



THE ATLANTA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BUDGET COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2016 | 3:10PM - 5:30 PM

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Conference Room

Matt Westmoreland, Chair

- I. Attendance:** Leslie Grant, Byron Amos, Matt Westmoreland, Nancy Meister, Courtney English, Cynthia Briscoe Brown, Jason Esteves, Eshe' Collins, Superintendent Meria J. Carstarphen and Robert Morales, CFO.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by Matt Westmoreland and handed over to the Superintendent to begin the budget presentation.

II. Meeting Goals

- For this meeting
 - To reach alignment on the efficiencies and redundancies to support the guiding principles for revenue consideration
 - To receive Board feedback on the draft budget proposal for FY2017
 - To reach alignment around the distribution of direct resources to schools and clusters that are currently included in the draft FY2017 budget to be allocated by our next commission meeting
 - To receive guidance from the Board around plausibility of pursuing big bet ideas

III. Budget Calendar and Discussion

The Superintendent reviewed the updated Budget Calendar and Timeline (available on the APS Website)

FY2017 General Fund Budget Discussion (The full presentation is available on the APS Website)



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Budget by Function SYSTEMS AND RESOURCES ...

	FY2016		FY2017	
	Budget	% of Expenditures	Budget	% of Expenditures
Instruction	\$445,522,785	63.17%	\$466,244,328	62.71%
Pupil Services	\$36,214,176	5.14%	\$44,626,508	6.00%
Staff Services	\$29,152,142	4.13%	\$44,262,518	5.95%
Federal Grant Admin	\$2,702	0.00%	\$2,870	0.00%
School Admin	\$41,845,148	5.93%	\$43,254,868	5.82%
General Admin	\$46,012,591	6.52%	\$32,866,657	4.42%
Maintenance And Operations	\$73,868,266	10.47%	\$78,683,511	10.58%
Transportation	\$28,496,989	4.04%	\$29,268,736	3.94%
SNP	\$357,640	0.05%	\$376,521	0.05%
Other Outlay	\$1,374,460	0.19%	\$1,466,425	0.20%
Debt	\$2,381,074	0.34%	\$2,382,744	0.32%
Total	\$705,227,973	100.00%	\$743,435,686	100.00%

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IV.

Big Bet Ideas Discussion

Big Bet Ideas SYSTEMS AND RESOURCES ...

Big Ideas to Solve Longstanding APS Challenges	
Turnaround	The most intensive effort within the turnaround strategy targets the 15 lowest performing elementary schools. With additional funds we can scale up the "targeted support interventions" to support more turnaround schools.
Additional Flex Per Pupil	Additional flex per pupil funds will allow the resources for Principals to really be able to move their school in a new and unique direction, in alignment with our charter system status.
Additional Cluster Funds	A key component of our charter status is the alignment and strengthening of our clusters. Cluster Funds allow cluster-based planning, problem solving, and targeting efforts and resources to cluster specific challenges and strengths.
Enhanced Art and Athletics Programs	Athletics and the arts enrich the academic environment and are integral components of the APS community. Additional funds in these areas allows for more rich and robust programs including building a Pre-K to 12 th arts-integrated ecosystem to increase student achievement.
Pay Parity	Pay parity addresses the value of our current employees and is an important component of our talent strategy.

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Big Ideas to Solve Longstanding APS Challenges		
Educational Strategies to End Intergenerational Poverty	See Sub-points below	
Get APS Reading by 2nd/3rd Grade	The turnaround strategy will budget for a math specialist and reading specialist at 15 elementary schools in the targeted support tier. "Get APS Reading" would provide sufficient funding to ensure that the remaining elementary schools are able to have a reading specialist to deliver direct services to students.	
Early Childhood	While early childhood for pre-K is addressed in our base-budget, with additional funds we could do much more to support and strengthen our programs and expand our impact to serve younger students (ages 0-4) through new early childhood centers.	
Family Engagement	This strategy would commit additional resources to the development of a more comprehensive and integrated parental engagement approach that will result in empowering and equipping parents and caregivers to become more informed advocates for children.	
Wrap-Around Services	Leveraging the research around "community schools", the District would invest in a comprehensive set of integrated services designed to better meet students' needs (e.g. in-school services such as childcare and or health clinics; extended learning hours; robust after-school programs; and programs for parents such as GED pathways, job training support, or mental health services).	

V. Wrap-Up

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I. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:30

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