

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

September 21, 2023

DSST: Cole Campus, Room 138

Meeting Called to Order: 2:06p.m.

Board Members Present:

Alyssa Whitehead-Bust

Andrew Sinclair*

Brenda J. Allen*

Billy Brown

David Greenberg

Glenn Russo

Gloria Zamora

Jim Taylor

Mary Haynes

Patrick O'Rourke

Peter Fritzing

**Joined via zoom*

Parent Present: None

Board Members Absent: Dominick Moreno, Fatima Rezaie, Jean Kutner, Teresa Berryman (on leave)

DSST Staff Present: Aaron Griffen, Bill Kurtz, Carrie Ramsey, Danielle Felder, Heather Haines-Koehler, Ian McIntire, Katie Glenn, Nick Plantan, Nicole Fulbright (joined via zoom)

DPS Staff Present: Cheri Wrench

Others Present: Aaron Mieszczanski, David Wick, Eliza Powers (Spencer Stuart – CEO Search Firm)

Public Comment: James Johns, regarding unethical behavior by mental health staff at DSST: Cedar.

Welcome:

Mr. Russo welcomed everyone to the meeting and the board participated in an icebreaker.

Ms. Haines-Koehler introduced Mr. McIntire, Cole Campus Director. Mr. McIntire shared a brief overview of the campus and then engaged in a Q&A with the board.

Approval Items:

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes, Zamora

Second: Greenberg

Vote: Unanimous approval

Discussion: Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Wilson presented a PPT on DSST's academic and non-academic results from the 2022-23 school year as well as strategic plan next steps and 5-year targets.

Reports:

CEO: Mr. Kurtz shared with the board the reaction from his departure announcement as well as an update on school board candidates.

New Business: None

Executive Session

Mr. Russo 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, Greenberg

Second: Haynes

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Greenberg

Second: Taylor

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn board meeting, Greenberg

Second: Taylor

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Glenn (note-taker), Secretary