

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

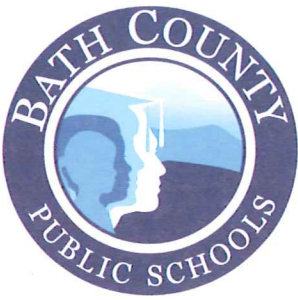
AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { X } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - ACTION

Request to Transfer Funds

BACKGROUND: See attached letter requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$54,000 from the Instruction category to Transportation to facilitate replacement of fuel tanks at the Bus Garage that were installed in 1976.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend transfer of funds in the amount of \$54,000 from the Instruction category to Transportation.



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May 3, 2017

Ashton Harrison
Bath County Administrator
Members of the Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 309
Warm Springs, VA 24484

Dear Mr. Harrison and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

In action taken during the School Board meeting on May 2, 2017, I am requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$54,000 from the Instruction category to Transportation to facilitate replacement of fuel tanks at the Bus Garage that were installed in 1976. These instructional funds are currently unencumbered due to the Virginia Department of Education textbook approval process/timeline. A list of approved textbooks (K-12 History and Social Sciences and K-12 Mathematics) and pricing information is to be published in March 2018.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sue Hirsh
Division Superintendent

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2017 Approval Process for K-12 History and Social Science Textbooks

- February 2017** The Board of Education (Board) approves the textbook schedule for the approval of K-12 History and Social Science textbooks.
- March 2017** The Department of Education (DOE) invites publishers to submit textbooks for review.
- DOE seeks nominations for qualified educators and content experts to serve on the textbook review committees.
- Publishers indicate their intent to submit textbooks on completed certification and agreement forms that are required by the Board in its state approval process.
- April 2017** Review committees of K-12 educators and content experts with advanced degrees in the field are determined.
- DOE reviews the certifications and agreements and works with publishers to address concerns. Incomplete forms may result in the textbook being removed for consideration for review.
- May 2017** DOE notifies the publishers of the evaluation committee members for the purpose of sending all the textbooks under consideration for approval to these reviewers.
- June 2017** Committee members use the evaluation criteria to review the textbooks independently for Standards of Learning (SOL) correlations, content, bias, and design for instructional planning and support.
- July 2017** Members of the review committee submit their individual textbook analyses to DOE staff for aggregation.
- August 2017** The full evaluation committee convenes to reach consensus on their reviews of the submitted textbooks.
- September 2017** The consensus evaluations are shared with publishers.
- October 2017** Publishers are given an opportunity to respond to the committee's reviews and recommendations.
- November 2017** The Board receives the proposed list of textbooks for first review, along with information from the textbook publishers' certifications and agreements.

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- January 2018** During a 30-day public comment period, the public is invited to review copies of the books that have been placed around the state and to provide comment to the Board.
- March 2018** The Board reviews all public comment, considers the list, and approves the textbooks.
- DOE posts a list of approved textbooks with prices and information from the textbook publishers' certifications and agreements on the DOE's Web site.
- Ongoing** The public may provide ongoing feedback regarding inaccuracies in approved textbooks.

2017 Proposed Approval Process for K-12 Mathematics Textbooks

- February 2017** The Board of Education (Board) approves the schedule for the 2017 Approval Process for K-12 Mathematics Textbooks.
- March 2017** The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) invites publishers to submit textbooks for review.
- VDOE seeks nominations for qualified educators and content experts to serve on the textbook review committees.
- Publishers indicate their intent to submit textbooks on completed certification and agreement forms that are required by the Board in its state approval process.
- April 2017** Review committees of K-12 educators and content experts with advanced degrees in the field are determined.
- VDOE reviews publisher certifications and agreements and works with publishers to address concerns. Incomplete forms may result in the textbook being removed for consideration for review.
- May 2017** VDOE notifies the publishers of the evaluation committee members for the purpose of sending all the textbooks under consideration for approval to these reviewers.
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- VDOE posts a list of approved textbooks with prices and information from the textbook publishers' certifications and agreements on the VDOE's website.
- Ongoing** The public may provide ongoing feedback regarding inaccuracies in approved textbooks.