

Summary – Board Budget Committee Meeting

October 31, 2017

Government Center – Conference Room 11

Committee Members Present:

Sharon Bulova, Chairman
John Cook, Braddock District
John Foust, Dranesville District
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
Pat Herrity, Springfield District
Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
Jeff McKay, Lee District (Committee Chair)
Lynda Smyth, Providence District
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District

School Board Members Present:

Sandy Evans, Mason District (Chairman)
Ilryong Moon, At Large
Karen Corbett Sanders, Mount Vernon District
Elizabeth Schultz, Springfield District
Jane Strauss, Dranesville District (Vice Chairman)

Previous Meeting Agenda and Materials (October 17, 2017)

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/board-budget-workshop-10-17-2017.htm>

October 31, 2017 Meeting Agenda:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/board-budget-workshop-10-31-2017.htm>

October 31, 2017 Meeting Materials:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/ysrt_presentation.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/ysrt_report.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/joint_budget_work_group_plan.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/shared_services_current_work.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/cip_project_list_district.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/cip_project_list_year.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/cip_opportunities.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/cip_project_locations_with_fcps_project_names.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/cip_project_locations_with_county_project_names.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/cip_project_fcps_project_names_prek_wating_list.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/cip_project_county_project_names_prek_wating_list.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/county_schools_joint_budget_development_milestones.pdf

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/joint_budget_work_prior_items.pdf

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 P.M.

Youth Suicide Review Team Annual Report – Information

After a brief introduction by Supervisor McKay, the first presentation on the agenda, *Youth Suicide Review Team Annual Report – Information* was given by Christy Esposito-Smythers, George Mason University, Dede Bailer, Fairfax County Public Schools and Jesse Ellis, Neighborhood and Community Services.

Board Discussion

- Discussion ensued on topics on youth suicide findings and recommendations for prevention by Dr. Bailer's presentation.
- Supervisor Gross asked for confirmation on the utilization of data on cultural and linguistic approaches. It was clarified that several metrics have been utilized including cultural competency, county of origin, lifestyle, military families, etc.
- Additional clarification was provided on the evidence referring to national level and not being only Fairfax County community specific.

Review of Joint Budget Workplan - Information

Supervisor McKay introduced Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer, Fairfax County to present the second item on the agenda, *Review of Joint Budget Workplan - Information*. The presentation is the third one linked above under October 31, 2017 Meeting Materials.

Update of Shared Services project - Information

The next item on the agenda, the *Update of Shared Services project - Information*, is the fourth link above under October 31, 2017 Meeting Materials and was presented by Kristen Michael, Assistant Superintendent, Financial Services, FCPS.

Board Discussion

- Discussion ensued on topics including status updates about County and Schools joint efforts and opportunities.
- Supervisor Storck asked about any specific plans to marketing the free bus program to increase enrollments. It was clarified that the schools staff have done significant outreach with school transportation staff and administrators to attend school events to inform students and parents.
- Further discussion ensued on the topic of partnership with FCPS. It was recognized that the Schools have been very supportive in issuing passes to students, implementation and outreach of the program to encourage integrated effort.
- Supervisor McKay mentioned that coming up with an ID system that a student can use for busses, library, etc. may have complications but it offers a lot of opportunities. As a future discussion, an update would be helpful on the topic of collaboration with WMATA to allow students to use metro bus services.
- Corrections were requested for the district information for future school projects in Falls Church, Oakton and Tysons by the corresponding supervisors.

Review of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project – Information

The next item on the agenda, *Review of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project – Information*, was presented by Kristen Michael, Assistant Superintendent, Financial Services, FCPS and Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer, Fairfax County, and is the fifth link above under October 31, 2017 Meeting Materials. Joe Mondoro presented the charts put together by CIP staff for 5 year and over the ten years of CIP by district and function by the referendum year. This document is a starting point to efficiencies, space, renovations,

expansion services, maps to show how county and school facilities look in the map for opportunities to share resources.

Board Discussion

- Discussion ensued on topics including funding through proffers and formulas to use to fund future projects. Supervisor Hudgins mentioned that proffer requests come directly from the schools.

Review of Specific priorities - Discussion and Board input to staff

The next item on the agenda, *Early Childhood*, was presented by Kristen Michael, Assistant Superintendent, Financial Services, FCPS and Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer, Fairfax County, and is the seventh link above under October 31, 2017 Meeting Materials.

Board Discussion

- Discussion ensued on topics including the overall data for waiting list and it is clarified that data shared in the presentation is only for children known and ready to enroll today. Pat Harrison further added data on the need of pre-k services at the poverty level being 5300 under the age of 5.
- It is further discussed that students' age every year and there isn't immediate data to show everything. Delayed services to provide support to ITS would raise issues in the future years of those families.
- Clarification is provided that depending on the age of the child, the class size is 18 per class.

Update on FY 2019 Budget Development Process Timeline and Forecast Methodology - Information

The next item on the agenda, *Update on FY 2019 Budget Development Process Timeline and Forecast Methodology - Information*, was presented by Kristen Michael, Assistant Superintendent, Financial Services, FCPS and Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer, Fairfax County, and is the twelfth link above under October 31, 2017 Meeting Materials.

Board Discussion

- Discussion ensued that throughout the budget process new information becomes available. CFO Mondoro indicated that DMB doesn't have final revenue numbers; the numbers will be the best estimate and on the conservative side.
- Kristen Michael also indicated that more data will be available on the revenue forecast later in December, until then they will be only estimating the revenue. Schools are projecting the enrollment growth and re-forecast will be done when data is available.
- Jane Strauss asked for the vacancy rates in the office buildings. Supervisor McKay indicated that businesses are reducing their footprint more on the newer office buildings depending on the area, location and market. Joe Mondoro confirmed that they are moving from larger footprints to more energy efficient and walkable locations. There was further discussion regarding the vacancy rates. Chairman Bulova mentioned that they are also looking at opportunities of repurposing. Supervisor Cook indicated that vacancy rates are coming down although slowly.
- There was a concern raised by Karen Sanders that the fluctuation from the federal government might become an issue as significant cuts to education funding have been proposed.

The next meeting of the Board Budget Committee is scheduled for 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 P.M.