

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting
March 24, 2016
DSST Conference Line (303-524-6301)

****Due to a snow day the meeting was changed from DSST: Stapleton to DSST's conference line.***

Meeting Called to Order: 3:48 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Deborah McGriff
Don Kirkpatrick
Dwight Jones
Gloria Zamora
Heather Lamm
Justin Jaschke
Keith Evans
Peter Fritzing
Steve Halsted
Steve McConahey
Teresa Berryman

Parent Present: None

Board Members Absent: Alex Hernandez, Dan Wilkerson, Jackie Sullivan, Matthew Schnittman, Sean VanBerschoot

DSST Staff Present: Bill Durbin, Bill Kurtz, Christine Nelson, Denise Queen, Katie Glenn (note taker), Scott Walker

Other Attendees: None

DPS Staff Present: None

Welcome

Mr. Halsted welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that the minutes be reviewed first due to the items that need to be covered during the meeting.

School Director Q&A: None

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

Motion: Approval of previous board meeting minutes, Kirkpatrick

Second: Zamora

Vote: Unanimous approval

Discussion

Mr. Kurtz provided an overview of the agenda for the call which consisted of a brief update on strategic planning, questions on the Home Office report, Committee reports, and lastly an executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel matters.

Reports

Mr. Kurtz provided an update on the progress the strategic planning committee has made in DSST's strategic planning process in the past few weeks. He continued by stating that they are hoping to have a final strategic plan in November/December. Mr. Kurtz concluded his update by opening up the discussion to a brief Q&A about DSST's strategic planning process or the Home Office report provided in the board book.

Mr. Halstedt reported that the Executive Committee does not have an update for the board at this time.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the Education and IT Committee has one update regarding information on the annual Deep Dive. The Deep Dive this year will coincide with the International Society for Technology in Education Conference (ISTE2016, June 26-29th) and will take place on June 28th at DSST: Byers Middle School in the afternoon.

Ms. Berryman reported that the Finance Committee's minutes and DSST's financials are provided in the board book. She continued by sharing that DSST's 401k plan and amended charters with the 401k changes will be presented at the board meeting in May.

Mr. Fritzing reported that the Audit Committee does not have an update for the board at this time.

Ms. Queen reported that the Development Team is in Slice of Pi season and they are currently working with Liberty Global to reach out to sponsors for the event. She encouraged the board to reach out to their contacts as well and stated that they would like 100% board participation in Slice of Pi.

Mr. McConahey reported that the Nominating and Governance Committee met via phone prior to the meeting to discuss a few items. The first item being changing the policy regarding enrollment preference for DSST board members stated in the board policies. The current policy states that founding board members are granted a high preference in the SchoolChoice lottery and the Nominating and Governance Committee is proposing to expand this policy to all board members. The board then participated in an open discussion regarding the amendment to DSST's board policies. They concluded their discussion by approving to adopt the policy of enrollment preference for board members after they have been a DSST board member for one year and perpetual enrollment granted to board members who serve at least one term (3 years).

Motion: Approval to adopt amendment to enrollment preference for board members, Kirkpatrick

Second: Zamora

Vote: Unanimous approval

Please note, Mr. Fritzing and Ms. Lamm abstained from voting.

Mr. McConahey continued by sharing that the other two items that the committee discussed during their meeting was updating the board questionnaire and creating a list for the May board meeting of recommendations for board candidates.

New Business: None

Mr. Halstedt stated, "I would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session as permitted under the Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (4) to the purpose of:

- Pursuant to subsection (e) Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators; specifically the timing and location of additional schools and campuses.
- Personnel matters

Motion to go into Executive Session at 4:44pm, Berryman

Second: McConahey

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to end Executive Session at 5:00pm, Berryman

Second: McConahey

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion for adjournment of Board Meeting at 5:00pm, Zamora

Second: Kirkpatrick

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Glenn (note-taker) for Sean VanBerschot, Secretary