



THE ATLANTA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BUDGET COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2016 | 3:00PM - 4:30 PM

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Conference Room

Matt Westmoreland, Chair

I. Attendance: Leslie Grant, Byron Amos, Matt Westmoreland, Nancy Meister (by phone), Courtney English, Cynthia Briscoe Brown (by phone) and Howard W. Grant, Board Executive Director

II. Meeting Goals

- To review the calendar & timeline and Final Draft FY2017 Budget Primer
- To discuss FY17 budget requests to fulfill parameters
- To review the guiding principles under which the Board would consider using fund balance or increasing the millage rate

Going forward

- Continue developing a comprehensive multi-year plan that balances revenue against expenditures.
- Continue considering the long-term implications for revenue streams.
- Continue identifying the long-term approach for strategic priorities and other large expenditure items.
- Continue identifying decision-packages to allow for transparent and clear priorities for new revenue.

III. Calendar and Timeline (Available on the APS Web Site)

IV. Final Draft of FY2017 Budget Primer

- Roughly 26% of general fund revenue comes from the State.
- Starting in FY17, APS will receive \$4.5 million more annually as a result of becoming a charter system.
- Assumption of \$5 million increase in QBE (Quality Basic Education Act) for FY2017.
- General Assembly is considering significant changes to its (QBE) funding formula which makes FY18-FY21 difficult to forecast (2% growth assumed in these years).
- Roughly 70% of general fund revenue comes from local property taxes.
- We anticipate steady growth of the tax digest will continue over the next several years.
- The projections assume a 3% increase for FY2017* and a continued annual 3% growth rate in out years.

V. FY2017 Budget Requests to Fulfill Parameters

VI. Guiding Principles for Fund Balance and Millage Use

Guiding principles under which the Board will consider using a millage rate increase in order to advance the organization's mission and vision under the following conditions:

- If the budget contemplates significant investments in strategic priorities above current operational costs.
- If the Board believes that all current available resources are being maximized.
- Current budget-to-actual variance.
- Benchmarks and best practices analysis.
- If the budget proposals support the district's transformational strategy.
- For wraparound services
- Whole-child support.
- If mandatory expenses (pension, MOE, healthcare, etc.) increased to a point where they were significantly impeding on the ability to accomplish the district's mission and vision.
- If the Board believed that not raising the millage rate would impede the district's ability to deliver on promises to stakeholders (signature programs, turn-around strategy, and whole-child development to address equity).
- If unfunded mandates emerge from the General Assembly.
- If there is significant loss of long-standing revenue streams.
- If the Board believes an increase can be sustained for future financial obligations or if the increase will not inhibit the economic stability of local neighborhoods.

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- a.Guiding Principles under which the Board will consider using a millage rate increase.
- b.In order to advance the organization's mission and vision under the following conditions:

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VII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM

Full Presentations and materials from this meeting can be found at:
<http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/48663>