

Colorado Springs School District 11
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DAC Budget Subcommittee

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

Meeting Notes

October 24, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Deborah Boisselle, Lara Crowell, Jamie Cushenbery, Dan Fox, Tom Hunt, Pete Lee, Bob Miner, Trish Nixon, Bob Null, Michael Reyes, John Roebke, Toni Seberger, and Elisa Villarruel

Members absent: Andrew Hug, Kim Polomka, Jan Rennie, and Carl Schueler

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

Guest: Executive Director of Facilities, Operations and Transportation Scott Lewis

Chairman John Roebke brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members were welcomed. Introductions were made around the room, as there was a large turnout this meeting and a guest presenter. There were two meetings' notes to be approved since there was not a quorum for the last meeting. Ms. Boisselle made a motion to approve the September 26 meeting notes, seconded by Ms. Cushenbery. Mr. Miner made a motion to approve the October 10 meeting notes, seconded by Ms. Boisselle. Both meeting notes were approved and will be posted to the DAC web page.

Chairman Roebke had a brief DAC update for the subcommittee. Recruitment for the different subcommittees is still ongoing. The meeting sponsored a board of education candidate forum and was very informative. Briefly discussed at the meeting was the lone charter application. Mr. Gustafson pointed out that the DAC was meeting again this evening to complete their formal charter school application review for recommendation to the Board of Education. Mr. Roebke indicated he had several topics he would include during a scheduled meeting with Dr. Gledich and Dr. Thurman.

Mr. Wieck's update on budget processes noted that the Budget Office would be compiling the mid-year budget modifications, due this Friday, October 27, 2017 for superintendent's cabinet, budget subcommittee, and board of education review. In addition, the student count should be certified by the Colorado Department of Education by November 15, 2017. Mr. Gustafson told the subcommittee that revenue from specific ownership taxes was unusually high this year as well as the revenue received for Medicaid students.

Mr. Lewis was introduced to the group. His attendance at the meeting was requested for district-wide capital needs discussion. Mr. Lewis had two handouts, which were passed out to the members. Mr. Lewis explained the capital planning process in District 11, with requirements reviewed every two years. However, the last review was done with a new perspective and prioritization process. Although the mill levy override and bond requested of the voters last year failed, the process identified the most urgent needs in the District. With the hope of passing a mill levy override this year, the Facilities is eager to begin improving our school buildings should it pass. Mr. Lewis described how the Facilities Department handles crisis vs an emergency as well as day to day maintenance.

Mr. Lewis discussed industry maintenance standards as applied to District 11 on his handout. While there is only a few schools at levels one and two (showpiece and comprehensive stewardship, most schools are at level three (managed care) and a few at level four (reactive management). He noted that he had a recent meeting with school principals from all levels to discuss building maintenance expectations at schools.

The following areas are of particular concern, which could create liability issues:

- 20+ year old heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems
- 50+ year old electrical wiring and breaker panels
- Aging playgrounds and equipment

- Water integrity
- Energy deficient buildings
- No asphalt maintenance or replacement plan
- Structural concerns

The subcommittee had topics of particular interest discussed with Mr. Lewis, which included the following:

- Elevators
- Door hardware replacement (fire and security standards)
- Aging schools' infrastructure
- Process for work orders
- Plumbing and water issues at several school sites
- Building standards
- Building repair vs building replacement costs
- LED lighting
- Past sales of schools
- Future sales of schools
- Lack of available land within District 11 boundaries to build replacement schools
- Lack of capacity in existing schools to take in students if any schools were closed

Other topics of discussion included:

- Marijuana revenue
 - Lack of marijuana revenue for District 11
 - How the marijuana revenue is distributed
 - How much marijuana revenue is collected
- BEST Grant
- Boulder's capital plan
- Mr. Lee explained how he uses his affiliation with this subcommittee at the state legislature and the value of his membership on this subcommittee

Mr. Null suggested that the Board of Education should have a televised work session with Mr. Lewis making this same presentation with questions and answers. He spoke of the public's perception of the mill levy override raising funds for district staff salary increases and improvements to administration buildings. He noted these perceptions come from various associations he belongs. Mr. Null's idea is for the District 11 community to be aware of the real needs of this district and the variety of spending plans.

The meeting ended with topics for next meeting's discussion, which will be the mid-year budget development and the requested budget modifications.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District 11 boardroom.