District Accountability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2016

I. Call to order
Janna Youmans called to order the regular meeting of the District Accountability Committee at 6:11 pm on Thursday, April 22 in the Dr. Ed Lord and Patricia Lord Board Room (Educational Services Center, Peoria Building).

II. Roll call
The following persons were present: Billie Day, Jeanette Carmany, Lisa Escárcega, Ella Hart, Dennis Loerzel, Merrie Jones, Dan Wright, Janna Youmans, Julie Rapone,

Board of Education Liaison: Cathy Wildman

Speaker(s):
➢ Aaron J. Oberg — Budget Director
➢ Wendy Sullivan — Charter Schools Coordinator

III. Welcome & Introductions
Janna welcomed and gave an introduction to DAC members and guests

IV. Preliminary Budget 2016-17
Aaron presented DAC members with the 2016-17 General Fund Budget and Forecast Update. He talked about revenue and expenditure assumptions and gave the group a total breakdown with summary estimates for next year.

Handout(s):
• General Fund 2016-17 Budget and Forecast Update
(Needs to be hyperlinked to PowerPoint presentation)

Questions - Budget
Q. In terms of the Charter Schools – Does the district gain or lose
A. As Charters grow we continue to grow

Q. Is there an increase in special needs
A. There is a half percent increase

Q. Can you give a general explanation of “other revenue”
A. The “other revenue” includes Specific Ownership Taxes (vehicle registration taxes) that are not included in the School Finance Act, one-time other revenue, including tuition, gifts & grants, charter school charges for services, and earnings on investments.

Q. Are you still in negotiations for salaries
A. Yes
Q. How much of a cut is there per building
A. There are no real cuts to the buildings

Q. What is prompting the increase in utilities
A. The increase in school rates is prompting the utility increase – Similar to if it was your house.

V. Charter School Applications
Wendy presented DAC members with an overview regarding procedures to review charter applications. She shared the rubric (Excel format) and gave instructions on how to utilize the rubric within the worksheet. Wendy also voiced that we have five charter school applications to review:

- Dean’s Institute for Learning
- Colorado Early Colleges
- Rocky Mountain Prep
- Vega Collegiate
- The Academy of Advanced Learning

It was decided that the following DAC members would review the subsequent sections of the charter applications:

Kathy Wildman
Section F – Discipline, Expulsion and Suspension for Rocky Mountain Prep and Vega Collegiate

Ella Hart
Section F – Discipline, Expulsion and Suspension for Academy of Advanced Learning, Colorado Early Colleges and Dean’s Institute for Learning

Merrie Jones
Section H - Enrollment Policy & Outreach for all five schools (if possible)
Section K – Community Involvement for all five schools

Dan Wright
Section E – Serving Exceptional and Educationally Disadvantaged Students for all five schools

Janna Youmans
Section J – Evidence of Support for Academy of Advanced Learning, Colorado Early Colleges and Dean’s Institute for Learning

Billie Day
Section J – Evidence of Support for Rocky Mountain Prep and Vega Collegiate

Questions - Charter School Applications
Q. Does our review comments and paperwork remain confidential
A. Yes, it is considered an incorporated into the overall evaluation, but your individual comments are not publicized.
Q. What is the review deadline for the charter school applications
A. Colorado Early College is due first – April 27th, and everything else, May 7th

Q. Can we get an executive summary
A. The Executive Summary is included in every notebook.

VI. **Executive Committee Nominations**
Ella recommended that the committee rotate positions – The committee decided since Karen Porter was not present that this decision should be finalized at the executive committee vote on May 19th

VII. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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    Chairperson              Secretary