

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

June 15, 2017

DSST Home Office, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Meeting Called to Order: 2:32 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Dan Wilkerson
David Greenberg
Deborah McGriff*
Dwight Jones*
George Sparks
Glenn Russo
Gloria Zamora
Justin Jaschke
Patrick O'Keefe
Peter Fritzing
Sean VanBerschoot*
Teresa Berryman

*Attended via conference call

Parent Present: Chris Paoletti (Byers STP)

Board Members Absent: Alex Hernandez, Gina Rodriguez, Matthew Schnittman, Nate Easley

DSST Staff Present: Bill Kurtz, Christine Nelson, Heather Lamm, Katie Glenn, Rachel Harpster, Scott Walker, Wendy King

DPS Staff Present: None

Welcome

Ms. Zamora welcomed everyone to the meeting and had meeting attendees participate in an icebreaker.

School Director Q&A: N/A

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes, McGriff

Second: Fritzing

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Discussion: Ms. Lamm presented a PowerPoint update on DSST's Market Research and Brand Positioning. Following Ms. Lamm's presentation, Mr. Kurtz provided an update on DSST and Aurora Public Schools.

Reports

Mr. Kurtz shared a few quick Home Office updates. The updates included an overview of DSST's School Leadership Institute (SLI), a hiring update, and current conversations with Denver Public Schools. Mr. Kurtz concluded his report by sharing a video about DSST that was shown at the Broad Prize event where DSST was a finalist.

After the Home Office updates, Mr. Wilkerson reported that he recently audited our Board Bylaws and Board Policies Manual. Overall, we are following both documents but had a few recommendations after reviewing them. In regards to our Bylaws, Mr. Wilkerson's first recommendation is to update our vision statement to reflect our new strategic plan. Mr. Wilkerson continued to report that our bylaws allow members of management to serve in the capacity as Secretary and Treasurer and it's not the best practice for the board to fill those responsibilities. His second recommendation was to authorize the CEO to select members of management to take over the responsibilities of Secretary and Treasurer. The board proceeded to vote on Mr. Wilkerson's second recommendation.

Motion to elect the CEO to elect authorities to take over the responsibilities of Secretary and Treasurer, O'Keefe

Second: Jaschke

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Motion to amend resolution and verifying with counsel that appointed DSST Team Members can assume the responsibilities of Secretary and Treasurer, O'Keefe

Second: Jaschke

Vote: Unanimous Approval

After the board voted, Mr. Wilkerson reported that there are few variances in our Board Policies Manual (example: individual board plans). He recommended we change our vision statement to reflect the new vision statement in our bylaws as well as delete a few items that we are not doing (example: process of meeting new board candidates). Lastly, Mr. Wilkerson recommended we make a few edits such as our process for approving board minutes and adding a clause about our Board Reserve Policy. Mr. Wilkerson concluded his report by providing a brief overview on the difference between a 501(c)3 organization and public entity.

Ms. Zamora thanked Dan for his work and shared that this meeting was Dan's last board meeting and thanked him for all his support over the last several years.

New Business: None

Executive Session

Ms. Zamora 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:

- Succession Plan

Motion to end regular board meeting at 4:51pm, Jaschke

Second: Greenberg

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to go into Executive Session at 4:51, Jaschke

Second: Wilkerson

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to end Executive Session at 5:30pm, Jaschke

Second: Wilkerson

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

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