

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11
Dr. Terry N. Bishop, Superintendent
Division of Business Services
Glenn E. Gustafson, CPA, Deputy Superintendent/CFO

DAAC Budget Committee
Wendy Chiado, Chairman

Minutes
February 24, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Wendy Chiado, Suzy Gingrich, Tina Koenig, John Leary, Pete Lee, Jim Mason, Bob Miner, Javan Ridge, and Gerald Roebke

Ex Officio Members Present: Ken Wieck and Becky Moore

Guest Observer: Jenny Paradis

Wendy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Wendy asked for changes or corrections to the minutes from the February 10 meeting. Suzy stated that she was present at the meeting but not listed as such in the minutes. This correction will be made prior to posting to the webpage. Pete motioned to accept the minutes, Tina seconded the motion and the minutes from the meeting were approved with the indicated correction.

Wendy began with a request to schedule the next meetings until 8:00 pm instead of 7:30. She would also like pizza ordered for the next meeting due to its length. There was no DAAC report this week. Wendy told the committee that she had spoken to Board of Education directors and they agreed to delay this committee's preliminary report until the March 11 Board of Education meeting instead of the February 25 meeting. The Board's agenda for February 25 is very controversial and the report may not be presented at all or at a very late hour. Wendy asked for members to attend the March 11 Board meeting for support.

Wendy met with Glenn to discuss the best use of the committee's time regarding the anticipated state rescission of funds to D-11 and the resultant accompanying reductions to the D-11 budget. The priority for the committee is next year's probable \$3-4 million budget cut. This year's rescission seems to be taken care of. The committee will continue to look at accounts within the Designated Purpose Grants Fund (Fund 22) and provide recommendations as to the prioritization of cuts to these accounts. The committee may consider looking at accounts within programs for spending trend analysis, at programs that seem to set aside money, at accounts that are not traditionally spent at the end of the school year for possible budget cuts and into budget planning to include a spend or use date – beginning a proactive process. Javan suggested regardless of whether there is any money left to cut, we should still investigate waste in these accounts.

The Budget Office and Superintendent's Cabinet have identified 99 areas for potential budget cuts for FY09/10. Ken prepared a spreadsheet, which is in the meeting packet, for the committee to use. It is the same sheet that has been given to budget managers to fill out for budget reductions. Ken explained his "budget set asides process to see if \$1.2 million or more can be identified for possible reduction. Ken told the committee that so far he received a good response from the budget managers. The ranking process of the handout's columns was discussed at length. The committee will rank the items similarly to the budget managers but providing separate committee prioritization. A high number is keep and a low number is cut. The committee discussed several items on the sheet. Jim would like to see non-recurring and recurring separated for committee examination as well.

The preliminary report was reviewed. The committee would like some rewording to the Rtl item. A recommendation for the final report was discussed for Rtl and Wendy indicated she would like to discuss with the DAAC Accreditation Committee. The committee is still concerned that if dollars are cut from the Rtl academic framework, what will happen to it? It is a state mandated framework.

Ken will send out the budget reduction rubric to the committee electronically and the committee can send back to him when complete for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with pluses and deltas.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.