

The Board Brief

This edition of *The Board Brief* is a summary of the information discussed at the Board of Education's work session on May 10, 2016.

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Information Presented

Board Continues FY 2017 Budget Discussions

Chief Financial Officer Ron Collier presented Board members with an updated preview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 General Fund Budget on Tuesday, May 10. To view the budget presentation, [click here](#).

Mr. Collier highlighted the following items that have been included in the budget:

- Pay step increase for certified and classified employees;
- Additional administrative and teaching positions, as well as 4 additional counselors and 14 PBIS paraprofessionals for ISS support at the elementary level;
- An additional salary increase for bus drivers and substitute bus drivers – bringing starting pay for bus drivers to about \$17 per hour – to better align drivers' salaries with surrounding counties, as well as an increase in the number of bus driver positions;
- A District-wide reading intervention initiative for elementary schools, as well as other operating costs, such as Leader in Me;
- A summer school program for grades 3, 5 and 8;
- A state health cost increase for classified employees;
- An increase in paraprofessional contract days from 180 to 182;
- Service contracts; and
- Attrition, which is projected to bring an estimated \$1,250,000 in savings.

Mr. Collier proposed an updated budget timeline, with the next step in the process being a meeting on Tuesday, May 31, at 4 p.m. Additionally, Board members left room for the possibility of additional work sessions to continue discussing adjustments to the budget, including a salary increase or one-time bonus for teachers.