

CBRC Notes 12.16.20

Main Presentation Discussion

- [Slideshow link](#)
- Governor Brown is holding a special session on Monday, though education is not a specific focus. Although, as long as health and safety measures are in place that will alleviate district's liability due to covid
- CBRC member inquired about the pathway of digging into our reserves, multiple options, and additional resources in the next two years. But over the course of 5 years, there will be an increase in the fund balance
- When you make reductions earlier, that helps the weight of the budget shortfall over time.
- Does this account for other needs that arise? It accounts for regular expenses during the year, but not irregular funds like the bond.
- What is a fund balance? A fund balance is the reserves at the end of the year.
- Is a pandemic an example of a reason how a fund balance could be reached? Yes, although we have a fund balance to sustain SY21, and staff would recommend utilizing the fund balance in SY22.
- Considering the disruption to school attendance and rapidly shifting enrollment, are we discussing or anticipating changes in K-8 rollout? In the fall of 2021 Kellogg will open, and Bridger classrooms will be addressed as well. No changes are anticipated to the core calendar, and the Center for Black Student Excellence will begin planning as well.
- Costs and expenses are offsetting each other, as buses, substitutes, and other costs are not utilized, but masks sanitizer are added costs.
- Would hybrid models create costs that outpace the savings of PPS? We are currently projected that we will maintain that, but there are certainly unknowns.
- Is there attrition with teachers happening due to covid? At this time we cannot say there has been a known impact, but would be able to look at that data.

Chat Transcript

Irina Phillips6:04 PM

I am fine'

Rita Moore6:05 PM

Is anyone else having issues with the audio? Everyone sounds like they're at the bottom of a noisy well. Is it just me?

Hoang Samuelson6:05 PM

I had it for a few minutes

Judah McAuley6:05 PM

Same here. Sesm to be intermittent

Jennifer Samuels6:05 PM

Yes, could everyone be muted please?

Hoang Samuelson6:06 PM

I've had the same issue in other meetings for work, so I think this is a Google Meet problem

Sara Kerr6:07 PM

Glad you cat is with us again Rita!

All: pls leave questions in the chat as they arise. We will monitor and be sure they all get addressed.

Judah McAuley6:10 PM

Checking...does everyone know what the State School Fund is?

Roger Kirchner6:11 PM

Claire: Congress says it is near agreement. News reports that State/Local Govt are not included. Is that your understanding? Gov Brown has called a Spec Session on Monday. Do we know what the State is proposing?

Roger Kirchner6:18 PM

I'm only getting a postage stamp of the presentation. I watched last night, so it's not critical I see it now.

Rita Moore6:18 PM

RE: federal aid to state/local govts appears to have been taken off the table in exchange for taking unlimited corporate liability off the table. So no relief in this package.

Roger Kirchner6:19 PM

That's my understanding also, Rita. Is your kitty going to participate tonight?

Rita Moore6:20 PM

He was here for a bit, but may be back.

Roger Kirchner6:23 PM

If the House Speakership changes, will the Ways and Means Co Chairs change?

Roger Kirchner6:27 PM

He's back, Rita! Lots of PPS meetings this week I suspect he's thinking.

Jackson Weinberg6:28 PM

what is fund balance?

Rita Moore6:30 PM

Can you make the slide bigger?

Judah McAuley6:30 PM

Or say if there was a pandemic :)

Roger Kirchner6:30 PM

Director Andrew Scott reminded the Board last night that the Govt Finance Officers Assn recommends a fund balance of 16%. At present, PPS has the aspiration to have 10% but that has not been yet realized.

Judah McAuley6:31 PM

16% is really posh. I have a hard time believing that anyone hits that, honestly. I'd love to see those numbers

Rita Moore6:32 PM

That's considered the optimal for state/local govts. I am not aware of any school district that maintains that level of fund balance.

Roger Kirchner6:34 PM

Metro was at 19% until recently. COVID is causing use of these funds. The Board last night seemed to endorse #4 last night,, but Chair Lowery & Dr. Moore expressed the possible need to tap the reserves to mitigate academic regression during COVID

Irina Phillips6:37 PM

I am just playing with the numbers.

Jackson Weinberg6:40 PM

is it possible to get a copy of this presentation so I can go back and look at it later as well?

Roger Kirchner6:41 PM

The Board continues to receive briefings regarding re-opening scenarios. You can see these on pps.net.

Irina Phillips6:41 PM

I would second Jackson's request. E-mail is fine.

Nicole Bassen6:42 PM

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Irina Phillips6:43 PM

Thanks, Nicole.

Sara Kerr6:43 PM

electricity savings for schools and PPS; not so much for families;-)

Irina Phillips6:44 PM

Yes. Sara. Families expenses are not taking into account.

Judah McAuley6:47 PM

Vaccine isn't even approved for kids

Roger Kirchner6:47 PM

Monday's panel presentation (2 hrs) was excellent. Again that can be seen on pps.net.

Brad Nelson6:50 PM

Has PPS started to have the discussions if they will be requiring teachers and staff to get the vaccine before they return to in person school?

Roger Kirchner6:52 PM

The importance of vaccines for kids seems to increase with age. As Claire is now addressing, vaccines for teachers is paramount.

Irina Phillips6:54 PM

The vaccine is not for kids. And I don't know what we can require by the union contract.

The discussion of teachers' vaccination should be in the union talk.

You6:56 PM

When the time approaches, I would be prepared to anticipate state level guidance around vaccines for schools as well.

Roger Kirchner6:56 PM

Future dates might be best done with a survey. I seem to remember Dr. Moore has an ongoing conflict with the current schedule. - Please send the joint mtg schedule so I can get those on the calendar.

Irina Phillips6:56 PM

January 14th, February 11th & March 9th are fine.