

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

June 10, 2021

Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

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

Board Members Present:

Alyssa Whitehead-Bust

Barbara Brohl

Brenda J. Allen

David Greenberg

Gina Rodriguez

Gloria Zamora

Greg Sissel

Justin Jaschke

Patrick O'Rourke

Peter Fritzing

Scott Arthur

Parent Present: None

Board Members Absent: Billy Brown, George Sparks, Glenn Russo, Janet Lopez, Jeff Tarr

DSST Staff Present: Aaron Griffen, Bill Kurtz, Catherine Otto, Christine Nelson, Heather Lamm, Katie Glenn, Nicole Fulbright, Noah Stout

DPS Staff Present: None

Others Present: None

Public Comment: None

Welcome:

Ms. Zamora welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Zamora continued by thanking Gina Rodriguez for her support and congratulated her on her new position. Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Fritzing also thanked Ms. Rodriguez for her support. Following Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Fritzing's remarks, the board participated in an icebreaker.

Approval Items:

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes, Fritzing

Second: Sissel

Vote: Unanimous approval

*Ms. Brohl abstained. She was not at the last board meeting.

Discussion: Mr. Kurtz presented a document on DSST's Strategic Planning Process. Following the presentation, the board engaged in an open discussion.

Reports:

CEO: Mr. Kurtz introduced DEI work and then turned it over to Dr. Griffen. Dr. Griffen presented to the board how we train our teachers around critical incidents. Following Dr. Griffen's presentation, the board engaged in a Q&A. After the Q&A, Mr. Kurtz recognized DSST's Senior Leadership Team for their hard work and leadership through the last 15 months. Ms. Zamora also added her thanks for the staff and their leadership and hard work over the last 15 months.

Audit: Mr. Fritzingler provided the board with an overview of DSST's Risk Assessment process. Mr. Fritzingler also added that DSST will be changing auditors this year. The team has had an initial conversation with the auditors and will receive the report in August/September. Mr. Fritzingler then asked the board for any questions.

Nominating & Governance: Mr. Jaschke thanked Ms. Zamora for her leadership on the board and her willingness to continue as Board Chair. Mr. Jaschke then requested the following motion.

Motion to nominate Gloria Zamora to an extended 1-year term as Board Chair, Fritzingler

Second: Allen

Vote: Unanimous approval

Executive: Ms. Zamora shared that Mr. Sparks will Chair sub-committee for DEI work on the board. Ms. Zamora continued by sharing that Mr. Sissel will be stepping off the DSST Board. Ms. Zamora thanked Mr. Sissel for his time on the DSST Board.

New Business: None

Executive Session

Ms. Zamora 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:

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

- (4) (e) negotiations
- (4) (f) personnel matters

Motion to go into Executive Session, Arthur

Second: Jaschke

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn Executive Session, Fritzing

Second: Allen

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to adjourn board meeting, Arthur

Second: Fritzing

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Glenn (note-taker), Secretary