

## Meeting Notes

Jefferson County Board of Education  
Finance Advisory Committee  
VanHoose Education Center, Stewart Auditorium  
July 12, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.

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### Present:

Steph Horne, Cordelia Hardin, John Collopy, Eddie Muns, Tom Denton, Bo Yan, Harriet Lair, Louis Straub, Sam Wardle, Michael Newman, Wyattte Wynn, Chris Harmer, Chuck Lambert, Erica Smith, William Mansfield, James Rose

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### Summary of Committee Activities

Presentation of Budget Process (John Collopy) and Monthly Financial Report (Eddie Muns)

#### Committee comments:

- Before Board discusses budget priorities for 2019-20, hold a one-hour work session to receive community input (Steph)
- JCPS non-gap metric—will this gap measurement be continued? (Chris)
- Three or four main recommendations for budget process and recommendations. Put Advisory Committee into the calendar (Steph)
- QLIK financial software simplifies data comparison (William)
- Financial report should be revised with expense sheet included with note graphs (Steph)
- Three to five year plan on how to improve our facilities including building new schools. Reduce our footprint, renovate older buildings, and look at doing something different for central office. Look at Finance Committee bonding/revenue plan and any new tax revenue generated (Dr. Pollio)
- What discussion is there on population shifts? (William)
- We do look at population shifts. JCPS has not adjusted to the shifts but it cannot be done overnight. We can't build in the east and ignore needs in south and west schools. Renovate most vulnerable populations. Build new schools with innovative designs. Can't be done within 3-5 year period. State audit identified this district has not pursued additional revenue. (Dr. Pollio)
- There are only two revenue generators—nickel tax or utility tax. We must have a clear plan before we pursue (Dr. Pollio)
- Can schools and transportation be consolidated to save costs before we consider request of additional revenue? (Lewis)
- The plan presented will be what we will do in the next 3-5 years. The process will become more efficient with facilities. We had a need of \$1.2 billion. Salary study of central office only look at next 12 months to become more efficient. Student assignment is another issue. (Dr. Pollio)
- JCPS must prove to community that we are going down the right path (Lewis)
- Have we looked to see if footprint was more efficient and what savings would be? (Chuck)
- We would need to explore the value of central office facilities vs leasing a facility for central office instead (Dr. Pollio)
- You have a permanent need. There are things that cost more on front end but payback is better long-term (James)
- We don't want to go to the full \$350 million bonding (Lewis)
- The audit did call out revenue for facilities, but missing action to address the gap. (Chris)
- Extreme central office reduction \$10 million; one teacher per building would be \$10 million. (Dr. Pollio)
- Have we looked at out-sourcing? (William Mansfield) Yes, we do look at this (Dr. Pollio)

### Information

Link to meeting handouts: [Finance Advisory Committee](#)

### Recommendation

A recommendation to the Board is to be written regarding facility financing, to set out ideas expressed in past several Finance Advisory Committee meetings regarding revenue and expense with goal to return greater % funds to educational purpose.

The next meeting is Thursday, August 9, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Stewart Auditorium