



Board Meeting Minutes November 8, 2023

Vision: Mission/Vision: To serve at risk youth by providing college prep educational services in a creative way.

Call to order : 6:00pm

Attendance: T.J. Cole, Gary Losh, Mark Surratt, Charles McNeil, Kevin Coffey, Jency Lopez

Consent Items

- [September 27, 2023 Minutes](#)- unanimous
- Booking Student Count Reserve- unanimous
- 2023-2024 [Benefit Stipend](#) Proposal- unanimous
- Board Members discussed the rent and strategies to prepare for new rental opportunities with Property Owners. or approve proposed terms- Stephen discussed the possibilities of having to rent our building in the future.

Budget

- Stephen indicated that this years count was 106 but with some of the borderline students the count will be around 102. Budget was based on enrollment Target 104 Stephen asks the board to allow for an adjustment that will reserve the 4 students until its clear they have been accepted.
 - [DJHS Basic Financial Statement June 2023 - Finalized Audit](#)
 - [5 Year Budget Projection:](#)
 - [23-24 Budget - Approved May 2023 meeting](#)
 - Amended Budget will be proposed January 24, 2024 DJHS Board Meeting
- 2024-2025 Budget Information: Colorado Governor Proposed
 - The proposed 6.6% increase to PPR matches what it takes to fully buydown the so-called Budget Stabilization factor. This complete buydown has been a stated priority for this year of both Governor Polis and bipartisan legislative leaders. It would translate into an average statewide funding increase of \$705 per student, from \$10,613 this year to \$11,317 next year.
 - The League – working closely with partners and legislative allies – was able to secure a statutory commitment last year to fully fund the CSI Equalization Fund heading into next year. So the Governor's commitment to do that in his budget is something that is already backed up in law, which would make it significantly harder to undo.
The budget stabilization factor is a state budget element that proportionately reduces the amount of total funding for each district, such that state aid is reduced.

[Additional Information on State of Colorado Proposed Education Budget](#)

[Projected Increases for Health Care](#) Health care costs are expected to increase significantly in 2024. In fact, several industry surveys and reports find that employers anticipate health care costs to grow between 6.5% and 8.5% in the coming year, representing the largest increase in more than a decade.

Grants & Donations

- Update re: CDE Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant - 2022 Funds allocated in a descending order from highest points for Grant & Down. DJHS scored to receive the grant. Funds were spent before becoming available to DJHS and other schools below our ranking. CDE reviewing unspent/used funds that were allocated to higher scoring grants and have not yet been used. DJHS did not get the grant because they ran out money.
- EARSS Grant Stephen says they are working on spending down the grant. so far things are smooth.
 - 2022-2023 Funding
 - DPS Staff Turnover
 - Funding is being received in September 2023
 - 2023-2024 Funding: Budget \$79,800

- Option of a No Cost Extension for the 2024-2025 School Year for any remaining funding
 - Center for Relationship Education: Up2You Grant The board discussed how the program has worked at other places including LJHS. T.J. says that the program has been good and that the funds can be used for scholarships for seniors.
 - Existing Partner for Sister School - LJHS
 - Neighbor Donations - on-going monthly
 - Stephen is looking into some grant opportunities. The 21st century grant and the EASI grant.
 - [EASI Grant Opportunities](#) - CDE Low 4-Year Graduation Rate
 - Exploration Supports Route & Offered Services Route
 - Application due by December 6, 2023
- Colorado youth for change part of America Corp. providing outreach folks. Stephen is really pleased with their help.

School/Staff Updates

- [DJHS 2023-2024 UIP](#)
- [Momentum Strategy & Research - Supplemental Report for DJHS](#)
- [Momentum S & R site Visit Overview Information](#)
- [Momentum at DJHS on November 27 & 28 Draft Agenda](#)
- [DJHS Black Excellence Plan 2023-2024](#)
- Request to DPS for Optional Measure: [Post Completion Success Rate](#) The indicator measures a young person's matriculation plan into their postsecondary choice including military service, college and workforce.
- [Teacher Evaluations](#)
- City Year: Awaiting Update for qualified candidates - Timeline
 - October 23 1 of 2 replacement members starting at DJHS
 - January 2 of 2 replacement members projected to start at DJHS
- Phoenix Day Excursions
 - October 6th - St. Mary's Glacier- The field trip went very well and the staff thanks Gary for driving. The kids need to make sure they clean the bus before leaving.

Facility Update

Stephen then brought the board up to date on the status of rental building options.

300 E. 9th Avenue -

- Property Owner site visit by representative - **Completed**
 - **Submitted Requested Financials**
 - **Income Statements**
 - YE 2020-22
 - YTD 2023
 - [5 Year Budget Forecast](#)

Stephen requests that the board weigh in on examining the facilities

- Building Examination
- Input from Real Estate Professional
- DPS Facilities -Stephen also submitting formal request to look at DPS schools & request to reconsider. The issues were to look at the political and social fit. Stephen asks the board for recommendations for commercial realtors and Gary to have someone look at the boiler room.

FY24 Per Student Fee Information - Updated 7/18/23

	Per Student Amount	Applies to Students
Administrative Fee & Admin Recon	\$ 362.28	K-12
Special Education Fee	\$ 339.19	K-12
Special Education Reserve Fee	\$ 26.79 *	K-12
Facility Use Fee	\$ 1,000.13	K-12
Shared Campus Fee	\$ 82.06 *	K-12
Psychologist	\$ 23,798.80	Per Day
Social Worker	\$ 21,087.20	Per Day
Nurse	\$ 20,862.20	Per Day
MLO Equalization **	\$ 71.38 *	K-12 with K=1
Other Mill Levy Enrichment Art/PE	\$ 409.60 *	K-12 with K=1

Funded Pupil Count	110	106
PPR	\$ 11,183.76	\$ 11,183.76
Total	\$ 1,230,213.60	\$ 1,185,478.56
Facility Use Fee Per Student	\$ 1,000.13	\$ 1,000.13
Total Rent based on Pupil Count	\$ 110,014.30	\$ 106,013.78

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- Monthly Rent with DPS 106 students \$8,584.48

- 110 students \$9,167.86

- Non-DPS Facilities

Building Update- Stephen says that

- Air Conditioning - Status Update- It is still not fixed. But its winter so we are not in a rush.

District Updates

DPS Tu Voz “Your Voice” Survey for parents and students- Stephen says that the goal is to get parents to complete and hopefully get us an increase in positive feedback.

- Goal 15% or higher return rate

Safety Audits at 200+ Schools in DPS by the DPS Safety Department We are not sure what these will curtail but we have already had one visit and some training on student searches.

Stephen says that transition to Online Support for Some Support Positions: Speech Therapy - Due to shortages

DPS Board of Education Election Results

Public Comment: none