

## **MINUTES**

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

November 17, 2022

Virtual - Zoom

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

### **Board Members Present:**

Alyssa Whitehead-Bust

Andrew Sinclair

Billy Brown

David Greenberg

Glenn Russo

Gloria Zamora

Janet Lopez

Mark Ferrandino

Peter Fritzing

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, Fritzing**

**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 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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, Fritzing**

**Second:** Russo

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Berryman**

**Second:** Fritzing

**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