

Summary – Joint BOS/FCPS Board Budget Committee Meeting

September 19, 2017

Government Center – Conference Room 11

Committee Members Present:

Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
John Cook, Braddock District
John Foust, Dranesville District
Pat Herry, Springfield District
Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
Jeff McKay, Lee District (Committee Chair)
Kathy Smith, Sully District
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District

School Board Members Present:

Sandy Evans, Mason District (Chairman)
Tamara Derenak Kaufax, Lee District
Karen Keys-Gamarra, At-Large
Ryan McElveen, At-Large
Megan McLaughlin, Braddock District
Karen Corbett Sanders, Mount Vernon District
Janie Strauss, Dranesville District

Previous Meeting Agenda and Materials (June 13, 2017)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/board-budget-workshop-06-13-2017.htm>

September 19, 2017 Meeting Agenda:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/budget-committee-agenda-9-19-17.pdf>

September 19, 2017 Meeting Materials:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/opioid-taskforce-and-gang-prevention-efforts.pdf>

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/nova-tech-talent-pipeline.pdf>

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/go-virginia-solicitation.pdf>

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/1-fairfax-policy-adoption-process.pdf>

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/joint-work-program.pdf>

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/capital-improvement-opportunities.pdf>

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/cip-project-list.pdf>

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/regional-school-county-co-location-joint-use-efforts.pdf>

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 P.M.

School Bus Cameras

After a brief introduction by Supervisor McKay, everyone at the table introduced themselves. Supervisor McKay then briefly introduced the first item on the agenda – School Bus Cameras. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Joe Mondoro, confirmed the Board will receive options on how to proceed at the October 17th Budget Committee meeting.

Opioid Taskforce and Gang Prevention Efforts

Supervisor McKay introduced Deputy County Executive (DCEX) Patricia Harrison to present the second item on the agenda, Gang and Opioid Update. The presentation is the first one linked above under September 19, 2017 Meeting Materials.

Board Discussion

- County Board members noted these are one-time funds set aside as part of the *FY 2017 Carryover Review* for immediate use coinciding with the start of the school year, and these requests are not a comprehensive list of all County efforts. CFO Mondoro stated that an evaluation of ongoing needs is taking place as part of the FY 2019 budget process.
- Both County and School Board members discussed expanding after-school programs, alternate dispute resolution, and other outreach programs impacting youth. DCEX Harrison responded these are under consideration.
- School Board members discussed the need for additional context to know how much of the funding devoted to fighting opioid epidemic is dedicated to working directly with children.
- County Board members discussed working with Representative Barbara Comstock to secure federal funding for one-time needs such as police overtime and drug counselors in schools.

Workforce Development

The next item on the agenda, Workforce Development, is the third link above under September 19, 2017 Meeting Materials and was presented by Eta Davis, Economic Initiatives Coordinator, and Steven Partridge, Vice President, Workforce Development, Northern Virginia Community College.

Board Discussion

- County Board members discussed ways to support the competitive bid for state funds supporting the creation of jobs in high-wage industries. Specifically, Board members sought to complement other regional efforts rather than compete with them.
- Superintendent Scott Braband discussed the need to connect teachers to community colleges in order for them to meet state licensure requirements of 18 credit hours in addition to possessing a Master's Degree.

One Fairfax

The next item on the agenda, One Fairfax Policy Update, was presented by Chairman Sharon Bulova and is the fourth link above under September 19, 2017 Meeting Materials. Discussion ensued surrounding the financial impact and benefits of the policy.

Joint Budget Workgroup

The final item on the agenda, Joint Budget Workgroup, was introduced. The materials are links five through eight above under September 19, 2017 Meeting Materials. Assistant Superintendent Jeffrey Platenberg, Facilities and Transportation Services, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), and CFO Mondoro guided the Boards through the Capital Improvement Opportunities presentation.

Board Discussion

- County Board members recommended including more details on timing on the project list; including other opportunities, such as the Willston Multicultural Center, to the list of projects; and identifying those facilities near district lines to better inform the discussion.
- School Board members discussed additional Capital Improvement Opportunities, including a review a services provided at facilities in need of replacement, a review of class sizes to serve more children where appropriate, and a review of Fairfax ON to improve computer access for students.

The next meeting of the Board Budget Committee is scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. CFO Mondoro also noted that a joint FCPS-Board Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am that same day to discuss joint legislative initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 P.M.