

**Finance, Buildings and Grounds
Board Subcommittee Meeting
January 17, 2019
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Carrie Soliday-Chairperson, Al Moyer, and Carlos Wampler
Administrators Present: Tom Fortnum, Brad Hunt, John Lewis, and Jason Perrin
Faculty Present: Beth Persinger

The meeting convened at 4:02PM.

1. Draft Special Budget Request

A summary and the corresponding impact statements of 2019-20 Special Budget Requests (SBR) under consideration were distributed to the committee. The SBR process was reviewed. The SBRs were discussed by the Committee.

There was discussion regarding the format of the impact statements and whether the format was okay. It was suggested the impact statements identify continuing costs and start-up costs separately.

2. Five Year Technology Plan: Update

A financial chart of the 5 year tech plan was distributed and explained. It was stated there were no changes for 2019-20. It was noted a 5th coach was added to the plan in 2021-2022. The worksheet was discussed by the committee.

There was discussion that the 2018-19 estimates should be updated to actual and there was agreement they would be updated.

3. Discussion: Costs of GASD Virtual Academy vs. Cyber Charter Schools

A Cyber School Enrollments and Costs worksheet was distributed and explained. The committee discussed the worksheet. It was noted the tuition rate shown is based on GASD costs not the cyber school costs and is determined by charter school tuition law. There was discussion about the GASD Virtual Academy cost being almost half the costs of outside cyber charter schools. It was suggested the worksheet format and the tuition rate be identified more clearly.

There was a request to get more information about the differences between the programs including getting academic achievement data for comparisons. The question was asked why kids choose cyber charter schools over public school and why kids choose other cyber charter schools instead of the GASD Virtual Academy and their decision points. It was noted GASD Virtual Academy is stricter in its requirements than other cyber charter schools. The topic of what GASD can do to promote its public schools and its own cyber school was discussed.

4. Other

A Glossary of School District Financial Terms was distributed as a reference.

Future Items:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10PM.