

**COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11**  
Dr. Nicholas M. Gledich, Superintendent  
**Division of Business Services**  
Glenn E. Gustafson, CPA, Deputy Superintendent/CFO

**DAAC Budget Committee**  
Wendy Chiado, Chairman

Minutes  
October 6, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Wendy Chiado, Jamie Cushenberry, John Gartin, John Leary, Tina Koenig, Pete Lee, Jim Mason, Bob Miner, Connie Rogers and Toni Seberger

Ex Officio Members Present: Ken Wieck and Becky Moore

Wendy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. by introducing another new member, Toni Seberger. The minutes were reviewed with no recommendations for changes. John L moved to accept the minutes, John G seconded the motion and the minutes from September 22, 2009 were approved.

Wendy gave a short overview of what is happening with DAAC. Two Board of Education directors attended, Bob Null and Tom Strand. The DAAC seemed favorable to the proposed goals (charge) for the Budget Committee.

The committee reviewed the charge, as it will be given to the DAAC and Board of Education for approval. The goals were placed in priority order and trend analysis was added. Wendy clarified that the schools budgets reviewed will not include salaries but discretionary accounts. The committee wants to look at well-performing schools and under-performing schools to see how the budget may or may not impact performance. The committee also decided that it would be most prudent to review an alternative school vs. a charter school. Once again, Wendy addressed the need to create a template for presenters so that committee expectations are addressed. The membership and goals will go to the Board of Education in early November. The committee approved the charge and membership, as presented and amended, with a motion for approval from Pete and a second from Jim.

Ken reviewed the current budget cutting process forms with the committee. These forms are still drafts. There will be an administration retreat on October 19 so the committee was asked to discuss the budget cutting process and forms this evening so that Ken could take the committee's ideas to the retreat. Ken feels that this is a great opportunity for the committee to really be involved in the process. A projected budget reduction of \$8 million is on the horizon for FY10/11. The administration will be looking for non-recurring items such as the Saturday Schools and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academies to provide performance data to continue funding.

John L asked if this was really a \$5 million projected cut because the District has \$3 million reserve. Ken indicated that the \$3 million was a reserve and would constitute a cut in reserve instead of a cut in programs. Bob suggested that the district stress the savings from the schools closures to the community.

Ken discussed General Fund program 91000, Contingency Reserve, with the committee. He explained the differences between charter school student revenue and traditional D11 school revenue. John G asked about transparency. What are the real savings with the school closure? Pike and Longfellow are being utilized by the district. Only Buena Vista has been sold. At this time Ivywild and Irving have been "moth-balled" so still incur some costs. Other schools are still waiting for their destinies to be determined. Ken indicated that the administration is still refining the savings coming in and that the Capital Reserve no longer required by state policy to put aside so many dollars from the General Fund. Jim commented that the District has made all the "easy" cuts and now must consider the "hard" cuts, especially those that directly impact student achievement. He feels that a good justification to continue some programs must be demanded. Bob would like to look at utility impacts within Maintenance and Operations and the pay raises in Instructional Services. Ken suggested the committee investigate a breakdown of different areas by object instead of by program.

The committee examined the budget reduction form. A total budget line was suggested be added at the top. The committee would also like to see considered how a cut may affect a goal to which the program does not really impact. The committee would also like to see the "For Budget Office Use" section include a separate box for the DAAC Budget Committee's recommendation.

After reviewing the rating system form, it was decided that the committee would like to put a positive spin, not negative, on the questions. Jamie would like to cite evidence or how a rubric is met on the form – add the results. Also suggested was using the grading level from the Budget Reduction Form and adding a comment line for justifying an extreme score.

Recruiting was discussed. It seems that none of the committees or groups is doing well in recruitment. Trish noted that John Keane, Executive Director of School Leadership, is working with the other executive directors and principals to get more members for DAAC, BAAC, PTA, etc.

The committee will look over the FY09/10 June Modifications handout and address at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with plusses and deltas.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in the administration complex boardroom at 6:00 p.m.**