

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
March 10, 2009
6:00 p.m.

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

Ex Officio Members Present: Becky Kluck, Ken Wieck and Becky Moore

Wendy opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. She addressed the final interim report to the Board of Education asking folks to send their comments to her by deadline. She also asked for committee support when she goes before the Board of Education on Wednesday, March 11, to present the committee's report.

Wendy asked Jay for clarification regarding the night school survey of students. He stated that only students currently attending the night schools were surveyed and that most students preferred to stay at their current night school location and not move. Students who are not currently enrolled in night school were not surveyed.

Wendy also asked for clarification about the night schools staying within their budgets and not going over-budget. Becky Kluck was not sure about the accuracy of that statement in the report. The alternate schools operate at a higher per pupil cost rate than traditional high schools.

Wendy asked for changes or corrections to the minutes from the February 24 meeting. Bob motioned to accept the minutes, Tina seconded the motion and the minutes from the meeting were approved.

As there was limited time to evaluate all of the recommended district budget cuts in great detail, the committee decided to run through the handout, in order and score each item with eight being recommended for cut, 15 being undecided or needs further study and 30 as not recommended for being cut. Several items produced much discussion resulting in close votes. The committee would have liked some of the items clarified or rewritten. Ken kept the scores on the overhead for all to see and the Budget Office will send out the resultant scoring spreadsheet to the committee.

Because time was growing short, the committee did not have time to review the second page of items in order. Instead the committee members chose to review the items with high dollars amounts or that seem controversial in some way. They will finish rating all items at the next meeting even though it will be too late to include their scores in the preliminary budget development assumptions (PBDA). The PBDA will most likely go before the Board of Education before this committee's next meeting but the scores that were obtained will be included with the rest of the district participants' scores. Wendy called for everyone to email scores to her if they were able.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with plusses and deltas.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the FOTC Oak Room