

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

March 13, 2025

DSST: Cedar, Middle School Commons

Meeting Called to Order: 2:09 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Andrew Sinclair*

Brenda J Allen

David Greenberg

David Suppes

Deanna Campos Miller*

Dominick Moreno

Fatima Rezaie*

Glenn Russo

Jean Kutner

Jim Taylor

Medford Moorer*

Patrick O'Rourke

**Joined via Microsoft Teams*

Parent/Guardian Present: Jasmine

Board Members Absent: Alyssa Whitehead-Bust, Billy Brown, Mary Haynes.

DSST Staff Present: Aaron Griffen, Analise Gonzalez-Fine, Andrew Mendrop, Antwan Wilson, Carrie Ramsey, Danielle Felder, Elin Curry, Heather Koehler, Isabella Reyes, Joe Cicchese, Luisa Harkins, Nella García Urban, Nick Plantan, Nicole Fulbright, Samantha Barton, Tamara Ghandour.

DPS Staff Present: None

Others Present: Cedar HS Students: Allison Barbosa, Alondra Rodarte, Aroa Corral-Balderas, Esmeralda Garcia, Gabrielle Robinson, Gianna Liberati, Kiera Plowman, Lillian Braun, Murphy Smith, Raheel Abdelmonim, Steele Bradley, Tess Kim, Valentina Casarrubias, Valeria Fuentes, Valerie Redondo, Wilson Sperry.

Public Comment: None

Welcome:

Mr. Russo welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated members of the Cedar High School Co-Ed Cheer Team on becoming State Champions. The team performed for the board.

Ms. Garcia Urban introduced Elin Curry, DSST: Cedar Campus School Director, congratulating her on being a finalist for the Colorado League Leader of the Year 2025. Ms. Curry shared a brief overview of the school and then engaged in a Q&A with the board.

Approval Items:

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes (January 23, 2025), Kutner

Second: Taylor

Vote: Unanimous approval

Discussion:

CEO Report: Ms. García Urban provided updates to the board on school director retention and transformational talent, testing, priority schools, and opportunities for network growth.

Big 5 Update: Ms. Ramsey, and Ms. Koehler provided the board with a performance update on HS PSAT Results and progress to Green Schools on the Colorado SPF. Ms. Gonzalez-Fine provided an update on matriculation data. Ms. Felder provided an update on Round 1 School Choice results.

Reports:

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Mendrop provided an update from the Senior Signing Day Committee.

Executive Session:

Mr. Russo stated, "I would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session as permitted by the Colorado Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering the following matters:

(1) Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402

- (4) (a) Regarding the purchase, acquisition, lease, or transfer of any real property interest.

(2) Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402

- (4) (f) Regarding personnel matters.

Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402

- (4) (e) Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators.

Motion to go into Executive Session, Allen

Second: Taylor

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Russo

Second: O'Rourke

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn board meeting, Russo

Second: Kutner

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Luisa Harkins (note-taker), Secretary