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**Forest City Community School District Board of Education Approves Land Acquisition**

FOREST CITY, August 12, 2019 – The Forest City Community School District Board of Education approved an \$80,000 land purchase during a Special Board of Education meeting today. The district will purchase 17.32 acres of land located on the west edge of Forest City. The property adjoins school district property near the high school football and baseball fields. Funding for the purchase of the land will come from Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE), which is funded by the statewide penny sales tax revenue.

“It’s not often that property becomes available near schools so we viewed this as an opportunity for the future,” said Darwin Lehmann, superintendent.

The district has a couple of potential ideas for the property; however, there is nothing definite. “One of the ideas that we are starting to explore is to build a solar field for energy conservation,” said Lehmann. “Iowa School Finance Information Services, as part of our membership, will research this concept and let us know the capital-output and potential for energy savings, similar to our windmill initiative, that we could realize. The end result could mean a reduction in general fund costs so that general funds can be allocated elsewhere.” Another idea is that the FFA organization could use a portion of the land for test plots.

“Again, this opportunity just came about so we are in the very early stages of discussions; however, it is exciting to have these adjoining acres available to utilize,” Lehmann concluded.

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