

Colorado Springs School District 11
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DAC Budget Subcommittee

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Chairman Michael Reyes

Meeting Notes

January 14, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Administration Building Board Room

Members present: Chair Michael Reyes, Vice-Chair Jan Rennie, Clara Hoellerbauer, Amanda Huber, Carl Schueler, Bruce Cole, Kathy Box, Karin Lindt, Colleen Pearl, Donna Ecks, Bob Null

Members absent: Pete Lee, Sandra Park, Logan Laszczyk, Ken Pfeil, Jenny Courtier, Robert Grossman, Jason Rockwood, Trish Nixon

Ex-officio members present: Glenn Gustafson, Laura Hronik, and Anna Monroe

Guests: Dr. Parth Melpakam, Conner Sargent, Velvet Stepanek

The meeting began at 6:00 PM. Chairman Reyes asked the committee to begin by approving the agenda for the evening. Member, Ms. Hollerbauer, seconded the motion.

The Budget Director for District 11, Laura Hronik, gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding the Mid-Year updates and changes to the Adopted Budget for FY19-20. She explained that at the mid-year point, there is much more data available, such as pupil count and exact dollar amounts related to different types of funding, allowing the budget office to firm up their data and provide more accurate information compare to what was available at the start of the fiscal year. She spoke to these changes, listing each of the major changes in her PowerPoint and explaining what the changes were and their impact on the budget.

Once Ms. Hronik concluded her presentation, the District 11 CFO, Glenn Gustafson, asked the committee to refer to their Mid-Year Budget Books for FY19/20 provided by the budget office. He had the committee turn to the Sources and Uses pages of the book that list, in detail, all of the changes to the General Fund at the mid-year point. Mr. Gustafson provided the committee a walk-thru of each of the changes, explaining what they were for and their budgetary impact, and answered the committee's questions about the specific line items.

Once the Sources and Uses walk-thru was complete, the committee then began to discuss the Tabor law. Tabor is a law that puts a revenue cap on District 11 and other state entities, like the State government and a few other school districts. Mr. Gustafson went into detail about how D11 is effected by the law and explained the history and reasons for its existence. He further explained that D11 is very close to potentially hitting the Tabor limit, which has never happened before, and gave explanation as to why we are so close to it, such as the district's unfilled vacancies, additional grants received for district projects, and additional revenues that D11 has received this fiscal year. He also discussed the district's options if we were to break the Tabor limit, and explained to the committee what this occurrence would entail.

After discussing Tabor, the committee then moved to discussing district programs that they decided upon as a group in September 2019. There were three on the agenda to discuss at this meeting, AVID, concurrent enrollment, and gifted & talented/gifted magnet. We began with AVID. AVID is a program that the committee has been reviewing for a couple of fiscal years, and they are moving closer to making recommendations for

the district regarding it. There is still more information that the committee is looking for in order to make a determination about the program, so during this meeting, the committee discussed what data they still needed, as well as came up with questions to ask the district's AVID Facilitator. There were several concerns raised about the data available, as well as concern that some of the data needed may not be available or feasible to obtain at this time. This Facilitator is scheduled to come and speak to the committee at the February 11th DAC budget committee meeting.

Due to the time, the committee decided to move their discussion of the other two programs, concurrent enrollment and gifted & talented/gifted magnet, to a later date.

Chairman Reyes moved to accept the meeting notes from December 10th, 2019. Two confirmed members seconded the motion and the notes were approved. They will be posted to the DAC web page on the District 11 website as well as on the subcommittee's Office 365 page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the administration building boardroom.