

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
Schedule of Hearings
January 27, 2026

The School Budget Review Committee is scheduled to hold hearings beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 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: Department of Education Director McKenzie Snow, Department of Management Director Kraig Paulsen, and public members: Susan Battani, Patti Schroeder, Craig Hansel, and Brian Gubbels. The director of the Department of Education is a non-voting member and the chair.

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).

This schedule gives estimated hearing times. However, times are only tentative, and the amount of time allotted for each hearing is not intended to limit discussion of any item on the schedule. In addition, hearings at which districts are not required to appear may be taken earlier or later in the schedule as time permits. A summary of hearing action taken by the Committee will be posted on the Internet within a few days of the hearing date.

Iowa Administrative Code r. 289-6.3(4) states that interested parties that wish to address the Committee on any of the hearings listed on the schedule shall submit a request in writing prior to the hearing date. Requests are addressed to McKenzie Snow, Director, Department of Education, as Chair of the School Budget Review Committee. Direct any questions or other contacts to Stephanie Edler, SBRC Liaison, at the address above, or email Stephanie.Edler@iowa.gov.

Members of the public may join in person at the Grimes State Office Building or remotely through video conferencing or by telephone. Following is the public url and telephone numbers to join the hearing.

<https://idoe.zoom.us/j/98210915340?pwd=NG9WZSt1TjVkUIB2ZDZvNGo5dHFiQT09>
Phone: 312-626-6799, Webinar ID: 982 1091 5340, Passcode: 041845

CALL TO ORDER	10:00 a.m.
1. Committee Informational Items: Informational items only – No districts are required to appear. a. Special Education Population & Expenditure Review Report b. English Learner Expenditure Review Report	10:00 a.m.
2. Linn-Mar Community School District The district is not required to appear.	10:40 a.m.
3. AEA Special Education Support Services Balances Collective action – No AEAs are required to appear.	10:45 a.m.
Adjournment	10:55 a.m.

The Committee's work session will be held immediately following the hearings. The agenda is provided below.

Item	Topic	Estimated Time
1	OEO Application Calculation	15 minutes
	Break	
2	Spending Authority in Context Part 1 - Department	15 minutes
3	Spending Authority in Context Part 2 – District Presentations	60 minutes
4	Spending Authority in Context Part 3 – Next Steps	25 minutes
5	Draft Memo Regarding Special Education Balances	30 minutes