



Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)
Thursday, November 14, 2024
Meeting Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting – Board Room | Wilcox Building

Voting Members (x indicates in attendance * indicates absent)

x	James Coope, Chair	x	Kevin Metzger
x	Ed Pavletich, Vice Chair	x	Maya Rosochacova
x	Jerrold Taylor, Recorder	x	Megan Severs
x	Aaron Cowan	x	Mike Barrows
x	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	Jana Schleusner, Chief Financial Officer
x	Valerie Thompson, Board of Education Director	x	Colleen Doan, Director of Budget
*	Aadithya S, DCSD Student Advisory Group	x	Eric Varner, Director of Finance
		x	Jenny Frueh, Administrative Assistant to CFO
		*	Drew Phelps, Manager of School Budgeting
		x	Cheryl DeCristino, Accounting Manager

Guests

x	Jackie Millet, Bond Program Director	x	Mattie Prodanovic, Hilltop Securities
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Call to Order

- Chair James Coope called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting | Chair James Coope

- Motion to adopt September 12, 2024, Minutes of Meeting by Alex Frum, seconded by Ed Pavletich. Motion passed 13-0.
- Motion to adopt October 9, 2024, Minutes of Meeting by Alex Frum, seconded by Daniel Smith. Motion passed 13-0.

Board of Education Update | Kaylee Winegar, BOE Director and Valerie Thompson, BOE Director

- Director Thompson went over the October 8th BOE meeting
 - She provided an update on the strategic plan for the district that was discussed during a special meeting.
 - The board has a presentation on security and well being.
- Director Winegar added information about upcoming meetings on Growth and Decline in Highlands Ranch.

Introduction of New Bond Director | Jana Schleusner, Chief Financial Officer

- Jana introduced the district's new Bond Program Director, Jackie Millet.

Election Results and Next Steps | Jana Schleusner, Chief Financial Officer

- Bond passed with 59% of the vote.
- Lots of prework was done before the election.
- Hired Architects for schools and expansions.
- Hired two owners rep firms.
- Went over the timeline for the bond issuance.
- RFP out for investment advisory services.
 - Jana asked for a volunteer to look at the incoming RFPs and Alex volunteered.
- There were questions from the committee.

Bond Structure / Sale | Mattie Prodanovic, Hilltop Securities

- Mattie went over the Tax Exempt bond rate and how it is figured out. Fed Rate cuts won't necessarily bring tax exempt rate down. Rate is slightly higher than historical rate and higher than when district borrowed for the last bond.
- Final maturity will be in 20 years.
- Issuance will be \$490 million in bonds in total and \$270 million for first issuance.
- Must have reasonable expectation of spending 85% within 3 years to get tax exempt rate.
 - \$270 million issued in first round with the rest being issued based on construction schedule.
- Mattie went over what a bond premium is.
- Bond resolution will be presented to the BOE next week so that the bonds can be issued.
 - Mattie went over the parameters of the resolution and what the resolution includes.

Financial Update

- Governor's Budget Request Released | Jana Schleusener, Chief Financial Officer
 - Starting point for budgeting year.
 - \$1b shortfall and governor is asking for cuts.
 - Extending implementation of SFA from 6 years to 7 years.
 - No more 5 year averaging of counts.
 - HSMA in trouble.
- First Quarter Financials | Colleen Doan, Director of Budget
 - Tracking right in line with adopted budget with no material concerns.
 - Beginning fund balance is \$8.1m higher than projected. Pupil count coming in close to expected.
- Audit Subcommittee Update | Eric Varner, Director of Finance
 - Eric gave an update on Audit, all testing done and just a few questions left.
 - Two findings in Single Audit.

New Board Approved Bylaws | Chair James Coope

- Need to come up with operational procedures for FOC.
- A survey will be sent out to members to go over action items for procedures. Results for next month.

Mill Bond Oversight Committee (MBOC) Update | Dan Smith, FOC Member/MBOC Liaison

- Dan gave an update on the MBOC.
 - Went over lessons learned.

Student Advisory Group (SAG) Update | Aadithya Senthilkumar, DCSD Student Member

- Not present

New Business/Ideas | Chair James Coope

- No new business

Member Roundtable

- What to focus on now that the bond has passed.

Public Participation

- No public present.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Alex Frum, seconded by Daniel Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion approved.

Next FOC Meeting

- The next FOC Meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2024, in the Board Room at the Wilcox Building.