

**FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 17, 2022**

- Tia Mills facilitated the FPP meeting.
- called the meeting to order and asked for any input for the agenda and the November minutes.
  - Hearing no questions or objections, these were deemed approved.
- Approval of Minutes from September - approved
- Legislative Session and Funding Updates - Jane turned it over to Tim Kahle.
  - School Finance Act - Tim talked about the 21-22 midyear supplemental budget - \$67.9 buydown of the BS factor
    - Brett Parsons asked, “Are there any runs out there for the JBC recommendations from figure setting on the 14th? especially the recommendation to buy down the BS factor by \$250m?” - Tim indicated that it is still influx until March - no idea what the legislature is going to do.
    - Terry Kimber asked for pro-forma figures. Kate said we’d put something out there for the field as soon as we can.
  - The Governor’s proposal for 22-23 budget - inc TP by ...
  - Lower inflation (from 3.7 to 3.5%, lower projected pupil counts and resulting lower forecast for state share as compared to November forecasts.
  - Increased reduction to BSF to \$205M compared to \$150M in November request
  - Statewide Avg per-pupil Funding drops by \$12 per-pupil
  - Remaining savings held for future in order to hold BSF constant and have a buffer for increasing pupil counts.
- JBC Figure Setting was February 14.
- 3 bills passed out of the Interim Committee on School Finance Update (intent of committee is to consider changes to the PSFA of 1994):
  - At-risk Measure
  - SpEd Funding
  - State Land Trust
  - At-Risk Measure bill - needed because of Covid FRL reporting changes
  - Students at-risk b/c of socio-economics / poverty
- New measure will include students identified voia direct cert (likely Medicaid) AND a neighborhood socio-economic index.
- From Jeremy Burmeister to Everyone 09:51 AM
  - “Based on this timeline, I am assuming we would need to continue with the current process of collecting forms until implementation? If so, what are the impacts of determining at-risk if federal, or state, universal free meals continue?
  - ” Tim/Kate/ Jen O: we’d still collect forms...
- SpEd Funding bill
  - Increases funding from \$1250 to \$1750 and then inflation thereafter beginning w/ FY24/25
  - Increases SpEd funding ny \$40m and requires that amount to increase w/ inflation thereafter
- SpED Fiscal Advisory Committee (SEFAC) must submit a report containing:

- Funding between CO and other states
- Analysis of actual SpEd costs
- Analysis of the effectiveness of the current SpEd model
- Exam of the High Cost SpEd Trust Fund
- Analysis of the current disability categories
- Recommended changes to the current SpEd funding model
- Kate shared a link to the latest version of this bill.
  - Here is the current bill draft for Special Education Funding:  
<http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-127>
- - From Suzi DeYoung to Everyone 10:01 AM
  - Based on this language in the bill the additional SpEd funding starts next fiscal year. EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1.3) OF THIS SECTION, 9 FOR THE 2022-23 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER, AN 10 AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR 11 EACH CHILD WITH DISABILITIES RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES<sup>12</sup> FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT;
- State Land Trust Bill
  - After investment consultant costs, the bill distr up to \$21m to the Public School Fund for School Finance and then distr
- Mill Levy Matching bill - is not moving forward. Would have helped districts who can't generate MLO revenues
  - Question: From Nick Plantan to Everyone 10:00 AM
    - What is the timing for these 3 bills getting voted on by the general assembly? Tim said that, "...because it is such a large check of the overall budget, education-related issues might not be voted on until toward the end of the session."
- Jennifer Okes
- Other bills of Interest - SB 22-087: program to reimburse SFAs for free meals to students not eligible for FRL meals.. Estimated to be \$63.9 to \$120.2m
  - Requires SFA to part in CEP
  - Requires SFA to create parent/student committee to advise on food purchasing
  - Provided \$7.6m to increase FS employees' wages
  - Provides funding for local food purchases est. at \$15.8m
  - Requires CDE to pursue in lusion of medicaid eligibility in Direct Certification
  - - CDE has work to do: apply to USDA then work with HCPF (will be similar to SNAP certifications...?)
- Mark Rydberg - updates on cohorts:
  - Check ins & site visits
  - Finalizing audits
  - Jan revised budget resolutions & required posted documents
  - COA
  - Internal Controls/process - people are wearing lots of hats
  - Group discussion
  - Reviewed AFA & Critical dates SFU website
  - Monthly tracking of tasks & deadlines templates
  - Grant accounting/budgeting
  - Feedback from many - 'Comfort in knowing that I'm not on an island'.

- February - May topics
  - FY23 budget development & documents to meet all statutory requirements
  - FY22 audit prep - review FY22 actuals, align grants chart of accounts adjustments
  - Grant accounting/budgeting - COA, FPP handbook, resources
  - February 24, 9-11am: Glenn & Mark Budget Planning & Preparation
    - Process planning and guiding principles
    - Forecasting revs and expenses
    - FTE and compensation planning - using models & templates
    - Replacement planning statutory requirements
    - Statutory requirements
  - Transportation Subcommittee Members
1. Federal Stimulus Funding -
    - a. ESSER III supplemental funding
    - b. ESSER III budget deadline reminder
    - c. ESSER III grant opportunities
    - d. CRF Monitoring and Reporting
    - e. ARP Workforce Grant
    - f. Nutrition Supply Chain Funds
    - g. P-EBT Funding
    - h. Grant Codes List for Stimulus Funds
  2. Remote Learning due to COVID for 2022-2023
    - a. Update on guidance re COVID
    - b. Update on the Blended Learning Initiative
  3. Office of the State Auditor Updates
    - a. Compliance Supplement Update
    - b. Changes for FY22 Audits
      - i. GASB 87 - Lease Standard
      - ii. Opinion format
    - c. Timing for school district fiscal health
    - d. Auditor supply issues (CDE)
  4. Financial Reporting Updates
    - a. Finance December collection
    - b. Financial Transparency Website update
    - c. Request verbiage change from "Vocational" to "Career and Technical Education"
      - i. Chart of Accounts
      - ii. FPP Handbook
    - d. Permission to bold codes for reporting - VOTE
      - i. Financial Transparency
      - ii. Federal Reporting
  5. Other Topics of Interest
    - a. CASB
    - b. CASBO

- c. CASE-DBO
  - d. CGFOA
  - e. COCPA
  
- 6. Membership Updates
  - a. New Member
  - b. Existing Vacancies - terms ending in 1 in 2023 and 1 in 2024 and no alternates
  - c. Vacancy Replacements
  
- 7. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. Friday April 29
  - b. Thursday June 23
  - c. Future Meeting for 21/22
  
- 8. Adjourn