



**Colorado Springs School District 11**  
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**DAC Budget Subcommittee**

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

**Meeting Notes**

March 14, 2017

6:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Deborah Boisselle, Jamie Cushenbery, Marilyn Eggleston, Gwen Giddens, Parth Melpakam, Bob Miner, Trish Nixon, Bob Null, Jan Rennie, John Roebke, Carl Schueler, and Toni Seberger

**Members absent:** Lara Crowell, Andrew Hug, Pete Lee, Kim Polomka, Enid Ruiz-Mattei, and Jared Welch

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

The meeting was brought to order at 6:05 p.m. by Co-chairman John Roebke. Chairman Ruiz-Mattei was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Mr. Roebke and all members welcomed Ms. Rennie's return to the group. Ms. Eggleston made a motion to accept the meeting notes, which was seconded by Ms. Cushenbery. Mr. Melpakam had a correction to the meeting notes, which was noted and will be made before posting to the DAC web page. Again Ms. Eggleston made a motion to accept the meeting notes as amended, seconded by Ms. Cushenbery and approved unanimously.

With regard to a DAC update, Mr. Schueler told the group that the DAC will meet March 16. The meeting will include a three-five year teaching plan, the Galileo K12 testing, and a presentation and discussion by Mr. Glenn Gustafson about the possible mill levy override plan. Mr. Schueler encouraged members to attend the DAC meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at Tesla. There is also training on April 6, 2017.

Mr. Roebke turned to discussion of changes to budget modification SUP-1 made by the Board of Education at their march 8, 2017 meeting. The Board split the request into a recurring and a non-recurring request. SUP-1A addresses AP testing and would be recurring. SUP-1B, IB testing, would remain non-recurring. The subcommittee observed that both still included concurrent enrollment costs for credits and questioned if this would be correct. Clarification will be requested and a response sent to the subcommittee as soon as possible. A new vote was taken as to recommending this budget modification due to the revisions. SUP-1A had a vote of 9 yea and 3 abstain. SUP-1B had a vote of 12 yea. There was concern voiced by one member regarding the IB curriculum.

The subcommittee reviewed the talking points Ms. Ruiz-Mattei will be using during the Board of Education work session Wednesday evening, March 15, 2017. There was no comment except for two of the budget modification requests.

- ICSS-2, Interpreter and Translation Services: The general feeling was trained professionals in the languages are needed, not college students or volunteers. The person who is interpreting really has to have a good command of both the language and English. Also, confidentiality could be an issue if the volunteer or college student is not in a contracted position – accountability if there is a breach.
- TS-1 Security Cameras: Added discounts may be offered if hardware and/or software is purchased in bulk, thus another reason to replace the cameras all at one time.

Mr. Wieck was invited to give the subcommittee any update as to the preliminary budget development assumptions and any legislative activity. Mr. Wieck told the group that the School Finance Act looks to be delayed, which may delay budget adoption past the anticipated June 14 adoption date scheduled by District 11. Points of interest included increasing the negative factor, which would be beyond current law and a mistake regarding state Medicaid reimbursement from the federal government, meaning Colorado is responsible to reimburse an overpayment.

The members discussed a possible late June meeting if there are substantial delays in adopting a budget due to legislative activity. The subcommittee meets April 11 and April 25 to craft their end of year report as well as May 9

for finalization. Should there be delay to finalizing this report due to legislative delay, a June 20 contingency date was selected for the subcommittee to meet before budget adoption.

The group had discussion regarding next year's subcommittee meetings and charges. There were many suggestions and lively discussion regarding the following:

- Keep the standing charges regarding budget development for 2018-19
- Keep both new and mid-year budget modification reviews in place
- Keep the charge regarding the possible mill levy override (MLO), drop the bond
- Participation in the phase-in process of the possible MLO, including a representative on any MLO oversight committee from this subcommittee
- Implementing an on-going role in the possible MLO
- Looking at current marketing practices and materials
- Marketing tools used by the District for the possible MLO to better reflect the outlays
- Capital renewal needs, with or without the passage of a MLO
- Continue looking at technology budgets and spending, to include the goals of the new chief information officer
- Look at reviewing the facilities budget and the spending

The subcommittee also suggested asking Board of Education Director Nora Brown to supply any concerns the Board has regarding the possible MLO items. Subcommittee concern was expressed about the current marketing materials being used to promote the possible MLO in the upcoming November 2017 election.

The group was generally favorable towards District staff support of the subcommittee's efforts and requests this year.

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to begin drafting recommendations for the subcommittee's end of year report and next year's charges.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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