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Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Hearings

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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INTRODUCTION

Established as an independent agency of the Government of the Virgin Islands by Act No. 2252, the Virgin Islands Board of Education (VIBE), continues to have oversight over:

- Territorial Scholarship/Loan Program
- Special Legislative Grants
- Federal monies within the Department of Education
- Certification of education professionals
- Initiation and revision of educational policies
- School plants and facilities

As it maintains the following five standing committees:

- Executive Committee
- School Plants and Facilities Committee
- Public/Private Liaison Committee
- Professional Staff and Higher Learning Committee
- Policies, Rules and the Regulations Committee

The VIBE comprises nine board members – four (4) members from the St. Thomas/St. John District, four (4) members from the St. Croix District and one (1) at-large member from the island of St. John. The Board members are elected by the citizens of the United States Virgin Islands and typically serve a term of four years.

The Virgin Islands Board of Education		
Name	Position	Term
Mary L. Moorhead (St. Croix)	<i>Chair</i>	2013-2017
Judy M. Gomez Esq (St. Thomas)	<i>Vice Chair</i>	2013-2019
La Verne M. Slack (STT)	<i>Secretary</i>	2015-2019
<i>VACANT</i>	At Large Member	<i>VACANT</i>
Terence T. Joseph (St. Croix)	Member	2013-2019
Martial Webster Esq. (St. Croix)	Member	2013-2017
Nandi Sekou Esq (St. Thomas)	Member	2013-2019
Arah Lockhart (St. Thomas)	Member	2013-2017
Winona A. Hendricks (St. Croix)	Member	2013-2019

Pursuant to Act 5265, the Board has the expressed authority to prescribe Rules and Regulations and to establish criteria for the certification, selection, and appointment of teachers, supervisors, principals, librarians and other professionals within the Department of Education.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Act No. 7758 which provided funds for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2016 appropriated a lump sum budget of **\$1,742,975** for the day to day operations of the Board.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Fiscal Year 2016
Appropriation Summary - General Fund

Operations	Funding
Lump Sum Appropriation	\$1,742,975
<i>Allotment as of May 25, 2016</i>	<i>\$1,299,969</i>
<i>Unallotted Amount</i>	<i>\$443,006</i>

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Expenditures Report: Fiscal Year 2014 - 2016 & Lump Sum Projection for Fiscal Year 2017
Exhibit I.

	Description	FY 2014 Expenditure	FY 2015 Expenditure	FY 2016 Expenditure as of 4/30/2016	VIBE Projections FY 2017
General Fund:					
	Personnel Services	\$715,896	\$738,657	\$511,936	
	Fringe Benefits	164,826	263,359	178,971	
	Supplies	39,187	52,289	9,859	
	Other Svs & Chgs	480,064	574,375	304,579	
	Utilities	59,812	43,288	19,473	
	Capital Projects	-	18,000	-	
Total General Fund		\$1,459,785	\$1,689,968	\$1,024,818	\$1,742,975

FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET SUMMARY

The Governor has recommended a lump sum appropriation from the General Fund of **\$1,742,975** for Fiscal Year 2017. This remains in line with the fiscal year 2016 appropriation.

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Personnel Services costs for the Board will cover *13* positions at **\$790,853** under the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2017. This represents a **3%** decrease in funding of **\$20,356**, and a decrease of *1* position below the fiscal year 2016 level. A complete listing of all positions per the Board has been compiled in *Exhibit II*.

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Fiscal Year 2017 Personnel Listing
Exhibit II

EXEMPT		
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	FILLED	\$ 89,250
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	VACANT	80,000
DIRECTOR, BUSINESS & FINANCE	FILLED	72,500
TOTAL EXEMPT		\$ 241,750
CLASSIFIED		
ACCOUNTANT III	FILLED	49,568
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	FILLED	50,752
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	FILLED	62,699
INFO TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST	FILLED	39,133
MAINTENANCE ENGINEER	FILLED	34,970
STUDENT AID ASSISTANT	FILLED	41,798
STUDENT AID ASSISTANT	FILLED	45,250
STUDENT AID ASSISTANT	FILLED	30,713
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STUDENT AID OFFICER	FILLED	58,507
TOTAL CLASSIFIED		\$ 444,103
SUB TOTAL		\$ 685,853
FEES & COMPENSATION		65,000
LUMPSUM		40,000
TOTAL Board of Education		\$ 790,853

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Professional Services
Fiscal Year 2016/2017
Exhibit III

Vendor	Type of Service	Terms of Contract	Annual Payment
Chico's Distributing, Inc	Water Supply	10/1/15 – 9/30/17	\$4,260
Laurie Isaac	Special Assistant	02/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$100/hr.
Stephanie Berry	Liaison	04/1/16 – 12/31/16	\$100/hr.
Xerox	Copier Services	03/17/13 – 03/17/18	\$10,000

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Vehicle Disclosure Summary

The Board maintains a current fleet of **4** vehicles, two reported within each district.

- *The St. Thomas/St. John District.*
 - 1 Excellent; 1 good; with an annual gas cost of **\$1,500.00**
- *The District of St. Croix.*
 - 1 Good; 1 Fair; with an annual gas cost of **\$1,500.00**

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Lease Summary

The board also has a lease with Sunny Isles Developers at Plot No. 29 Estate Diamond in the Sunny Isle Professional Building, Suite No. 5 & 6 for **\$5,131** monthly.

SUMMARY

It should be noted that no new Legal Services contract data has been provided by the Board. Last year's submission included a contract that expired September 30, 2015. The previous contract was with Jenifer Jones at \$200/hr. This begs the question, does the Board need legal advice and if so, how is it being procured?

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