



Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)
Thursday, April 11, 2024
Meeting Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting – Board Room | Wilcox

Voting Members (x indicates in attendance * indicates absent)

x	James Coope, Chair	x	Kevin Metzger
x	Ed Pavletich, Vice Chair	x	Maya Rosochacova
x	Jerrod Taylor, Recorder	x	Megan Severs
x	Aaron Cowan	x	Mike Barrows
*	Alex Frum	x	Robert Smithson
x	David Usechek	x	Shawn Daughenbaugh
x	Daniel Smith	x	Vili Vangelova-Petkova

Non-Voting Members

x	Kaylee Winegar, Board of Education Director	x	Jenny Frueh, Administrative Assistant to CFO
*	Valerie Thompson, Board of Education Director	x	Drew Phelps, Manager of School Budgeting
x	Jana Schleusner, Chief Financial Officer	x	Cheryl DeCristino, Accounting Manager
x	Colleen Doan, Director of Budget		
x	Eric Varner, Director of Finance	x	Aadithya S, DCSD Student Advisory Group

Guests

x	Rebecca Atkins, Mercer	x	Mat Jekot, Director-Employee Benefits & Wellness
x	Brad Cornish, Mercer	x	Amanda Thompson, Chief Human Resources Officer

Call to Order

- Chair James Coope called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Public Participation Protocol Statement

- Chair James Coope stated that the public would have an opportunity at the end of the meeting to provide public comment.

Benefits Overview | Mat Jekot, Director-Employee Benefits & Wellness | Amanda Thompson, Chief Human Resources Officer | Rebecca Atkins, Mercer | Brad Cornish, Mercer

- Mat Jekot gave an overview of the district's relationship with Mercer and the work that is ongoing.
- Rebecca Atkins gave an overview of the district's benchmarks against other districts. Brad Cornish went over plan competitiveness with costs. Plans are slightly less rich than benchmarks, but employee cost share is more favorable than benchmarks.
- Mat Jekot went over SY 2024-25 plans renewal metrics. There was a discussion on the increase in claims and renewal rates. The district held the employee portion the same despite the renewal increases. There was also another dental plan added.
- Colleen Doan gave an overview of how the plans affect the district's budget and reserve amount.
- Mat Jekot went over the district's strategy for benefits.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting | Chair James Coope

- Motion to adopt February 15, 2024, Minutes of Meeting by Dave Usechek seconded by Shawn Daughenbaugh. Motion passed.

Board of Education (BOE) Update | Director Kaylee Winegar | Director Valerie Thompson

- Director Winegar gave an update on the BOE retreat and board meetings since the last meeting. A group is working on the growth and decline issues. The board also met with the MBEC to discuss putting the bond on the ballot. She also gave an update on a recent building acquisition and its intended uses.

FY 2024-2025 Budget Update | Colleen Doan, Director of Budget

- Colleen Doan gave an update on the budget for the next year.
- There is an expected decline in the funded pupil count. Expected 5.2% increase with no budget stabilization factor. Expected per pupil funding of \$10,927.
- Total available revenue increase of \$25.7 million
- Pay increases for next year have been approved
- Total expense commitments increase of \$26.6 million

FOC Budget Priorities Discussion/Follow-up | Colleen Doan, Director of Budget

- There was a discussion on how the FOC wanted to comment on the budget before it needed to be adopted by the board in May. It was decided to have a memo by May to send to the BOE.

State of the State / Legislative Updates | Colleen Doan, Director of Budget | Jana Schleusner, CFO

- Jana Schleusner gave an update on legislation that could affect the 2025-2026 budget. More money to at-risk kids and cap size and cost of living factor. The proposed legislation would negatively affect DCSD.

Student Advisory Group Update | Aadithya S., DCSD Student

- SAG will be presenting to the BOE and Cabinet on issues that they have been working on.

New Business / Ideas | Chair James Coope

- No new business

Membership (Term Renewal) | Chair James Coope

- Aaron Cowan's term is expiring. He agreed to extend it for a second term.

Mill Bond Oversight Committee (MBOC) Conversation | Chair James Coope

- Pushed to next month

Member Roundtable | Chair James Coope

- Members gave ideas of what they would like to have FOC focus on next year.

Public Participation

- No public comment

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Ed Pavletich, seconded by Daniel Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Motion approved.

Next FOC Meeting

- The next FOC Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024, at the DCSD West Support Center.