



**Colorado Springs School District 11**  
Superintendent Dr. Nicholas M. Gledich  
**Division of Business Services**  
Deputy Superintendent/CFO Glenn E. Gustafson, CPA  
Director of Budget and Planning Kenneth L. Wieck, CPA

**DAC Budget Subcommittee**

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

**Meeting Notes**

April 11, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Deborah Boisselle, Lara Crowell, Jamie Cushenbery, Marilyn Eggleston, Gwen Giddens, Andrew Hug, Parth Melpakam, Bob Miner, Jan Rennie, John Roebke, Enid Ruiz-Mattei, and Toni Seberger

**Members absent:** Pete Lee, Trish Nixon, Bob Null, Kim Polomka, Carl Schueler, and Jared Welch

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

The meeting was brought to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Enid Ruiz-Mattei. Members were welcomed. Ms. Boisselle made a motion to accept the meeting notes, which was seconded by Mr. Miner. The notes were approved unanimously and will be posted to the DAC web page.

With regard to a DAC update, Ms. Ruiz-Mattei reported that Glenn Gustafson presented the same school finance education as he had to the subcommittee at their last meeting. Educational software was discussed. Ms. Ruiz-Mattei also informed the DAC that she was stepping away from the committee and that any interest in joining or chairing the budget subcommittee would be welcomed.

Mr. Wieck stated that there was little change to the budget process at this point. Distributions are coming in and there was a general clean-up of FTE. Mr. Wieck also told the subcommittee that the legislature may approve a budget close the governor's proposal, which would give a \$185 per pupil funding increase for next year. However, the budget is still on hold waiting for the School Finance Act to pass legislature and for District 11's employee salary negotiations to conclude. Mr. Wieck will update the "green sheet" once the final numbers are in.

The group turned to discussion of next year's charges, using the ideas developed at the March 14 meeting. Ms. Ruiz-Mattei suggested consolidating some of the listed ideas. There are two charges related to a possible mill levy override going before the voters in November. If the ballot question goes before the public and does not pass, this would negate two of the suggested charges. The group discussed the charges that would stand as written and which ones to possibly consolidate, drop, or rework. Ms. Ruiz-Mattei will craft a revised list of charges to be sent to the subcommittee before the next meeting for pre-review. The subcommittee will then vote to approve the charges after further discussion and possible revision.

There was discussion regarding the mill levy override campaign. Ms. Brown was able to update the subcommittee with the latest news. Ms. Brown informed the group that Mr. Hug's wife is the new campaign manager and that there is also a campaign treasurer. Additionally, the Lane Institute for Urban Education and Leadership (LIFUEL) will be assisting, which is a huge boost for the campaign.

Another area of campaign help is coming from the schools. Each school is providing four ambassadors for their respective communities to get things organized throughout their neighborhoods. PTA is also assisting, as they did in this year's campaign. Fund raising was discussed as was the lack of funding for the last campaign, which hindered the purchase of TV ads and signage. For information as to how to help, please contact Director Brown.

The subcommittee asked for information regarding how well the community forums and coffees are received. Ms. Brown thought they were fairly well attended so far.

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The group will begin drafting recommendations for the subcommittee's end of year report and approving next year's charges.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting: April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District 11 board room.**