

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

May 23, 2019

DSST Home Office, Mt. Massive/Mt. Elbert Conference Room

Meeting Called to Order: 2:38 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Alyssa Whitehead-Bust

Brenda J. Allen

David Greenberg

Deborah McGriff*

George Sparks*

Glenn Russo

Gloria Zamora

Patrick O'Rourke

Peter Fritzing

Scott Arthur

Teresa Berryman

*Attended via conference call

Parent Present: None

Board Members Absent: Dwight Jones, Gina Rodriguez, Greg Sissel, Justin Jaschke

DSST Staff Present: Aaron Griffen, Bill Kurtz, Brad White, Ericca Henderson, Heather Lamm, Hillary Hoffman, Katie Glenn, Mimi Stevinson, Nicholas Plantan, Scott Walker

DPS Staff Present: None

Other: Clark Callahan (Bill Kurtz's mentee)

Welcome:

Ms. Zamora welcomed everyone to the meeting and then a group of students came in for the Public Comment.

After Public Comment, Mr. O'Rourke introduced Dr. Brenda J. Allen to the board. Dr. Allen is the newest member of DSST's Board of Directors. After Mr. O'Rourke introduced Dr. Allen, the board participated in an icebreaker.

Public Comment:

Three students spoke regarding mental health and the need for more resources.

The students that presented are:

- Valerie Boutwell (Byers 10th Grade)
- Harper Kryvicky (Byers 11th Grade)
- Emily Tanabe (Montview 11th Grade)

Approval Items:

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes (3/21/19), Berryman

Second: Fritzinger

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to approve DSST's FY20 budget, Greenberg

Second: Arthur

Vote: Unanimous approval

Discussion:

DSST's Director of Finance, Nick Plantan, presented DSST's proposed budget for FY20. The budget was provided in the board book for the meeting. During Mr. Plantan's presentation of DSST's proposed budget for FY20, the board asked clarifying questions and engaged in discussion of the budget.

Reports:

For the CEO report, Mr. Kurtz provided the board with a talent update, leadership changes, upcoming graduations, and an update on the status of our school in Aurora.

For the Executive Committee, Ms. Zamora reported that it states in the Executive Committee Charter that the CEO, Chair, and Vice Chair will appoint committee chairs. With that being said, the following committee chair changes were made.

- Audit Committee - Ms. Berryman will be chairing the Audit Committee.
- Finance Committee - Mr. Russo will be chairing the Finance Committee.
- Education Committee - Ms. Whitehead-Bust will be chairing the Education & IT Committee.
- Advancement Committee - Mr. Sparks will continue to chair the Advancement Committee.
- Nominating & Governance Committee - Mr. O'Rourke will be chairing the Nominating & Governance Committee.

For the Education & Information Technology Committee, Mr. Greenberg shared that at the committee's previous meeting, they discussed college applications and the new systems DSST is using to gauge college access and success.

The Finance & Operations Committee reported out DSST's FY20 budget earlier in the meeting.

For the Audit Committee, Mr. Fritzinger reported that DSST will be using Eide Bailly for the fiscal year 2019 audit.

For the Advancement Committee, Mr. Sparks shared that the Advancement Committee is focusing on fostering long term relationships with prospective donors and current donors. Ms. Stevinson followed Mr. Sparks by sharing an update on Slice of Pi and where the event is headed in the future. Ms. Stevinson concluded her update by sharing that RootED donated to DSST for growth in FY20.

For the Nominating Committee, Mr. O'Rourke presented two nominees to the DSST board. The two nominees were Barbara Bohl and Janet Lopez.

Motion to approve board nominations for Barbara Bohl and Janet Lopez, Fritzing

Second: Berryman

Vote: Unanimous approval

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:

- (1) Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402:
- (2) (4)(a)) regarding the purchase, acquisition, lease, or transfer of any real property interest.
- (4) (e) determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations

Motion to adjourn regular board meeting, Berryman

Second: Russo

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to go into executive session, McGriff

Second: Russo

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn board meeting, Fritzing

Second: Berryman

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Glenn (note-taker), Secretary