

Colorado Springs School District 11
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DAC Budget Subcommittee

Web page: [District Accountability Committee \(DAC\)](#)
Chairman John Roebke

Meeting Notes

September 26, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Deborah Boisselle, Bob Miner, Bob Null, John Roebke, Carl Schueler, and Toni Seberger

Members absent: Jamie Cushenbery, Lara Crowell, Andrew Hug, Trish Nixon, Kim Polomka, and Jan Rennie

Ex-officio members present: Nora Brown, Laura Hronik, Glenn Gustafson, Ken Wieck, and Becky Moore

Member candidates present: Ken Pfeil and Elisa Villarruel

The meeting was brought to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman John Roebke. Members and member candidates were welcomed. Introductions were made around the room. Mr. Miner made a motion to approve the meeting notes from May 9, 2017, which was seconded by Ms. Seberger, and approved. Meeting notes will be posted to the DAC web page.

Chairman Roebke spoke about the DAC work session with the Board of Education, noting that the Board removed the original charge number five regarding the mill levy override, if approved by the voters. The Board felt this was duplication of effort since there is already mill levy override oversight by the Board's Audit Committee. Mr. Roebke also pointed out that information requested by the subcommittee would be limited to information readily available. Once the subcommittee has reviewed the information, the subcommittee may bring forward any questions for clarification, as needed.

The campaign for the mill levy override is up and running, under the advocacy of the Friends of D11. This group is not affiliated with the district in any way. The ballot measure is 3E. Good voter turnout is expected to help push the measure to victory. A spending plan added after the last meeting of this group was explained. The spending plan is to pay off the District's bond debt early, saving taxpayers interest payments.

Mr. Gustafson reviewed upcoming impacts to the District's budget, beginning with HB13-75. This bill requires school districts to provide equal share of any MLO funding with the districts' charter schools. District 11's impact is approximately \$1.6 million. The bill will go into effect July 1, 2018 and would include both the 2000 MLO in place and the 2017 MLO, if approved by the voters. Other budget impacts include PERA changes, minimum wage increases, and subsequent compression. The District will not change how it operates if the MLO does not pass with no anticipated budget cuts and compensation as a high priority.

Ms. Brown informed the group that the Board of Education's handbook includes new language that encourages, but does not require, Board members to serve on district advisory committee.

The group discussed adding a charge since the Board of Education eliminated charge number five. A possible review of the athletics budget was discussed with emphasis on athletic fees. Ms. Brown suggested that the subcommittee may want to review all school fees charged to students and parents/guardians. This was met with favorable response as well. Mr. Roebke will craft a charge for the subcommittee to evaluate. The subcommittee's membership and charge will go before the Board of Education as non-action on September 27, 2017 and action (for approval) on October 11, 2017.

Final topics of discussion included

- The subcommittee's calendar and topics – fluid document
- The availability of "Skype," if needed, at subcommittee meetings
- Board of Education regulation AE-R-1 guidelines as to DAC membership and by-laws
- Staff turnover
- Student count so far this year
- Impacts of both Thomas McClaren Charter and the Colorado Military Academy on District 11 student count
- Mid-year budget evaluation is coming up
 - Impact of MLO passage will be huge
- Recruitment of parents for the subcommittee

The meeting ended with topics for next meeting's discussion. Mr. Gustafson pointed out that Executive Director of Facilities, Operations, and Transportation Mr. Scott Lewis should be on the subcommittee's calendar as early as possible in case the MLO passes. The subcommittee decided to begin review of the capital and bond plans at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District 11 boardroom.