

E. Rivers Elementary School

Date: **February 10, 2025**

Time: **3:30pm**

Recording: <https://atlantapublicschools-us.zoom.us/j/82969175850?pwd=QmpNYTI2SUhGMEIPSUZ0cGlwRkRQdz09>

I. Call to order: 3:33pm

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dr. John Waller	P
Parent/Guardian	Paige Dees	P
Parent/Guardian	Erica Militello	P
Parent/Guardian	Khaki Janusz	P
Instructional Staff	Wendy Sanders	P
Instructional Staff	Dr. Whitney Niles	P
Instructional Staff	Nicole Cheroff	P
Community Member	Dr. Hersh Chopra	P
Community Member	Amanetta Somerville	P
Swing Seat	Megan Martinez	P
Student (High Schools)		

Quorum Established: **Yes**

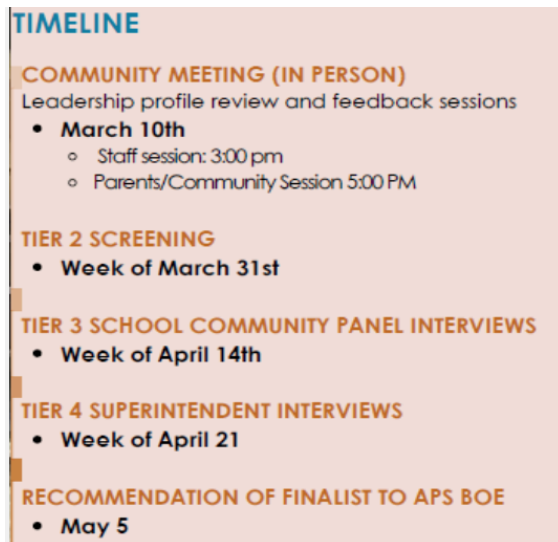
III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **Nicole Cheroff**; Seconded by: **Wendy Sanders**
Members Approving: 10
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made by: **manetta Somerville**; Seconded by: **Nicole Cheroff**
Members Approving: 10
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

a. Discussion Item 1: Principal Search Process & Timeline

- i. Dr. Curtis Douglass - Superintendent of North Atlanta Cluster:
A survey has been shared for parents, teachers, public, etc to give feedback on the search, survey closes 2/18; the job is publicly posted and will be posted until 3/3 - Timeline:



GO Team members also sits in on tier 2 & 3 screening
Superintendent will interview final 3 candidates for tier 4

b. Discussion Item 2: Budget Development Presentation

- i. Does our budget align with our strategic plan, need to ensure and vote on the alignment today.
- ii. IB funding came in at \$243k vs request of \$422k - this will fund one specialist, IB dues & fees, and an additional \$100 per pupil
- iii. Total budget for FY 2026 rolls up o \$2m higher than 2025; certain funds must go to the line in which they are originally allocated
- iv. Key Proposals

Minor changes in programming and positions
Minimize non-staffing budget to prioritize hiring of staff
Use EIP funding for homeroom teachers to lower average class sizes (5 teachers)
Add one homeroom in third grade
Re-purpose bookkeeper from hourly to part-time

Private funding (foundation, PTA) will allow us to minimize non-staffing budget

Provide increased support for DLI/ESOL with continued push-in from paraprofessionals and/or ESOL teachers

Add hourly para and EIP teacher to provide instructional support to targeted students

Include 23 stipends for teacher leaders and club sponsors

Utilize reserve for new principal flexibility, instructional support, and resources

Key Proposal

Grade Level	FY26 Projection	Current Enrollment	HRs 24-25	HRs 25-26	Avg. Class Size 25-26
K	103	107	5	5	21 (DLI – 25; Non-DLI – 18)
1	112	112	5	5	22 (DLI – 25; Non-DLI – 21)
2	112	112	6	6	19 (DLI – 24; Non-DLI – 16)
3	115	107	5	6	19 (DLI – 23; Non-DLI – 17)
4	104	118	6	6	17 (DLI – 22; Non-DLI – 15)
5	112	116	6	6	19 (DLI – 20; Non-DLI – 18)
Total	658	672	33	34	19

- v. Certain positions are tight vs. flexible on where and how budget can be allocated
- vi. Select EIP funds will be used for grade level teacher allotments, along with one full time standalone EIP teacher (focused on Push-in support)
- vii. 4 proposed ESOL teachers with focus on push-in support in primarily DLI classrooms
- viii. Overall summary of how budget works out

SUMMARY OF POSITION CHANGES TO SUPPORT THE FY26 BUDGET

CREATED	REMOVED
1.0 Third Grade Teacher	Hourly bookkeeper
0.5 EIP Teacher (new total = 1.0)	
0.5 Bookkeeper	
Hourly paraprofessional (new total = 3)	

- ix. review of non-staffing, \$313k of the total budget, a lot of the lines are able to be funded through foundation
- x. 77% of allotted budget goes to instruction personnel
- xi. Current plan for **holdback** of \$149k: Priority 1 – funds for any “payback” required at leveling due to under-enrollment from projection; Priority 2 – funds for instructional support staff (i.e., to deliver student interventions in math and/or reading, instructional para or teacher); Priority 3 – funds for instructional materials and teaching supplies

DRAFT Budget Approved Motion Made By: Nicole Cheroff; Seconded By Paige Dees

Members Approving: 10

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

V. Information Items

a. N/A

VI. Announcements

a. N/A

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Amanetta Somerville](#); Seconded by: [Wendy Sanders](#)

Members Approving: 10

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:41pm

Minutes Taken By: [Erica Militello](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: