



Colorado Springs School District 11
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DAC Budget Subcommittee

Web page: [District Accountability Committee \(DAC\)](#)
Chairman Enid Ruiz-Mattei

Meeting Notes

February 28, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Members present: Deborah Boisselle, Lara Crowell, Jamie Cushenbery, Marilyn Eggleston, Parth Melpakam, Bob Miner, Trish Nixon, Bob Null, John Roebke, and Enid Ruiz-Mattei

Members absent: Gwen Giddens, Andrew Hug, Pete Lee, Kim Polomka, Jan Rennie, Carl Schueler, Toni Seberger, and Jared Welch

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

Guest: University of Denver Intern April Carlson

The meeting was brought to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ruiz-Mattei. Mr. Roebke made a motion to accept the meeting notes, which was seconded by Ms. Boisselle. The meeting notes will be posted to the DAC web page.

In regards to a DAC update, Mr. Melpakam confirmed that there are more DAC trainings coming up in March and that at the last DAC meeting, Director of Attendance and Discipline Greg Ecks attended and gave the committee an update on student discipline.

Ms. Ruiz-Mattei told the subcommittee that she would be stepping down from the DAC and DAC Budget Subcommittee next year. She encouraged members to think about a new chairman for the next school year.

Ms. Ruiz Mattei also let the group know that the January mid-year budget modification report from this subcommittee was received by the Board of Education and that there were questions answered and clarifications given to the Board regarding the dark fiber budget modification request. A February Board of Education point regarding the member candidates and subcommittee charge was that they were approved by the Board of Education on February 22, 2017.

Mr. Wieck turned the meeting to the preliminary budget development assumptions "green sheet." There was very little to update, only two line items. Mr. Wieck gave more detail regarding the minimum wage transfer for the Food and Nutrition Services Department and the general fund minimum wage impact. The general fund minimum wage was not a part of the previous "green sheet" report last meeting. The other item updated was the energy lease transfer, which was moved to non-recurring because the full amount was moved to reserves since there is only one more year left on the lease. This frees up recurring dollars for other uses. Mr. Wieck also told the subcommittee that there are no updates to the state budget at this time.

Mr. Gustafson took the podium next to present slides about school finance in Colorado. Key points included the following:

- Total program calculations and components
- Per pupil revenue and how it is calculated
- How the state's general fund operating budget is spent
- Comparison of relative state and local shares of school finance
- How the state's structural budget problems appear to worsen through FY24-25
- The Colorado state budget's caseload growth and how it compares to the general fund budget
- The negative factor and its history
- School finance scenarios going forward

Mr. Gustafson also reviewed other state financial challenges, cost of living, population demographics, state taxes, and revenue sources such as specific ownership taxes and marijuana.

Next, Mr. Gustafson brought up a new tool for budget balancing. He demonstrated how it can be used to look at various scenarios when developing the District's budget. The tool is easy to use and will give the Board of Education real numbers to work with.

Ms. Brown let the subcommittee know that superintendents around the state are working with legislators regarding a new funding model for finance reforms to bring to the voters. She noted that rural districts are often overlooked by legislators. At this time, Mr. Gustafson asked the members to talk to family, neighbors, friends, and co-workers about the serious funding challenges facing Colorado.

Mr. Gustafson spoke to the subcommittee regarding the mill levy override that the Board is considering for the November 2017 election. The handout showed changes from the 2016 mill levy override and the possible phase-in of the plan should it be approved by the Board and then the voters. Mr. Gustafson discussed mill levy funding in general with the subcommittee.

A final word on the budget modification requests that were presented at the last meeting took place. There had been no discussion regarding the two portables for schools. The portables in question would be to help schools that are capped permit-wise but still growing within their boundaries. Mr. Null suggested that a new boundary study might be in order.

Finally, the group decided to vote on recommending or not recommending the seven budget modification requests presented. The vote was as follows:

#	Request Title	Comments	Yea	Nay	Neutral	Abstain
SUP-1	Fund IB/AP testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	9			1
SUP-2	<i>Naviance</i> web-based platform to support ICAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications other than counseling Positive support given for the system 	8		1	1
SUP-3	Support ICAP outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern expressed about the recurring amount 	8		1	1
ICSS-1	Two portable buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not always the best option 	8	1		1
ICSS-2	Increase support for interpreters and translation services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support given for this request by user of the services 	9			1
PSS-1	Increase lunchroom aides salary/benefits budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation request is not a part of new minimum wage mandates 	9			1
TS-1	Continue replacement of analog camera systems district-wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion that cameras have continuous monitoring Questioned if cameras really are a deterrent 	8	1		1

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to continue PBDA review. Recommendations for the budget modification requests will be made crafted via email with the subcommittee and presented to the Board of Education at their work session on March 15, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District 11 board room.