

AGENDA

EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Subcommittee

Monday, November 10, 2014
10:00 AM, Room 433, Blatt Building

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Alex Martin |
| II. | Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2014 Meeting | Alex Martin |
| III. | FY2015-16 Budget Issues | |

EdisonLearning, Bridgescape Academies
Curtiss Stancil, Senior Vice President

Reach Out and Read
Callee Boulware, Program Director

Teacher Recruitment
Jane Turner, Executive Director of CERRA

Technology – Goals and Initiatives
Melanie Barton, EOC

Adjournment

Subcommittee Members:
Alex Martin, Chair
Phillip Bowers, Vice-Chair
Margaret Anne Gaffney
Deb Marks
Rep. Joe Neal
Rep. J. Roland Smith
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Minutes
EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Subcommittee
October 13, 2014
10:00 A.M., Room 433 Blatt Building

Subcommittee Members Present: Mr. Alex Martin (Chair); Mr. Phillip Bowers (Vice-Chair), Ms. Deb Marks; Rep. J. Roland Smith; and Mr. David Whittemore

EOC Staff Present: Kevin Andrews; Melanie Barton; Hope Johnson-Jones; Bunnie Ward; and Dana Yow

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Martin opened the meeting by asking members of the subcommittee and those in attendance to introduce themselves.

Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2014

There being no changes, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Public Comments from Existing Entities Funded with EIA Revenues

The Subcommittee received testimony from the following individuals regarding initiatives and programs funded with EIA revenues and asked follow-up question:

- Dr. Tom Peters, SC Coalition for Math and Science
- Stephen Welch, ScienceSouth
- Jim Morris, SC Council on Economic Education
- Josh Bell, Teach For America South Carolina
- Mellanie Jinnette, South Carolina Department of Education
- Keith Grybowski, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum
- Michael Weeks and Amy St. John, Science PLUS Institute
- Dr. Lemuel Watson, Center for Educational Partnerships

Mr. Bowers asked the staff to provide additional information regarding funding for teacher supply monies and technology. Questions raised included how South Carolina can balance the need for local control over technology improvements while maximizing the state's investment in technology in schools and districts.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Education Improvement Act	Request for 2015-16				
	2013-14	2014-15	SCDE	Other	Explanation
A. STANDARDS, TEACHING, LEARNING, ACCOUNTABILITY					
1. Student Learning					
Personal Service Classified Positions	58,629	58,629			
Other Operating Expenses	136,739	136,739			
High Achieving Students	26,628,246	0			* Funded in EFA through new weight
Aid to Districts	37,736,600	37,386,600			
School Health & Fitness Act -- Nurses	6,000,000	6,000,000			
Tech Prep	3,021,348	3,021,348			
Modernize Vocational Equipment	6,359,609	6,682,406	\$2,000,000		Additional funding for specialized equipment for CTE classes
Arts Curricula	1,187,571	1,487,571			
Adult Education	13,573,736	13,573,736			
Students at Risk of School Failure	136,163,204	79,551,723			
High Schools That Work	2,146,499	2,146,499			
EEDA	<u>7,315,832</u>	<u>6,013,832</u>			
Subtotal	240,328,013	156,059,083			
2. Student Testing					
Personal Service Classified Positions	488,518	488,518			
Other operating Expenses	332,948	332,948			
Assessment / Testing	24,761,400	27,261,400	\$7,300,000		Increased costs of new assessments
Subtotal	25,582,866	28,082,866			
3. Curriculum & Standards					
Personal Service Classified Positions	126,232	126,232			
Other Personal Service	4,736	4,736			
Other Operating Expenses	41,987	41,987			
Reading	6,542,052	6,542,052	\$957,848		Funding to support reading programs
			\$270,600		FTEs to support Read to Succeed Office
Instructional Materials	20,922,839	20,922,839			
Instructional Materials Non-Recurring	<u>8,000,000</u> *	<u>0</u>			
Subtotal	35,637,846	27,637,846			
4. Assistance, Intervention, & Reward					

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	2013-14	2014-15	SCDE	Other	Explanation
Personal Service Classified Positions	1,236,436	1,236,436			
Other Operating Expenses	1,174,752	1,174,752			
EAA Technical Assistance	6,000,000	8,800,000			
PowerSchool/Data Collection	7,500,000	7,500,000	\$1,200,000		Purchase servers for districts to operate secure networks
Subtotal	15,911,188	18,711,188			
B. Early Childhood					
Personal Service Classified Positions	376,246	376,246			
Other Operating Expenses	556,592	556,592			
Alloc EIA - 4 YR Early Child	15,513,846	15,513,846			
SCDE-CDEPP	<u>20,240,998</u>	<u>34,324,437</u>			
Subtotal	36,687,682	50,771,121			
C. TEACHER QUALITY					
1. Certification					
Personal Service Classified Positions	1,068,102	1,068,102			
Other Personal Service	1,579	1,579			
Other Operating Expenses	<u>638,999</u>	<u>638,999</u>			
Subtotal	1,708,680	1,708,680			
2. Retention & Reward					
Special Items					
Teacher of the Year Award	155,000	155,000			
Teacher Quality Commission	372,724	372,724			
Teacher Salary Supplement	125,756,960	127,640,691			
Teacher Salary Supplement - Fringe	15,766,752	15,766,752	\$12,161,939		Fringe associated with EIA Teacher Salary Increase funded in 2012-13
National Board Certification	54,000,000	55,500,000			
Teacher Supplies	<u>13,596,000</u>	<u>13,596,000</u>		\$1,254,900	\$300 per teacher with 49,503 eligible teachers; To have \$500 per teacher equates to a \$11,155,500 increase

Education Improvement Act	Request for 2015-16				
	2013-14	2014-15	SCDE	Other	Explanation
Subtotal	209,647,436	213,031,167			
3. Professional Development					
Special Items					
Professional Development	5,515,911	5,515,911			
ADEPT	873,909	873,909			
Subtotal	6,389,820	6,389,820			
E. LEADERSHIP					
1. Schools					
2. State					
Personal Service Classified Positions	82,049	82,049			
Other Personal Service	83,121	83,121			
Other Operating Expenses	150,032	279,032			
Technology	10,171,826	10,171,826		\$2,100,000	<i>To offset changes in e-Rate program; recommended by BCB as well</i>
Employer Contributions	1,064,221	1,064,221			
Subtotal	11,551,249	11,680,249			
F. PARTNERSHIPS					
1. Business and Community					
2. Other Agencies & Entities					
State Agency Teacher Pay (F30)	716,323	73,861			
Education Oversight Committee (A85)	1,293,242	1,643,242			
Center for Educational Partnerships (H27)	715,933	715,933		\$90,000	In collaboration with Communities in Schools and SICs, establish Family Academy in Pee Dee Region to provider Saturday sessions on such topics as reading, etc.
SC Council on Economic Education	300,000	300,000			

Education Improvement Act			Request for 2015-16		
	2013-14	2014-15	SCDE	Other	Explanation
Science PLUS	503,406	503,406		\$60,119	Pilot on-going professional development program for PLUS participants during the school year along with additional resources for their classrooms; Provide materials for the American Society of Metals (ASM) camp participants; fund staff to travel to participants schools to conduct program quality checks; and to market program to teachers in I-95 corridor.
Gov. School Arts & Humanities (H63)	828,185	959,994			
Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School (H71)	605,294	605,294			
School for Deaf & Blind (H75)	7,176,110	7,439,286			
Disabilities & Special Needs (J16)	613,653	613,653			
John De La Howe School (L12)	417,734	417,734			
Clemson Ag Ed Teachers	758,627	889,758			
Centers of Excellence-CHE (H03)	887,526	1,137,526			
Teacher Recruitment Program-CHE (H03)	4,243,527	4,243,527			
SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers, SC State University (Base: \$339,482)					
Center for Ed, Recruitment, Ret, and Adv	531,680	531,680			
Teacher Loan Program-State Treasurer (E16)	5,089,881	5,089,881			
Gov. School Science & Math (H63)	416,784	533,130			
Science South	500,000	500,000			
STEM Centers SC	1,750,000	1,750,000		\$1,100,000	\$250,000 - Match Boeing literacy initiative in science and mathematics; \$500,000 - STEM High School Teaching Fellows Program; \$225,000- STEM School Certification Process; and \$125,000 - Middle School Digital STEM Badge Earning Pilot Program
Teach For America SC	3,000,000	3,000,000			
ETV - K-12 Public Education	2,829,281	2,829,281			

Education Improvement Act	Request for 2015-16				
	2013-14	2014-15	SCDE	Other	Explanation
ETV - Infrastructure	2,000,000	2,000,000			
SC Youth Challenge Academy	1,000,000	1,000,000			
School Readiness Plan (A85) Non-Recurring	590,000 *				
Literacy & Distance Learning		415,000			
Regional Education Centers		1,302,000			
Subtotal	36,767,186	38,494,186			
G. TRANSPORTATION/BUSES					
Other Operating	16,347,285	12,575,684			
Subtotal	16,347,285	12,575,684			
H. Charter School District		56,253,692			
I. First Steps to School Readiness					
Personal Services		2,182,993			
Other Operating		1,872,789			
County Partnerships		11,262,214			
CDEPP		9,767,864			
BabyNet Autism Therapy		437,476			
Fringe Benefits		677,349			
Subtotal		26,200,685			
NEW: Reach Out and Read				\$500,000	Expand efforts statewide to include more medical providers and measure outcomes
EIA TOTAL	\$636,559,251	\$647,596,267			
Non-Recurring Appropriations	\$8,590,000	\$0	\$23,890,387	\$5,105,019	

Information in red is provided by specific issues raised by EOC staff or members.

Teacher Supply Funding Scenarios

FY 2014-15	
Appropriation	\$ 13,596,000
# of Eligible Teachers	49,503
Funding per teacher	\$ 274.65
SCDE funding level	\$ 250.00
Current Payout	\$ 12,375,750.00

NOTE: Because the initial payment is based on prior year pupil counts, the department must keep funds on hand to pay for new teachers reconciled as of the end of November of each fiscal year.

FY 2015-16 Proposals (based on current teacher counts)	
Funding Needed for \$300	\$ 14,850,900
Additional funds required	\$ 1,254,900
Funding Needed for \$500	\$ 24,751,500
Additional funds required	\$ 11,155,500

NOTE: After November 30, the SCDE will be in a better position to provide updated teacher counts.

Source: SCDE

- TECHNOLOGY

Proviso 3.5 of the 2014-15 General Appropriation Act allocated \$29,288,976 in net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for technology. In addition the proviso established technology goals for the state:

(1) To improve external connections to schools, with a goal of reaching at least 100 kilobits per second, per student in each school by 2017;

(2) To improve internal connections within schools, with a goal of reaching at least 1 megabit per second, per student in each school by 2017; or

(3) To develop or expand one-to-one computing initiatives.

If a school district has already achieved these goals, it may submit a plan to the K-12 Technology Initiative Committee “for permission to expend its allocation on other technology-related uses; such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld and the K-12 Technology Committee must permit districts to appeal any process should a district not receive approval and must provide technical assistance to districts in developing plans should the district request such.”

How will the K-12 Technology Committee know which districts have met the state goals? School districts are required to complete a detailed technology survey on or before October 31, 2014. The survey will determine the external and internal connections and one-to-one computing status of the school and districts as of June 30, 2014. Then annually, districts will complete a similar report. Districts will not receive their allocation for technology funds until the survey is completed. Furthermore, the proviso states these funds “may not be used to **supplant** existing school district expenditures on technology.”

E-rate Program and Connectivity

The South Carolina K-12 School Technology Initiative was established by the State Legislature through a Proviso in 1996. This initiative was undertaken based on the vision of expanding educational technology across all public schools statewide. It embodies a proactive approach by the General Assembly to address challenges related to technology infrastructure, connectivity and education in schools throughout the state. In 1997, this initiative first received state funding to support technology implementation for public school districts. As a result of this funding, the state’s public K-12 Schools Network was created.

When the Federal E-rate program was established, South Carolina took the opportunity to increment funding to further benefit the education system through access to a variety of legacy and emerging technologies. The first funding commitment provided by the E-rate program in 1998 proved transformational for education technology in public schools and libraries across South Carolina. The public library systems were added to the state public K-12 Schools Network. This marked a major milestone in preparing the state's K-12 students and teachers for the for 21st Century technologies. The state was recognized nationally as being one of the first to provide Internet and network connectivity to all of its K-12 schools and public libraries. The administrative functions of this state public K-12 Schools & Libraries Network are performed by K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee partner the Budget & Control Board Division of Technology Office (DTO). These functions include program management, contract procurement, network administration, and vendor payments for broadband services provided.

SC K12 School Technology and State E-Rate Program: <https://sck12techinit.sc.gov/node>

SC K12 School Technology Progress Report 2012-13:
<https://sck12techinit.sc.gov/sites/default/files/2012-13ProgressReportFinal012714.pdf>

Today the support provided by the E-rate program and the state General Assembly is being utilized by the state's K-12 School Technology Initiative to acquire and manage broadband services to public libraries and public schools. The provision of these resources, supported by a robust WAN/LAN backbone and broadband Internet connectivity, is a major element in addressing the digital divide and discontinuities in "brick and mortar" educational resources based on geographical and socio-economic factors.

The Division of State Information Technology pays 100% of expenses associated with the state's public K-12 Schools and Libraries Network and associated K-12 School Technology Initiative designated projects. This includes network connectivity vendor cost, K-12 & E-Rate management cost, Training, K-12 Security, Direct fiber and Entrance facilities deployment cost. Eligible E-Rate expenses are filed for reimbursement to the FCC's program administrator Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to acquired approved E-Rate discounts. Ineligible E-Rate reimbursable expense and state matching dollars are provided by the state via state direct appropriation "School Technology Initiative" for which the K-12 School Technology Initiative committee disperses.

The demand for additional broadband resources has more than tripled over the past three-years. The state continues to negotiate state master contracts to keep down the cost for these services. This demand is forecasted to continue to increase as schools and libraries try to prepare for new online assessments, 1-to1 initiatives, Bring Your

Own Device (BYOD) and other education technologies. Also meet the objectives proposed by the Governor Nikki Haley's K-12 Education Reform Initiative in which \$29 million has been budgeted to help improve education technology and connectivity for schools. These allocated funds will be disbursed to all school districts during FY2014-15. This initiative is being administered by the K-12 School Technology Initiative committee. The more broadband resources provided in an effort to attempt to meet the objectives of closing the digital divide and adopt 21st Century technologies in schools across the state; the more funding is required to support the additional expenses incurred.

Source: South Carolina E-Rate Program and Budget Request to Governor Haley