

Budget Advisory Committee

September 18, 2018 7PM

Location: George Washington Media Center

Agenda

Approval of Agenda – September 18, 2018

- Staff Report – Dominic Turner named acting CFO. Meeting with new superintendent on budget priorities and fiscal for next five years. Structural deficit for next five years due to increased enrollments and increasing health care costs. Assume revenue/student is flat, so revenue increases only with enrollment. Using maximum amount of fund balance each year which is under review. Using \$5M per year in funds and putting \$3M back in. \$17M gap this year is a little less (\$0.5M) than in last year's first budget build up. Health care is a key area being looked at for cost containment. A health care committee at ACPS has been convened to study this issue.

ACPS has a platinum plus health care – pays 90% of health care costs.

Cindy noted board discussion about the revenue per pupil rate funded by the city has been flat for many years, and all budget balancing has been via cost cuts, which are not sustainable long term.

Budget calendar was adopted last week. Next session for budget priorities is this Thursday for CIP and Combined Funds. Employee compensation discussion pushed to November and will include a comparison to surrounding areas.

Community budget forum on October 9th. Similar format to last year with opportunities for

September 20 visioning session for the findings of the task force with City and ACPS.

Joint committee with school and city has been working together since the spring for prioritization of CIP projects.

Robert Easley, assistant budget director will join our next BAC meeting.

- 2018 – 2019 Scope of Work and Deliverable Schedule
Reviewed scope of work for upcoming years. Discussion on whether we should do a follow up on the risk assessment or take that off for this year given we have added quite a few new items such as health care costs and fund policy balances.

Discussion on funding for schools from the city. How do we increase the per pupil funding to account for inflation, health care costs etc. We are asking for additional city funding, but still not getting to the level that ACPS feels it needs. Looking at state funding as well. Need to show the efficiencies the schools are already enacting so the city is comfortable that all has been done and funds are definitely needed. We'll see an increase in non – capacity CIP projects to make up for deferred maintenance over the past few years. ACPS is looking at all facilities and systems to

inventory and schedule maintenance and replacement for each. Sukumar suggested looking at what the GSA has done as a resource.

Discussions on joint procurement processes between the city and ACPS, but different rules make it difficult.

Any changes to fund policy would be needed by early January. Policy was written with the city so need time to review the city.

Staffing ratios would need to be discussed by early January as well to be presented to the school board. Staff is looking at all metrics at elementary middle and high school to provide alternatives to support for decision on what to put in the budget recommendation.

➤ Meeting schedule and topics

SOL – results, how we improve etc. Two presentations from last weeks school board meeting recommended for review. Dominic to think on who to invite.

High school capacity project later in the year, Dominic to send current CIP budget to everyone

Need to reschedule November meeting due to CIP work station

What is the city doing to plan and generate funds from new development as projects are approved

Preventative maintenance plans for schools and new process and new system

Research whether other locations near us have similar committees to discuss best practices. WABE

– Dominic to check.

➤ Recruiting and BAC Officer positions

Describe who we are looking for and what we want them to do.

Adjournment

Budget Advisory Committee Members

Janine Rubitski (Chair) - present

Erin Dahlin - present

Chuck Lunati – not present

Lillian Vagnoni - present

Sukumar Rao – present

Chris Ricks (to be confirmed) - present

ACPS Staff Liaison

Dominic Turner, Acting CFO - present

School Board Liaison

Cindy Anderson – present

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