

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11
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DAAC Budget Committee

Wendy Chiado, Chairman
John Gartin, Vice-Chairman

Minutes

May 6, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Wendy Chiado, Katie Freidel, Pete Lee, and Bob Miner

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

Guests: Jamie Cushenbery-Mitchell faculty

Wendy opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The minutes were motioned for approval by Katie, seconded by Bob and unanimously approved. Wendy stated that she attended the Executive DAAC meeting on May 1 but did not have the final Budget Subcommittee report to present to them yet. Wendy did give the Executive DAAC an overview of this committee's recommendations that will be included in the report. She also discussed the DAAC Budget Subcommittee's by-laws revisions with the Executive DAAC. The DAAC is very cautious about changing the by-laws due to the state rules surrounding the accountability committees. She invited the committee members to attend her presentation to the full DAAC on May 15. Wendy also encouraged all DAAC Budget Subcommittee members to attend the work session with the Board of Education on June 4, 2008 when she presents the final report. The committee was told that any June modification IBRs would be discussed at this meeting so it would be the Budget Subcommittee's chance to voice any concerns about the modifications. Bob asked for a reminder to be sent out to the committee members about the upcoming subcommittee presentations at meetings.

Becky Kluck reviewed the FY08/09 proposed budget cuts with the committee. She discussed each item on the handout sheet, pointing out certain cuts of interest. Within the Business Support Services section, she explained that the Clerical position in Postage is anticipated to be funded through charges for postage to the schools/departments.

In the Educational Support Services (ESS) section the committee was interested in why the LRTs were being cut. Becky pointed out this was just a suggested cut so that the budget managers would continue to review their program for additional budget cuts. (Note: this item was taken off the budget cut list on May 9, 2008). Becky also pointed out cuts within Curriculum Alignment which had been examined by this committee in the past.

In the Personnel Support Services section there were only two small budget cuts.

In the Superintendent Section there were numerous cuts to the AERO program which had been examined by this committee in the past.

In the Other Cuts section, Becky noted that the district-wide Travel and Registration cuts were the only across the board cuts approved by the CFO at this time.

Another look at the FY06/07 IBRs showed some concerns with the spending of the Rtl money. Some of the current year's lack of spending was also discussed. Katie expressed concern about

holding budget managers accountable for proving the expense was worth the money. She would like to revisit some of the major purchases, especially in technology, to see proven results in student achievement. This might be done on a cyclical basis. Jamie suggested that future software programs integrate more easily with existing programs the district has purchased. The cost of the computer programs and paying staff/consultants to train the rest of the district is something to consider when these programs are added. There was concern over the high turnover of software items due to obsolescence of programs. The committee would like to know what happens with particular programs and their worth to the district over time after purchase. Another area of concern was the realization of budget managers at the end of the fiscal year that they have not spent their budgets and there is a mad scramble to get the money spent. This was viewed as haphazard spending and the committee is not pleased to see this occurring.

The committee next reviewed the FY06/07 June modifications. Becky noted that the teacher computer replacement was not spent in FY06/07 but the expenditures took place in FY07/08. Also of note were the Nova Net licenses. These licenses were paid for out of a different account than the one presented on the IBR. The Customer satisfaction survey did not take place at all and therefore the money had rolled back into the General Fund. The final result was \$2,125,970 was spent on time and according to the IBR requests, out of \$3,464,190 in requests.

Discussion of additions or changes to the draft report took place. Also discussed were charge items for next year to be included in the report. Another draft of the report will be emailed to the members for review before the May 15 presentation to the full DAAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with plusses and deltas.