

**Adel DeSoto Minburn Community School District
Special Board Meeting
District Administration Center, Adel, Iowa
March 27, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

Present:

Absent:

Tim Canney

Kelli Book

Bart Banwart

Rod Collins

Kim Roby

Superintendent Greg Dufoe

Secretary Nancy Gee

Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Tim Canney.

2017-18 School Calendar: It was moved by Book, seconded by Roby to approve the revised school calendar for 2017-18. An error was found in the number of student attendance days in May so January 12th was changed to a student attendance day and a day was added at the end of the year for teacher professional development. Motion carried unanimously.

Sign Language Interpreter: It was moved by Roby, seconded by Collins to approve the Sign Language Interpreter position and job description. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Construction Financing Scenarios: Travis Squires from Piper Jaffray, presented information on current debt obligations, debt limit calculations, maximum bonding capacity, and other capital projects funds such as the Physical Plant and Equipment (PPEL), and the Statewide Sales Tax (SAVE). The Board requested this information due to the very aggressive growth projected and the on-going tax abatement program in Adel. Mr. Squires explained that there is a constitutional debt limit which is based on 5% of current valuations. Therefore, growth in valuation is needed to add to the bonding capacity as well as paying down current debt. He recommended the district continue an advanced levy (pre-levy) in the Debt Service Fund which would levy additional dollars to pay down debt. The advanced levy amount for the 2018 budget is \$285,000 which puts the debt levy at the maximum allowed (\$4.05). He presented different scenarios including the use of SAVE dollars and the possibility of doing a building project over a few years as bonding capacity becomes available. He cautioned that the estimates presented can vary greatly if interest rates increase more than projected as that means less money for projects and if valuations increase at a slower rate, it would mean less bonding capacity. Resident student

increases projected affect the amount of SAVE dollars generated. The PPEL Fund is not available to use as it will be used for the purchase of buses and the Next Generation Technology Plan. Based on Mr. Squires' financing scenarios, adequate bonding capacity for a new school building may be available in 2021-22 with some of the funding coming from the Statewide Sales Tax (SAVE) revenue. The Board discussed developing a planning process to start next year.

Adjourn: It was moved by Book, seconded by Banwart to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes approved as

Tim Canney, President

Dated

Nancy Gee, Secretary