

**Budget & Finance Advisory Committee Minutes
September 19, 2018**

Attendees:

Genevieve Dell	David Edgar	Kim Edwards	Dee Dee Evans
Barbara Knaggs	LaDonna Massad	Cathryn Mitchell	Vera Muniz
Mary Thomas	Brad Thompson	Wayne Lopes	Andrew Hoffman
Jennifer Zoghby	Ali Ghilarducci	Shelli Hix	Christian Clarke Casarez
Jeff Herbert	Douglas Green		

Call to Order:

Standing Co-chair Genevieve Dell called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm. New members, Wayne Lopes, Ronnie Burt, and Michael Herschenfel were welcomed. Ronnie and Michael were not present.

Approval of April 18, 2018 Minutes:

Genevieve Dell requested that committee members review the minutes from April 18, 2018. Kim Edwards moved to approve. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Douglas Green, parent at Ridgetop Elementary School, spoke about substitute teacher pay. Visitor Shelli Hix attended the meeting as a guest and addressed the committee regarding support of bilingual education.

Discussion and Approval of Revised Committee Bylaws:

Revisions to the committee bylaws were reviewed and discussed, and questions were addressed by David Edgar, Executive Director of Financial Services. LaDonna Massad moved to approve the bylaw revisions. Motion was seconded and passed.

Election of Co-Chairs:

Wayne Lopes and Genevieve Dell were nominated as new co-chairs. The nominations were seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting Structure and Frequency:

Genevieve Dell addressed the committee on the need to protect public school education by really looking at the budget for AISD. She asked that meetings be set for two hours. Discussion was also held on whether to increase the frequency of the meetings to monthly. The meeting schedule will be addressed further at the November meeting.

Discussion was held on the roles between the BFAC and the Budget Stabilization Task Force (BSTF), as well as the timing of the meetings vs the budget development process. David Edgar reported that the budget process is already in the works. Departments will get their FY2020 budgets first and then the schools, as it has been every year. Board conversations will start in a

couple of weeks. The Budget Development Calendar will be emailed to the committee members, so they can view the process.

The committee was asked to review the minutes as well as the agenda prior to each upcoming meeting to save time for input and discussion.

A Joint Advisory Committee Meeting will be held October 17, 2018 and some of the committee's questions will be addressed at that time.

Committee Objectives and Goals:

How to align with the BSTF? David Edgar asked BFAC to help by providing input and ideas that can be taken to the BSTF.

What can the committee do that does not duplicate the efforts of BTSF? Efforts can be made to stay in tune with and review their work and to advise. The BSTF subcommittees need help with community outreach and this is another option for the BFAC to participate.

The committee decided to focus on the bylaws and decide what their role is.

Budget Stabilization Task Force Update:

The first BSTF meeting was held June 25th and meetings have been scheduled every two weeks thereafter. Nicole Conley Johnson gave a presentation to the task force on August 29, 2018, which is now available online.

The charge of the BSTF is to:

- *Review and carefully consider broad stakeholder input.
- *Review and carefully consider pertinent data and information.
- *Discuss a broad range of possible actions to stabilize the district's budget.
- *Develop recommendations to enable the district to meet all its financial obligations and to remain in alignment with its stated priorities and strategic direction.

The PowerPoint presentation showed public communication, BSTF criteria, guiding principles, Austin ISD strategic plan, 6 Cs (Collaboration, Connection, Creativity, Communication, Critical Thinking, Cultural Proficiency), and Key issues.

A K12 online tool will be provided to the BFAC via email with a link to participate and provide input. Each program has a description to help understand what the program entails. One of the slides shows examples of what a recommendation might look like. There are also key questions to help in providing recommendations. Input has been gathered from teachers, administrators and community members.

Next Steps – Wrap-up and Adjourn:

An announcement was made to email suggestions for future agenda items to Genevieve Dell. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm