District Accountability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2015

I. Call to order
Merrie Jones called to order the regular meeting of the District Accountability Committee at 5:39 pm on Thursday, May 21 in the Dr. Ed Lord and Patricia Lord Board Room (Educational Services Center, Peoria Building).

II. Roll call
The following persons were present: Jeanette Carmany, Ella Hart, Merrie Jones, Julie Rapone, Dan Wright,

Board of Education Liaison: Amber Drevon

Guest(s): David Trautenberg, Chief Financial Officer

Speaker(s): Stan Rodriguez – Budget Manager
Lisa Escárcega – Chief Accountability & Research Officer

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

IV. Budget Update
Stan gave members a current understanding of the 2015-16 Proposed Budget (As of April 28, 2015), and handed out hard copies. He explained that the proposed budget for all funds total $577,004,586.00 resulting in a decrease of anticipated expenditures of $29,414,020.00

Recommendation:
The committee recommends no changes in the proposed expenditures for the 2015-16 budget year. The recommendation will be presented to the APS Board of Education on June 2, 2015 at the regular scheduled board meeting.

V. APS 2020: Shaping the Future (New Strategic Plan – Final Input)
Lisa presented a PowerPoint presentation discussing with the group the three strategic goals, our core beliefs, demographic breakdown, and points of pride.

The group discussed who would receive the brochures – Admissions, hand them out at back to school night, America’s promise group, and possibly posted in the Sentinel and in the HUB. It was suggested that the seal on the brochure be posted on the district web page and school web sites – We could have a link attached to the seal that would connect to the brochure

VI. Questions
Q. In regards to property tax - How soon will the money come in to the schools
A. It will come in next year (Spring)

Q. What does the acronym COP stand for
A. Certificate of participation
Q. What fund is furniture paid out of
A. It’s paid out of the building fund. The last time money went into the building fund was the 2008 mill levy

Q. How many buses need replacing over the next 5 years
A. (Follow-up from Anthony Sturges, Chief Operating Officer). With $1 million per year, and assuming that we can get enough Medicaid money to purchase one SPED bus per year, we will have enough money to purchase 10 new buses annually – five General Education buses ($100K) and five SPED buses ($125K). This also assumes no inflation. At this rate, we can have our fleet just below current Colorado average fleet age by the 2018-2019 school year – three years from now. This also assumes no growth in our fleet size, which may not be a problem given that our fleet age will be younger and we should have more buses available on a daily basis. However, even in the 2018-2019 school year, we will still have 12 buses that are 20 years old.

Merrie voice that the new buses and maintenance budget line item on the handout has a proposed budget of $1 million. So perhaps there needs to be two line items, $1 million for new buses and $500K for maintenance.

Q. Do you sell the old buses for scrap metal
A. Yes

VII. Executive Committee Vote
There was not a quorum present to vote on the positions for DAC executive committee members -- Julie will send out a ballot via email to all members

VIII. Adjournment
Merrie Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

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Chairperson  Secretary