

ACTION SHEET
JOINT MEETING
OF THE
HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION

ADEQUACY

Monday, October 24, 2016

1:30 P.M.

Room 171, State Capitol

Little Rock, Arkansas

Representative Bruce Cozart, the Chair of the House Interim Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: Senator Jane English, Chair; Senator Uvalde Lindsey, Vice Chair; and Senator Alan Clark.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: Representative Bruce Cozart, Chair; Representative Charles L. Armstrong; Representative Scott Baltz; Representative Nate Bell; Representative Charlotte Vining Douglas; Representative Michael John Gray; Representative Justin Harris; Representative Greg Leding; Representative Mark McElroy; Representative Reginald Murdock; and Representative John W. Walker.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ATTENDANCE: Senator Joyce Elliott; Senator Bill Sample; Representative Charles Blake; Representative Jana Della Rosa; Representative Jim Dotson; Representative Dan Douglas; Representative David Fielding; Representative Julie Mayberry; and Representative Stephen Meeks.

Action Sheet:

Without objection, the Action Sheet of October 10, 2016, was approved as written.

Exhibit:

Exhibit C – 10/10/16 Action Sheet

The Honorable Charlotte Vining Douglas, State Representative, District 75, was recognized. Representative Douglas announced she had several copies available of the DVD, “School of the Future,” a program which was televised on the Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) as part of the NOVA series. She encouraged members to view the program.

Discussion of Draft Adequacy Report and Related Issues

Representative Cozart presented a draft document of proposed changes to the Matrix for FY18. He said the numbers for FY19 were not adjusted and were a repetition of those for FY18. Representative Cozart stated that he expected to take up adjustments for FY19 at a later time. He reviewed proposed funding increases for:

School-Level Salaries: *Teacher Salary + Benefits; School-level secretary*

School-Level Resources: *Extra Duty Funds; Substitutes*

Carry-Forward: *Operations & Maintenance; Transportation*

Categorical Program Funding: *English Language Learners (ELL); Alternative Learning Environment (ALE).*

He said with regard to additional National School Lunch (NSL) funding, discussions have taken place to allocate \$4.3 million to fund a grant program to encourage districts to adopt evidence-based programs in tutoring, afterschool programs, and pre-K that close the achievement gap. Representative Cozart stated the final number for Foundation Per Pupil Expenditures is \$6,692.80, which represents a \$47 per student increase.

Following the review, an extensive discussion ensued.

Contributors to the Discussion:

Mr. Johnny Key, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education

Ms. Nell Smith, Administrator, Policy Analysis and Research Section, Bureau of Legislative Research

Issues Included in the Discussion:

- time it will take to meet the requirements and expectations of *Lake View*,
- state efforts to supplement salaries of teachers in depressed areas,
- examples of evidence-based programs that close the achievement gap,
- addressing the needs of districts that do not have funds or expertise to implement and administer grant programs,
- programs that have been successful in closing the achievement gap,
- creation of a tiered system for the operation of the proposed \$4.3 million NSL Grant Program,
- funding for gifted and talented education,
- school districts getting dedicated matching grants for expenditures,
- ability of a school district to ascertain the success of programs, or lack thereof, by utilizing interim assessment packages,
- allocation of resources in the Matrix for Teacher Salary vs. those for Operations & Maintenance, and
- establishment of a pilot project for community resources coordinators in high poverty school districts to address the achievement gap.

Representative Cozart commented that Transportation has been a big issue. He said, while proposals have been discussed to increase funding for Transportation, he anticipated that Transportation-related issues would likely have to be dealt with separately in the 2017 Regular Session. He anticipated the creation of a Transportation Subcommittee to review issues and various options related to student transportation after the filing of the 2016 Adequacy Report. He remarked one option is to take Transportation out of the Matrix, and requested a show of hands from members who would be supportive of this move.

Representative Cozart stated that it is up to all members of the Committees to make decisions regarding changes to the Matrix. He said the Committees would have the opportunity to review the entire Matrix at the meeting on Monday, October 31, and that the Adequacy Report would be finished on that day. He requested that all members be present at the meeting.

Handouts:

10/10/16 Adequacy Worksheet

DRAFT Report on the Legislative Hearings for the 2016 Educational Adequacy Study, 10/24/16

Matrix FY2015-2019, Proposed Draft, 10/24/16 (*See Attachment A*)

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Monday, October 31, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 171, State Capitol, Little Rock

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Approved 10/31/16

Attachment A
DRAFT 10/24/16

	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18 Cozart Draft	FY19 Cozart Draft
Matrix Calculations					
School Size	500	500	500	500	500
K = 8% of students	40	40	40	40	40
Grades 1-3 = 23% of students	115	115	115	115	115
Grades 4-12 = 69% of students	345	345	345	345	345
Staffing Ratios					
K P:T ratio = 20:1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Grades 1-3 P:T ratio = 23:1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Grades 4-12 P:T ratio = 25:1	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8
PAM = 20% of classroom	4.14	4.14	4.14	4.14	4.14
Total Classroom Teachers	24.94	24.94	24.94	24.94	24.94
Special Ed Teachers	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Instructional Facilitators	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Librarian / Media Specialist	0.825	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
Guidance Counselor & Nurse	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Total Pupil Support Personnel	8.725	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
SUBTOTAL	33.665	33.69	33.69	33.69	33.69
Principal	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Secretary	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total School-Level Personnel	35.665	35.69	35.69	35.69	35.69
School-Level Salaries					
Teacher Salary + Benefits	63,130	63,663	64,196	64,446	64,446
Per Student Matrix Expenditure	4,250.7	4,289.6	4,325.6	4,342.4	4,342.4
Principal Salary + Benefits	99,012	99,012	99,012	99,012	99,012
Per Student Matrix Expenditure	198.1	198.1	198.1	198.1	198.1
School-level secretary	40,031	40,031	40,031	40,850	40,850
Per Student Matrix Expenditure	80.1	80.1	80.1	81.7	81.7
School-Level Salaries Per Student	4,528.9	4,567.8	4,603.8	4,622.2	4,622.2
School-Level Resources					
Technology	225.6	237.8	250.0	250.0	250.0
Instructional Materials	183.1	183.1	183.1	183.1	183.1
Extra Duty Funds	57.2	61.05	64.9	66.2	66.2
Supervisory Aides	58.7	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Substitutes	66.3	67.7	69.0	70.4	70.4
School-Level Resources Per Student	588.9	599.65	617.0	619.7	619.7
Carry-Forward					
Operations & Maintenance	651.8	664.9	664.9	684.9	684.9
Central Office	430.2	430.2	438.8	438.8	438.8
Transportation	321.2	321.2	321.2	327.2	327.2
Carry-Forward Per Student	1,403.2	1,416.3	1,424.9	1,450.9	1,450.9
Foundation Per Pupil Expenditures	6,521	6,584	6,646	6,692.8	6,692.8
Matrix Foundation Per Student (rounded)	6,521	6,584	6,646	6,693	6,693
Increase per ADM	\$ 128	63	62	47	0
	% 2.0%	0.97%	0.94%	0.71%	0.00%
Categorical Program Funding					
ELL	317	324	331	338	338
ALE	4,383	4,471	4,560	4,640	4,640
NSLA	517	522	526	526	526
	1,033	1,042	1,051	1,051	1,051
	1,549	1,562	1,576	1,576	1,576
PD	32.4	32.4	32.4	33.4	33.4