

Budget Finalization Meeting Minutes



Date: Wednesday March 12th, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: <https://atlantapublicschools-us.zoom.us/j/83327108570?pwd=9NeVFIPAvh4HCtubqIMaFG7LOUGULE.1>

- I. Call to order: 4:03
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dr. Andrew Lovett	Present
Parent/Guardian	Korte Riggs	Present
Parent/Guardian	Jazmine Brazier	Present
Parent/Guardian	Johanna DeCotis Smith	Present
Instructional Staff	Courtney Oby	Present
Instructional Staff	Sandra Romero Carrillo	Present
Instructional Staff	Allison Stewart	Present
Community Member	Leah Austin	Present
Community Member	Milt Thomas	Present
Swing Seat	Chavis Buckholt (Swing Seat)	Present
Student (High Schools)		
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Guests Present: Amara Lynch

Quorum Established: Yes

A. Action Items

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by: [Courtney Oby](#), Seconded by: [Milt Thomas](#)

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: N/A

Motion Passes

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B. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion made by: Milt Thomas; Seconded by: Johanna Smith

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining/A

Motion: Passes

C. Approval of the Final Budget Recommendation

Motion made by: Johanna Smith; Seconded by: Chavis Buckholt

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: N/A

Motion -Passes

III. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Item 1: Final budget recommendation

Stayed the same, no changes.

B. Discussion Item 2: Request to include a bilingual support person.

Benteen has a high amount of bilingual support within the teachers and support personnel, giving assistance to visitors or prospective families, is not an issue or concern and can be easily addressed. There are also , several materials for easy access placed at the front office.

C. Discussion Item 3: Benteen school choice

Until Fall 2025, administration is going to have a specific number of enrollment, for now is just based on the first 10 of school.

Approval of the Final Budget Recommendation

Motion made by: Courtney Oby ; Seconded by: Chavis Buckholt

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: N/A

Motion -Passes

IV. Information Items

A. Principal's Report:

- Benteen had the Kindergarten Round Up Event, approximately 45 families attended and were able to walk around our school and enjoy our learning atmosphere.
- College and Career week is happening, and we want students to have the opportunity to know more about their future options.

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- A Benteen’s student is participating and representing Benteen Technology Fair.
- Two students’ are representing Benteen on the first Spanish Spelling Bee.
- Benteen is an inclusive place where every individual background is respected and valued, administration is committed to make this a norm.

B. February 24, 2025 CAT Meeting Report Out –

- Focus on our strategic plan for the next 5 years
- What APS students should be learning, curriculum and resources.
- Schools’ staffing has started to be more intentional in terms of budgeting and equity.
- APS promotes diversity and many changes are on place to make this happen.
- Facilities conversation around utilization in preparation for Master Planning. Conversation will continue at the next CAT meeting.

Public Comment-

Amara Lynch –

- Teachers moving levels for next school year 2025-2026. Is there more information that can be shared around this topic?
- Parent community is working to support families involved and affected by incident involving race.

V. Announcements

- Spring 2025 MAP Assessments are starting next Tuesday 3/18/2025 , we are preparing our students’ for this important testing season.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Johanna Smith](#); Seconded by: [Andrew Lovett](#)

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: N/A

Motion : [Passes](#)

ADJOURNED AT 4:28 pm

Minutes Taken By: [Sandra Romero](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: