

Delta County School District
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April 10, 2025
Work Session
9:00 a.m.

These are the minutes of the Work Session held on April 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the School District Office.

Members Present: Tony Bohling, Dan Burke, Kristina Hines, Jennifer McGavin, Beth Suppes.

Staff Present: Caryn Gibson, Laura Esplin, Kurt Clay, Derek Carlson, Jennifer Magner, Tell Hawk, Mike Madden, Wendy Pyott, Colter Christensen, Caryn Brady, Randal Palmer, Marty Rover

Guests Present: Joe Farstad and DJ Wells - WEMBER, Frank Witowski - Delta County Independent.

Attorney Present: David Skarka

Welcome:

Mr. Gibson gave the Board a gift similar to what will be given to staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. She also shared that it is CMAS time in the schools, and it is going well.

Mrs. Gibson shared the high school 2025 graduation dates, important dates for the end of the year and beginning of the school year, and district recognitions from 2019 forward.

Ms. Hines shared that one of the girls' soccer team members has scored their 100th goal.

WEMBER Update:

Mr. Farstad and DJ Wells shared about the WEMBER report, which includes:

- DHS
 - The fire-rated corridor will be worked on once school is out.
 - Flooring in the auxiliary gym continues to be watched and worked on.
- NFHS & CHS - work continues as planned.
- BEST Grant - Work will begin after graduation at CHS and NFHS.
- Permitting - permits are ready for final payment and processing.
- Budget Summary
 - Amendment 2 for BEST Grant work is not reflected in the appropriate place on the report and will be corrected in the next report.
 - The current budget of the 6 projects reflects a sufficient contingency budget
 - Photos for each project were shared.

Promoting DCSD & Marketing update - Marty Rover:

Mr. Rover, the District Point of Contact, shared that the District has hired LIU Marketing to market the District. He shared that:



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- The goal is to increase the District's presence online and in the communities.
- New programs use analytics to identify online audiences.
- There is a new Instagram account that makes the school district more visible with “Did You Know” posts, “Teacher Spotlight” posts, and other organizational engagement.
- Video campaigns that include “We are DCSD”, “Graduation” videos, and “Thank You for Passing the BOND” video.
- Updated newsletter that communicates with staff, families, and community members, potentially moving towards another platform that can be branded and used on mobile devices. These are subscription-friendly.

Funds to support the new marketing company are coming from the School Support Account Funds and are costing \$3,500.00 from month to month. The contract may be cancelled at any time.

Nutritional Services RFP Update & Information - Tell Hawk:

Mr. Hawk shared an update about the Nutritional Services Request for Proposal. He shared the process: once it is approved by CDE, it is posted online for 6 weeks. Once proposals come in, they are scored, and the overall results may be sent to CDE for review, or the School District can decide not to continue the RFP process. If the Board decides to continue the RFP process, contracts are to be executed on July 1, 2025. He shared the main points on the RFP. A copy of the (draft) RFP will be shared with the Board. He shared that April 16th is the hard deadline to meet the timeline the District wants to achieve. There was a discussion about having a facilities use agreement to accommodate district staff/organizations using the kitchens when needed for fundraisers, etc.

Facilities Updates:

The current Capital Projects' List was shared, which reflects:

- Minimal expenditures for March.
- The CHS Ag barn received the permit, and construction will begin in the coming weeks.
- The DHS Track value engineering meeting will be next week.
- DMS and Paonia Energy Tech's building roof repair will begin this spring.
- Hunsicker West Wing includes the amount for REDS to do the demo of the building.

2025-26 Projected Capital Projects List includes:

- Fund transfer estimates to the Capital Reserve Fund for FY26 comparison are for \$300 - \$350 per pupil. Ms. Suppes suggested the transfer be approximately \$325.00 per pupil due to uncertain budget constraints. Mr. Burke shared that with the escalating cost of materials, he believes doing a higher amount of transfer would be proactive. There was a question about the budget for smaller projects within each building. They are miscellaneous things that come out of the maintenance budget.
- The estimated rollover of funds from FY25 to FY26 was shared.

Recommended Projects list includes:

- GMES removal of the old wing.
- Replacement of the HK8 HVAC System in the library.
- Shot Clocks for all high schools (required by CHSSA).
- New LES HVAC - installation of new units in three classrooms. (Units are paid for; there will be a cost for installation.)
- Cedaredge High School parking configuration.



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School-Based Health Clinic - A Kidz Clinic:

Mr. Clay and Mr. Skarka shared about the structure of A Kidz Clinic and the contract with CDPHE that is through 2027. Mr. Skarka gave a legal background of how the clinic was formed. Mr. Clay shared how the clinic began:

- In 2006, a bill was passed to fund school-based clinics through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).
- These clinics operate on school property and can provide primary care, preventive care, behavioral health care, dental health care, etc.
- Delta County was a recipient of the grant in 2013-2014. There are three school districts listed in the grantee list.

Background:

- In 2012-13, the grant process was started.
- The district teamed up with The Center for Mental Health, Community Dental and Pediatric Associates to apply for the grant for the clinic.
- In the beginning, employees from each of the medical entities who began the clinic worked in the clinic.
- There have been 5 different directors at the clinic.
- Currently, employees at the clinic are employed by the School District.
- In 2022, changes were made to the requirements for the Director.
- The Clinic is governed by its own board and operates under a 5013C. There is not a written MOU currently. Contents of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have been discussed that includes: employees should continue to be employed by the District and should finances and medical files should be maintained by the District.

Options for the Clinic are:

1. Keep the clinic as is and create an MOU allowing the employees to continue to be District staff.
2. The 5013C will be utilized, and all employees are under A Kidz Clinic.
3. Allow letters of interest from other organizations to participate in managing the clinic.

Ms. Suppes shared a packet from CDPHE about the School-Based Health Center (SBHC) program that includes: guidelines for having a SBHC, a sample letter of interest, and a sample MOU. She discussed the requirement of who the health mentor should be.

There was a question about what the benefits there are of having an SBHC. Ms. Dockter shared the benefits of having A Kidz Clinic, which include: they have a food pantry for students, they give gift cards to families for food, they pay for anesthesia for dental procedures, they pay for rent and utilities for families, and they pay tuition, etc. It was shared that the Hotchkiss location is understaffed and temporarily closed until positions are filled.

The Kidz Clinic Committee would like guidance on how to move forward with the structure of how the clinic is run. Mr. Burke shared that he thinks having the MOU with the school district or them run by the 5013C would be best. Jennifer McGavin shared that she worries about not having power over the hiring and firing of employees. The MOU would include having a DCSD Board member on the Kidz Clinic Board. More information will be provided at the next school board meeting.



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School Finance - DCSD State Budget Projections:

District Budget Planning Process - FY26 Budget adoption on the new budget will be on June 26th and will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Town of Cedaredge - Projects and Conversations:

Mr. Clay and Ms. Gibson shared that they recently attended a meeting with the Town of Cedaredge. They discussed projects they would like to partner with the District on. Projects discussed are:

- Having pickleball/tennis ball courts at the Hunsicker property with an MOU. The MOU will include allowing students in the District to use the facilities for sports.
- The Deer Trail Avenue Bridge road extension proposal encompasses school district property. The District proposed in exchange, the city extend the road west of the school to Deer Trail Avenue for buses and school traffic.

Lease Agreements for Open Facilities (Energy Tech & Hunsicker):

Leasing vacant buildings in the District has been discussed. There is an interested party who would like to use the Cedaredge Kinder Cottages for a daycare. An advertisement to lease the building has been placed in the Delta County Independent, and there has been no interest. The potential renter discussed the option with Little Sprouts, and due to state requirements, Little Sprouts is unable to use the building without detailed renovations. The interested party would like to move forward with leasing the building. Ms. Suppes suggests placing a “for lease” sign on the property to advertise it better. A for lease sign might be placed at the Paonia Energy Tech as well.

The Mill Levy for the November Ballot Conversation will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Committee Updates: The committee updates for DURA, Head Start, A Kidz Clinic, RFPs, TCR, Nutritional Services and CASB Documents Policy Committee/Legislative, & CLAS Council will be given at the next board meeting.

2025 School Board Elections – Timeline: Will be discussed at the next board meeting.

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