

## **MINUTES**

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

January 14, 2021

Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

Meeting Called to Order: 2:02p.m.

### **Board Members Present:**

Alyssa Whitehead-Bust

Billy Brown

Brenda J. Allen

David Greenberg

George Sparks

Gina Rodriguez

Glenn Russo

Gloria Zamora

Janet Lopez

Jeff Tarr

Justin Jaschke

Peter Fritzing

Scott Arthur

**Parent Present:** Alise Kermisch (MTV Parent)

**Board Members Absent:** Barbara Brohl (On Leave), Greg Sissel, Patrick O'Rourke

**DSST Staff Present:** Aaron Griffen, Ashley Piche, Bill Kurtz, Christine Nelson, Heather Lamm, Hillary Hoffman, Katie Glenn, Nicole Fulbright, Scott Finlay

**DPS Staff Present:** None

**Others Present:** None

**Public Comment:** None

### **Welcome:**

Ms. Zamora welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Approval Items:**

**Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes, Fritzing**

**Second:** Allen

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Discussion:**

Ms. Piche and Ms. Whitehead presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Board Scorecard and the Scorecard Debrief Protocol. Following their presentation, Ms. Fulbright presented a PowerPoint presentation on Student Engagement and Achievement and DSST's approach to Trimester 2. After Ms. Fulbright's presentation, Mr. Plantan provided a facilities update on DSST's newest facility (DSST: Elevate). Following Mr. Plantan's update, Dr. Griffen shared with the board an overview of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) at DSST. Lastly, Ms. Nelson shared with the board a Return to School (RTS) update.

**Reports:**

**CEO:** Mr. Kurtz gave a brief overview on the Secretary of Education and the educational landscape. Following Mr. Kurtz's overview, Ms. Hoffman shared a Recruitment and Enrollment Update.

**Executive:** Ms. Zamora shared a brief overview on DSST's Board Governance Road Map. She then continued by having the Chair of each committee share a recap of their Charter and their goals for the year.

**Motion to approve Committee Charters, Tarr**

**Second:** Fritzing

**Finance:** Mr. Russo shared with the board the current state budget and net income as well as went through the financial packet provided in the board book. Mr. Russo then asked the board to go into a motion to approve a reset for the budget variance.

**Motion to approve reset for budget variance, Allen**

**Second:** Fritzing

**Audit:** Mr. Fritzing shared that it has been recommended by management to change audit firms. The committee will be voting on switching firms for the current school year at their next Audit Committee meeting.

**Advancement:** Mr. Arthur shared with the board that the Development team is currently working on Slice of Pi, which will be a virtual event this year. Mr. Arthur also asked for philanthropic support for the DSST COVID Family Relief Fund which helps support families during this time.

**New Business:** None

**Executive Session**

Ms. Zamora stated, "I would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session as permitted by the Colorado Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering the following matters:

- (2) Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402
  - (4) (e) negotiations

**Motion to go into Executive Session, Fritzinger**

**Second:** Greenberg

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Allen**

**Second:** Fritzinger

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to adjourn board meeting, Greenberg**

**Second:** Tarr

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

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Katie Glenn (note-taker), Secretary