

**Budget and Finance Committee Meeting**  
**September 11, 2019, 3:00 pm**  
**Conference Room A**

Attendance: Jessica Hiler, Abdul Muhammad, Julane Mullins, Sherry Price, Lisa Smith, John White, and Jessica Williams

John began the meeting at 3:04pm by talking about finalizing of the budget. The final budget was presented at Monday's board meeting. A vote by the Board will be taken September 23, 2019.

Julane presented how the Budget process is started and factors that impact our budget. Enrollment is up 700 students and we have an increase of 12 teachers above last year. The growth is shared within elementary, middle and high schools. Cardinal Valley is up 70 students.

**Items that are included in our 19-20 budget**

- Step increase
- Salary changes for transportation
- CSI schools
- ESL GT
- Additional funds for MTSS
- Science curriculum
- CERS increase
- Reinstated paint crews
- Purchase of LexMark Building
- 10 Point Safety Plan

John explained the fund balance and accumulated surplus. We do not use fund balance for recurring expenses. We use fund balance for one-time expenses i.e., redo turf and vehicle replacement. Board policy states fund balance should be 10% of general fund. We are required to keep contingency at a minimum of 2% but we keep a 6% contingency. The 6% is a cushion for the unforeseen expenses that may come along. Our credit rating agencies look at the amount of fund balance, contingency and other factors. FCPS total budget is approximately \$690M, which is larger than Lexington's city budget.

*Jessica H asked if there might be mid-year raises.* Not likely. The Board did not take the 4% tax rate and we have many unknowns at this point with the legislative session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.