

Meeting Notes

Jefferson County Board of Education
Finance Advisory Committee
VanHoose Education Center, Stewart Auditorium
September 14, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.

Members present:

Tammy Berlin, Josephine Buckner, Florence Chang, John Collopy, Frances Cotton, Cordelia Hardin, Chris Harmer, Beverly Harris, Steph Horne, Kenneth Johnson, Rashad Kumar, Angie Moorin, Daro Mott, Eddie Muns, Bill Perkins, Ken Popplewell, James Rose, Louis Straub, Jack Will, Lisa Willner, Bo Yan

Summary of Committee Activities

Discussion included 17-18 Working Budget, 18-19 Financial Planning and Management Calendar, 17-18 Lessons Learned from Budget Requests and Approvals, July 2017 Financial Report

John Collopy reviewed the 17-18 Working Budget presentation (from the 9/12/17 Board Work Session):

- Review of Board actions leading to Working Budget, from January through August
- Review of Working Budget at a glance – breakdown of \$1,568,900,373 budget
 - * Categorical (capital improvement, grants) - \$244,549,344
 - * Enterprise (Nutrition Services, Activity Funds, Adult Ed, Day Care, Tuition Programs) - \$86,757,669
 - * School Allocations (site-based, Early Childhood, ECE, Special Schools, State Agencies, fringes, districtwide school costs) - \$680,184,845
 - * Central Office (costs, fringes, overhead, state-paid benefits, Adult Education support, contingency) - \$557,408,515
- Review of Working Budget status/General Fund Budget status
- Examples of 17-18 board funded initiatives

Committee discussion included:

Cultural Competency

- Diversity training in all schools
- Importance of curriculum that reflects children of color
- Need for heavier recruitment of minority administrators, teachers, and other staff members
- Vision for Males of Color Academy to feed into all schools

SEEK:

- Where will district be in 5 or 10 years with ongoing SEEK funding cuts and increasing needs of other programs such as ESL/EL
- Will funding to cover SEEK shortfall be taken from other programs
- Importance of prioritizing programs to fund those with critical needs and best outcomes
- Educate taxpayers on funding for important programs; provide breakdown (rather than asking for top dollar amount)

Vision Goals and Strategies:

- Strategies are vague; categories need to be better aligned/focused in 18-19
- Project-based learning – quantify needs with quantifiable strategies (depth of strategy)
- Move away from silos (goals and work crossover departments)
- Who is accountable for outcomes of programs (academic return on investment)
- Responsibility is different from accountability; what does district do to hold person/departments accountable for decisions

Information

Handouts can be found on [Finance Advisory Committee Meeting](#) link and include:

- 17-18 Working Budget
- 18-19 Comprehensive Annual Financial Planning and Management Calendar
- 17-18 Lessons Learned from Budget Requests and Approvals
- 07/17 Financial Report

Recommendation

Steph Horne recommended the Finance Advisory Committee meet to discuss the 17-18 Lessons Learned from Budget Requests and Approvals report. That meeting has been scheduled for Friday, September 22, 10-11 a.m., VanHoose Education Center, Stewart Auditorium.