m.

Item No. 4
Page 1 of 2**Subject: FY 2011 — 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET****For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION****Contact: Patti Schroeder****Attachments: None**

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Issue: Proposed FY 2012 Budget (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board conduct the official budget hearing on the proposed FY 2012 Budget and then adopt the budget for FY 2012 in order to submit the approved budget to Polk County by April 15th, as required by law.

Presenter: Patti Schroeder 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 2012.

The budget presented at the March 8, 2011 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 Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee, while continuing to implement and provide effective programming and initiatives aimed at improving student performance.

Including this public hearing, the Board has held six 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 Proposed Des Moines School Budget Summary, highlighting the maximum budget and maximum overall tax rate was published in the newspaper on Thursday, March 31, 2011. The summary is as follows:

ALL FUNDS	FY 2012
Instruction	\$253,134,675
Support Services	105,416,994
Non-instructional Programs	19,739,724
Other Expenditures	55,171,286
Maximum Total Expenditures	\$433,462,679
Maximum Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)	\$18.49320

Minutes

Speakers: Jim Patch, 2803 Stanton
Melissa Spencer, 4922 Twana Drive

Ms. Boesen reminded the Board that that the deadline they are facing applies only to the gross amount of the budget and establishment of the ceiling of the property tax levy for the coming fiscal year.

Mrs. Woods declared that she would not vote to approve the proposed budget in order to make the point that the Board should not be held to its April 15 deadline for budget approval if the state legislature cannot meet its deadline for passage of school finance appropriations. She said it's not fair for school districts to be forced to adopt budgets before they know the level of state funding they will receive, noting that the legislature is supposed to pass school aid within 30 days after the governor submits a proposed state budget in January.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson reminded everyone that the school budget crisis is likely to worsen next year.

Mr. Murphy thanked everyone who participated in the public budget forums and commended them for their respectful exercise of citizenship. He lamented the growing resentment of public employees across the country and expressed his disappointment that there hasn't been more of a grassroots outcry against the governor's proposal for two years of zero allowable growth in state funding for education.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved to approve the FY 2011-2012 Budget; second by Strong.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Link, Murphy, Strong

Nay: Woods

Motion carried.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson and Ms. Boesen thanked Ms. Patti Schroeder, the district's Chief Financial Officer who is retiring, for her service to the Board.