

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

September 22, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Wendy Chiado, Jamie Cushenberry, John Gartin, John Leary, Tina Koenig, Julie Maiatico, Jim Mason, Javan Ridge and Gerald Roebke

Ex Officio Members Present: Ken Wieck

Wendy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. welcoming all returning and new members to another year of work. Wendy spoke to the committee regarding recruiting difficulties for this committee. John G suggested looking for community members from an arena that has budget insight (bankers, chamber of commerce, etc.).

The minutes were reviewed with no recommendations. John G moved to accept the minutes, John L seconded the motion and the minutes from May 26, 2009 were approved.

Wendy gave a short overview of what is happening with DAAC. She discussed composition of DAAC and BAAC stressing that more parents were desired to complement other members such as district employees or employee relatives. Representation from charter schools also is desired. The by-laws should be reviewed by all members to give their input and there would be a future "homework" assignment for committee review of the by-law recommendations of two years ago. The DAAC will be reviewing the by-laws this school year.

Wendy also addressed lessons learned and discussed better ways to do things from her perspective with the committee. John L commented that all findings presented to the Board of Education be presented as reflective of the DAAC Budget Committee as a whole. Wendy addressed the problem of people being unhappy with committee recommendations and emphasized that committee members need to attend meetings. The public and district staff are welcome to attend any and all meetings.

There was much discussion regarding the committee goals for 2009-10. Ken told the committee that the budget managers of each June modification will give an accounting of their request. He also approached the subject of using a "reverse IBR" for budget cutting purposes. A timeline for addressing each item would be ideal at the onset of the year and the committee would like to develop one. The committee added a sixth goal – Budget Cutting and Budget Cutting Process. Also discussed as a goal were the federal stimulus monies.

Ken gave the committee a budget overview to the members to refresh everyone and help educate the new members.

Due to Ken's upcoming vacation and Wendy's business trip out of town, the committee moved the October 13 meeting up to October 6.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2009 in the administration complex Garden Level Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.