MINUTES
DSST Public Schools Board Meeting
March 17, 2022
Conservatory Green MS, Room 231

Meeting Called to Order: 2:04 p.m.

Board Members Present:
Alyssa Whitehead-Bust*
Andrew Sinclair
Barbara Brohl
Billy Brown
Brenda J. Allen
George Sparks
Glenn Russo
Gloria Zamora
Janet Lopez*
Jean Kutner
Jeff Tarr*
Teresa Berryman
*Joined via phone

Parent Present: None

Board Members Absent: David Greenberg, Justin Jaschke, Patrick O’Rourke, Peter Fritzinger, Scott Arthur

DSST Staff Present: Ashley Wiegner, Catherine Otto, Christine Nelson, Cyndi Sheehan, Danielle Felder, Hillary Hoffman, Jenny Trainer, Katie Glenn, Nick Plantan, *Nicole Fulbright
*Joined via phone

DPS Staff Present: None

Others Present: None

Public Comment: None

Welcome:
Ms. Zamora welcomed everyone to the meeting and the board participated in an icebreaker. After the icebreaker, Ms. Otto introduced Ms. Felder, DSST’s new Chief External Affairs Officer. After Ms. Felder’s introduction, Ms. Nelson introduced Ms. Wiegner, DSST’s Interim Chief People Officer. Following Ms. Wiegner’s introduction, Ms. Nelson introduced
Jenny Trainer, DSST: Conservatory Green Middle School Director. Ms. Trainer shared a brief overview of the school and then engaged in a Q&A with the board.

**Approval Items:**

**Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes, Sparks**
**Second:** Kutner
**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Discussion:** Ms. Nelson and Ms. Fulbright provided a PPT on DSST’s Network Priorities for the 2022-23 School Year as well as an update regarding DSST’s Strategic Plan.

**Reports:**

**CEO:** Ms. Hoffman shared an update via PPT on DSST’s Recruitment and Enrollment.

**Finance & Operations:** Mr. Russo and Mr. Plantan shared that DSST: Elevate’s construction is on schedule and budget. They also shared that we are currently in discussions with APS for funding for Aurora Science and Tech.

**Advancement:** Ms. Sheehan presented a PPT on DSST’s Development Dashboard. The dashboard included updates on where we stand currently with donations, our donation history, additional funding through the end of the year, DSST: Elevate Northeast HS fundraising campaign, and information on the Senior Signing Day breakfast.

**Nominating and Governance:** Mr. Brown shared with the board that the Nominating and Governance Committee has updated their charter and the Board Commitment letter. He also shared that the committee will be bringing a Board fiduciary/duty of care, loyalty and obedience Policy to the board in May for a vote.

**New Business:** None

**Executive Session**
Ms. Zamora stated, “I would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session as permitted by the Colorado Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering the following matters:

(2) Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402
   - (4) (f) personnel matters

**Motion to go into Executive Session, Russo**
**Second:** Brown
**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Allen**
Second: Berryman
Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn board meeting, Russo
Second: Berryman
Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

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Katie Glenn (note-taker), Secretary