



Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)
Thursday, April 9, 2026
Meeting Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting – Board Room | Wilcox Building

Voting Members (x indicates in attendance * indicates absent)

X	Jerrold Taylor, Chair	X	Dave Usechek
X	Dan Smith, Vice Chair	*	Gia Palermo
X	Robert Smithson, Recorder	*	Kevin Metzger
*	Aaron Cowan	X	Maya Rosochacova
*	Alex Frum	*	Shawn Daughenbaugh
X	Cynthia Fisher		

Non-Voting Members

X	Valerie Thompson, Board of Education Director	X	Jana Schleusner, Chief Financial Officer
X	Keith Langford, DAC	X	Drew Phelps, Director of Budget
X	Jenny Frueh, Administrative Assistant-CFO	X	Eric Varner, Director of Finance
		X	Cheryl DeCristino, Accounting Manager

Guests

X	Mat Jekot, Director of Benefits	X	Melody Stauffer, Mercer
		X	Brad Cornish, Mercer

Call to Order

- Chair Jerrod Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Public Participation Protocol Statement

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

Benefits Presentation | Mat Jekot, Director of Benefits | Mercer Reps Melody Stauffer and Brad Cornish

- Benefits are just as an important factor as pay in attracting new employees and retaining current ones
- DCSD looks to be competitive with neighboring districts in the benefits it provides

- 2026 has seen the highest cost in health benefits in the last 15 years
- Increased deductibles in HDHP and PPO, however no change in employee contributions
- For 2027-2028 DCSD will be doing the following:
 - Review care management programs to address key cost drivers
 - Evaluate medical marketing as due diligence
 - Evaluate the employee contributions formula against the relative value of the benefit and market position compared to neighboring districts

Icebreaker

- Chair Jerrod Taylor initiated an icebreaker for the FOC members.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting

- Motion to adopt March 12, 2026, Minutes of Meeting by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Rosochacova. Motion passed unanimously.

SY 2026-2027 Budget Updates | Director of Budget Drew Phelps

- School Finance Act is expected to implement the 3-year averaging enrollment plan
- Increase in statewide base per pupil funding 2026-2027
- DCSD will absorb 100% of employee benefits increases

State of the State / Legislative Updates | CFO Jana Schleusner

- State budget is looking to be short at least \$1 billion and could mean mid-year cuts
 - Most cuts currently are Medicaid & healthcare programs
- Some education grants have been cut, but nothing that impacts DCSD that much

Board of Education Update | BOE Director Valerie Thompson

- Two meetings held in April
- Received staff presentations on
 - Transportation
 - Central office consolidation
- Received polling results for a possible MLO
 - Ballet tests showed 55% are leaning towards yes on an MLO
- Board governance updates

Committee Updates (MBOC, LRPC, DAC) | Committee Representatives

- LRPC
 - Lengthy discussion on master capital plan
- MBOC
 - N/A
- DAC
 - Presentation on MLO

New Business/Ideas | Chair Jerrod Taylor

- N/A

Public Participation

- N/A

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Usechek, seconded by Ms. Rosochacova. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Next FOC Meeting

The next FOC Meeting is May 7, 2026.