

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
April 17, 2019, 3:30 p.m.
Conference Room C

Attendance: Ray Daniels, Jennifer Dyar, Jessica Hiler, Steve Hill, Rodney Jackson, Piper Lewis, Soraya Matthews, Kate McAnelly, Julane Mullins, Will Nash, Dave Osborne, Sherry Price, Betsy Raines, Lisa Smith, John White, Jessica Williams.

John began the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Julane introduced Steve Hill, Director of Pupil Personnel, and explained he will present student numbers so we can understand how the budgeting building begins.

Steve and Julane start working together in October for staffing of the next year. In December, Steve receives enrollment numbers from Infinite Campus and first week in February, he receives numbers from Gifted and Talented and other Special Programs for the following school year. Staffing allocations are provided to all schools prior to March 1.

Question - Do you have occupancy capacity at each school? Yes and Steve will get those numbers to the group.

Julane reminded us that staffing is 80% of FCPS budgeted dollars. She explained that Budget and Staffing exit interviews are completed with schools the end of March. She also discussed Budget Deadlines. The Tentative Budget approved by the Board and sent to KDE in May.

Julane discussed potential expense changes.

- Legislative Changes to the Board member per diem
- CERS employers match is projected to increase
- KU, KAWC and City Sewer Utilities have all requested rate increases that will not be known until later in the summer
- Safety Tax initiative has provided Mental health at all Elementary schools with a ratio to 350-1, work is still be done on plan for next year
- 1.5% salary step increase for eligible classified and certified staff
- Discussed Transportation salary schedule changes that took effect January 1, 2019.

The Board is currently meeting with each of our CSI schools to review and approve their turnaround plans. These plans will require a three-year funding commitment from our Board. The Promise Academy schools have requested to extend their instructional day as well as their instructional calendar. District leadership is currently working on a pay structure for teachers and staff to accommodate these changes.

Julane encouraged the Board members who were present to support the 4% tax increase. The 4% is not subject to recall and will bring in \$10.5M - \$11.5M.

Rodney presented the actual revenue and expense data as of Feb 2019.

Kate gave a report of dollars spent on materials, which is approximately \$10.5M for district-wide reading and math adoption. Kate reminded us that Preschool is state funded and transportation is not covered.

The cost for preschool transportation is approximately \$1.5M. Our preschool grant has decreased 15% over the last few years and now covers just salary and materials.

We also spend roughly \$3M per year on various student assessments. We have increased Instructional Specialist staff at seven schools. We have increased our EL teacher staff to 56 - 60 to one where it was 110 – one.

The next meeting will be September 11th at 3:30 in Conference room A. The meeting adjourned at 4:35.