



TENNESSEE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DISCUSSION OF AUTHORIZER FEE RULE

CHARTER SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 14, 2018

DRAFT AUTHORIZER FEE RULE

- Key components of the draft include:
 - The fee will be the lesser of three percent of the annual state and local allocations or \$35,000 per school.
 - The fee will be recorded in the general ledger using the appropriate revenue code as determined by the Tennessee Comptroller.
 - The LEA shall use the annual authorizer fee exclusively for fulfilling authorizing obligations.
 - The LEA is required to annually report the usage of the authorizer fee to the department of education, and the report will be posted on the website.
 - If there are unused funds, the LEA shall redistribute those funds to its charter schools.

DRAFT AUTHORIZER FEE RULE

- Uses for the authorizer fee include:
 - Charter school application approval process
 - Interim review process
 - Charter school renewal process
 - Monitoring and oversight activities
 - Personnel costs for LEA staff supporting charter schools
 - Annual reporting
 - Charter school support services

DRAFT AUTHORIZER FEE RULE

- What feedback do you have on:
 - The proposed uses of the authorizer fee?
 - The proposed reporting of the authorizer fee?
 - The proposed process for redistribution of the fee?



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AUTHORIZATION UPDATES

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AGENDA

- Overview of 2017-18
- Planning and preparations for 2018-19

OVERVIEW OF 2017-18

KEY STREAMS OF WORK

- Bluff City High School – 9th grade and approximately 150 students
- 3 FTEs and 2 contract roles directly support the authorization/LEA work
 - Management of flow of funds (BEP and federal funds)
 - Oversight and monitoring of federal programs
 - Oversight and monitoring of special populations
 - Implementation and oversight of the student information system
 - Assessment coordination
 - District reporting as required by the Tennessee Department of Education
- Beginning pre-opening process for KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary

ANNUAL SITE VISIT

- Completed first annual site visit and federal programs monitoring visit with Bluff City High School which is required under SBE Policy 6.500.
- Bluff City submitted documentation ahead of the visit for review by SBE Staff.
- On site, we observed classrooms, reviewed documentation, and interviewed teachers, parents, students, and a board member.
- The State Board team gathered qualitative evidence to support the annual performance framework and will also produce a feedback report to Bluff City.

LEA POLICIES

- Completed first school policy review with Bluff City High School
- In process of reviewing State Board LEA policies
 - First and final reading in April
- Policy review strategic planning for 2018-19 and beyond
 - Timing of policy cycle as a whole

SAFETY PLAN

- Pursuant to the SAVE Act (T.C.A. § 49-6-804), the State Board developed a comprehensive, district-wide school safety plan.
- The plan was developed in consultation with the TDOE, local emergency operations officials, and Bluff City High School.
- The State Board worked with the staff at Bluff City to develop a school safety plan that aligns with the district-wide plan and current best practices.
- As a part of the reporting calendar, Bluff City High School is required to submit monthly drill logs to ensure it is in compliance with statute and appropriately preparing students and staff for any possible emergency.

PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK AND ANNUAL REPORT PLANNING

- An updated performance framework was passed on final reading in January 2018.
- We are beginning the process of drafting the annual report template.
- We plan that the annual report will include:
 - District and school information
 - Evaluation data from performance framework and annual site visit
 - Usage of the authorizer fee

REFLECTIONS

- Relationships and trust are key to our work
- Our overall goal is to be a resource, and not an impediment, to schools
- Renewed importance of specialized expertise and knowledge in federal programs and special populations
- Strategic planning for policy review cycle
- Improve collection of reporting calendar items
- Data collection and verification processes are critical
- Continually informing the State Board's work around the annual appeals process

PLANNING FOR 2018-19

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- Beginning the pre-opening process for KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary and working with Bluff City as it expands to serve 9th and 10th grades
- Budget process for School Year 2018-19
 - Estimated BEP revenue based on projected enrollment
 - Estimated federal funds allocations based on projected enrollment
- LEA Planning Process
 - Required LEA plan submitted to the TDOE for review and approval
 - Will be required to submit a Consolidated Funding Application for district in April

BUDGETING FOR 2018-19

- State Board will receive initial BEP estimate from TDOE in April
- Based on initial budgeting, the State Board plans to take a 4% authorizer fee from the BEP.
- Projected uses of the authorizer fee include:
 - Student information system
 - Translation of policies and procedures
 - Part-time contractors on federal programs, special populations, and data/assessment
 - Travel
 - TDOE federal programs support

QUESTIONS?



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