MINUTES
DSST Public Schools Board Meeting
November 17, 2022
Virtual - Zoom

Meeting Called to Order: 2:03 p.m.

Board Members Present:
Alyssa Whitehead-Bust
Andrew Sinclair
Billy Brown
David Greenberg
Glenn Russo
Gloria Zamora
Janet Lopez
Mark Ferrandino
Peter Fritzinger
Scott Arthur
Teresa Berryman

Parent Present: None

Board Members Absent: Brenda J. Allen, Jean Kutner, Mary Haynes, Patrick O’Rourke,

DSST Staff Present: Aaron Griffen, Andy Mendrop, Ashley Wiegner, Bill Kurtz, Elin Curry, Katie Glenn, Luisa Harkins, Nick Plantan, Nicole Fulbright

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. Ms. Zamora also shared that this board meeting is the last meeting for Ms. Lopez. Ms. Zamora thanked Ms. Lopez for her service to the board.

Approval Items:
Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes, Fritzinger
Second: Arthur
Vote: Unanimous approval
**Discussion:** Mr. Arthur and Ms. Zamora presented a PPT and led a discussion on the DSST Board’s DEI journey.

Following the DEI discussion, Mr. Kurtz introduced Elin Curry, DSST: Byers School Director. Ms. Curry shared a brief overview of the school and then engaged in a Q&A with the board.

After the School Director report, Ms. Fulbright presented a PPT on DSST’s Strategic Plan, which included DSST’s priority initiatives and theory of action. Following the presentation, the board participated in a Q&A.

**Reports:**

**CEO:** Mr. Kurtz provided brief updates on the current school year, staffing, enrollment, DPS, and APS.

**Finance and Operations:** Mr. Russo and Mr. Plantan presented a PPT on Colorado Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI). Following the presentation, Mr. Russo then asked for the following motion.

I move that the DSST Board adopt the recommendation that DSST opts out of employer participation in FAMLI, still providing staff with support in registering, making payments, and reporting. Russo

**Second:** Berryman

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Advancement:** Mr. Mendrop gave an update via PPT on DSST’s Development work to date. Mr. Mendrop also reminded the board about Colorado Gives Day on December 6th.

**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, Fritzinger**

**Second:** Russo

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Berryman**

**Second:** Fritzinger
Vote: Unanimous approval

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Katie Glenn (note-taker), Secretary