

December 9, 2021 Board Meeting

Board Members' Questions and Staff Responses regarding BoardBook materials
(Federal Funding)

Board Member Question	Staff Response
<p>1. Page 6 American Rescue Plan (ARP ESSER III) Finance Code 160 - Are expenditures listed in order of priority?</p> <p>What might get dropped from this list if needed, or do we expect to accomplish each item on the list?</p>	<p>Expenditures are not listed in any particular order.</p> <p>Each item will be reviewed as the line item budget is created and again as the budget is revised in FY23.</p>
<p>2. Page 7 - Expanded Summer Learning Program Finance Code 163 - In keeping with Jason Sellers' Summer Learning report this Fall, I imagine we plan to keep the longer summer schedule, similar to last summer, yes?</p>	<p>Summer planning is just in the beginning phases. As with all programming, much will be determined based upon the ability to staff and the student needs we are addressing. More details will be shared as they become known.</p>
<p>3. Page 8 - Governor's One Time ABE Funding</p> <p>How are we able to expand class offerings for students as a one time expenditure?</p>	<p>Similar to Targeted Services, each year ABE funding is allocated in arrears based upon four criteria, one of which is total amount of student contact hours. If ABE utilizes some of this one-time money to offer new classes and increase student contact hours, we will receive more total funds next year that may be used to pay for these classes moving forward. The key is the infusion of one-time funds up front to pay the initial costs for these courses that then allow us to increase student contact hours</p>

Computer monitors - I thought all instructional staff use Chromebooks exclusively - why would teaching/support staff need monitors?	<p>so these classes are sustainable moving forward. Also, adding new courses and expanding offerings is a requirement from the ABE staff at MDE in utilizing some of this one-time funding. MDE had the expectation that at least a portion of the one-time funds would be used for new classes and expanded offerings.</p> <p>We purchased new monitors for our computer labs and classrooms. These are monitors students use for some of our classes, including our online learning platforms, computer classes, Citizenship, etc.. Additionally, for many of our adult learners having larger monitors is appropriate for them to read text and access the online learning platforms we offer. The ABE staff at MDE has encouraged ABE programs to purchase technology for ABE programming, as almost all districts do not have a technology budget for ABE. We purchased 50 monitors, and only 8 of them are for classrooms. The rest is for our computer labs and student use.</p>
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(FY23 Budget Preliminary Current Reality)

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Looking way far out, I imagine someone in ELT has made note of the need to discuss voter approved capital levy discussions to	Yes, Lisa noted that we need to start planning for the levy before the November 2024 election.

<p>occur well before the November 2024 election, yes?</p> <p>Also, not knowing what speaking points are planned, I plan to request elaboration on expectations for double digit increases in transportation, food, supplies, and utilities. Are we already seeing these increases, and this is what we are basing our expectations on? Or, what data sources are we basing these estimates on? Wanting to make sure our community is made aware and has our same data to understand our reality.</p>	<p>We are anticipating the increases will be prompted by supply shortages, utility increases with keeping our ventilation operating additional hours, and staff shortages for contracted services.</p>
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