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HEARING NOTES

Mayor and City Council Resolution: 21-0082

Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello

Hearing Date: Friday, June 4, 2021
Time (Beginning): 6:45 PM
Time (Ending): 9:30 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 45

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello Kristerfer Burnett
Robert Stokes, Sr. Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

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Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Shantell Roberts, Board of School Commissioners
• Sonja Santelises, CEO-Baltimore City Public Schools
• Alice Perkins-Cohen, Baltimore City Public Schools

- Chris Doherty, Baltimore City Public Schools
 - Lynette Washington, Baltimore City Public Schools
 - Tina Hike-Hubbard, Baltimore City Public Schools
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Major Issues Discussed

1. The representative from the Board of School Commissioners gave opening remarks. Some topics from her remarks were: funding, updates, virtual learning, academic intervention, and etc.
2. The representative(s) from the Baltimore City Public School System gave a PowerPoint presentation. *A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file.*
3. Committee/councilmembers asked questions, stated concerns, and etc. Some highlights of same were:
 - **School Libraries:**
 - Who maintains the libraries?
 - **Lifeguard Shortage**
 - The Department of Recreation and Parks have a shortage of lifeguards – is of concern
 - Are there any in-door pools in our schools? **Answer: Yes, just a few**
 - **Suggestion:** Please contact the Department of Recreation and Parks to see if you can help with this shortage. **Also, do you offer any lifeguard courses?**
 - **Enrollment**
 - Questions and concerns regarding: Funding based on enrollment
 - What happens when a school loses a student? What happens to the funding?
 - **Suggestion:** To expand Art Education in our schools
 - **Support Staff:**
 - Social Workers
 - Are there any additional workers for the general student population?
 - Specialists
 - Will specialists be available to help students with reading?
 - Reopening Schools in the Fall
 - Will you have enough staff to reopen in the Fall?
 - Are there any concerns and/or red flags for reopening in the Fall?
 - Sanitization related to COVID
 - Are you getting schools properly sanitized before reopening?
Especially the restrooms?
 - Youth between the Ages of 18 and 21 years
 - What are you doing to assist this age group?
 - Base Per Pupil Change
 - Why the change and where did the funding go?
 - Outreach Efforts
 - What are you doing towards “getting families back” in the city?
 - Transportation – is of concern
 - Comments regarding MTA getting students to and from school
 - Concern: The length of time it takes students to get to school via MTA
 - Technology/Internet
 - Comments regarding digital divide

- Digital literacy and computer access
 - What are you doing “around Federal” funds to help close the digital divide?
- American Rescue Plan
 - How much are you getting and where will you spend it?
 - Request: Please keep the committee/council updated on this topic.
- Comments regarding using bikes; getting more students and facility members to use bikes for transportation purposes
- Hygiene Products in Schools
 - Legislation was passed regarding this issue; where are you with this?
- Out of School Time Partnerships
 - Talk about some of your partnerships.
- Health Benefit Cuts for Retirees
 - Talk about this
- Outreach for Kindergarten
 - What efforts are planned for the Summer?
 - When can we move to universal pre-k and how do we get there?
- Comments:
 - Smear campaign against our schools:
 - Was despicable!
 - Our schools are doing a good job!
 - During the pandemic the school staff were heroes; getting out computers, online teaching, etc.; going over and beyond their duties:

4. Hearing was called to recess. A voting session to be scheduled in the near future.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote: Not Applicable

E. Costello:
K. Burnett:
R. Dorsey:
D. McCray:
S. Green Middleton:
I. Schleifer:
R. Stokes, Sr.:

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: June 11, 2021

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Council Bill – Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022	Bill #: 21-0082
Committee: Ways and Means	Chair: Eric T. Costello
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021	Time: 6:00 PM
Location: WebEx Meeting	

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
<u>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u>			Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		<i>See hearing notes</i>					

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Friday, June 4, 2021

6:00 PM/Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:
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MTID=ed4de03ca76e822eea808fb6851e42b4e](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed4de03ca76e822eea808fb6851e42b4e)

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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.
Absent 1 - Danielle N. McCray

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

21-0082

Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

For the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2022 providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT