

**DCSD School Board Meeting
4-20-10**

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5:18 p.m.: Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge

- Present: John Carson, Douglas Benevento, Justin Williams, and Meghann Silverthorn, Dan Gerken, Clifton Stahl (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)
- Motion to accept agenda
- Move into executive session to discuss legal issues, personnel matters, & individual student matter/discipline
- Returned from executive session at 6:17

6:17 p.m.: Board/ Superintendent Updates (District Advisory Committee Final Report; Preliminary FY 2010-2011 Budget Information Carson: hear will from DAC, preliminary budget info from David Hart

- DAC Presentation: (power point available with the agenda on the district website or posted with notes at www.dcft.net). Kevin Larson: new members added, 11 voting members, 2 alternates and liaisons
- Carson: skip over budget presentation until later, questions for DAC? None. Thanked DAC

Student and Staff Recognitions:

- Recognition of Nona Eichelberger. Silverthorn: Wednesday is administrative professionals day and we would be lost without
- Herzog: recognition from apple computers, began with two-minute video. Apple along with Kim McMonagle and Randy Weldon was presented award for digital educator program. Apple believes this is an example of 21st century learning.
- Herzog: recognized Outstanding Athletics: Coed 5A Championship DCHS team; MVHS 5A State Champion Poms team. Also took 4th in nation; RCHS 4A state champion poms; NRE Discovery teams 1st place trophy for Optimist Brain Bowl
NRE Discovery Team 1st place Winter Knowledge Master Open.

Community Engagement:

Public Engagement opening remarks made by John Carson (power point available with the agenda on the district website or posted with notes at www.dcft.net). Formal approval of Dr. Fagen. Board has high confidence in their decision. She is already working on her transition with Dr. Herzog.

Other updates: financial transparency, historic MOU on Evaluation System, investment in 21st century Learning environment, commitment to full partnership between neighborhood option for charter schools, committee on budget/bond election, engagement update, regular school visits by BOE members, electronic public comment card for BOE meetings, budget update, including the proposal 10/11 budget reductions district has reduced its budget over 100 million over 4 years

Public comment:

- Kevin Larsen on behalf of HRHS choir/parents: It is both ironic and appropriate that we are here on this stage. This is where the choir teacher at this school is being involuntarily transferred since she is probationary status. She has been bumped from her position. I know the state of the budget but it is not fair for this teacher to be bumped from her position. Senate bill 10-191 is now being introduced down at the capital that could "fix" this. It will have a fair process in place for Due Process. Carson: The DCSD BoE has instructed our lobbyist to endorse this bill. Also our representative will endorse this bill.
- Therese Gardner had presented to DCEF about fundraising. Students spend 4 or 5 dollars for one dup of coffee. That's a lot of money. We provide something that kids will go out and buy and not end up in our freezer. It is an instant gourmet coffee. Schools can make money now and years later. Each cup is \$1. A sachet is \$30. The school gets \$15. More description took place of fundraiser. Sponsored by Rod Smith.
- HRHS parent: spoke about the tenure issue rooted in state law. Outstanding teachers are being pushed out. Spoke about senate Bill and believes it would help.
- Andrew (student at HRHS): many express constant frustration with the turn over of so many teachers.
- Carson: BOE is endorsing that Senate Bill with a few changes recommended.
- HRHS parent: read a letter written by a student voicing concerns about choir teacher.
- Parent spoke about strengths of choir teacher and frustration of losing her.
- Student from HRHS: has been involved in music for 3 years. Teacher has encouraged them to go so far. Students appreciate what she has done for them. She supported students to get Talons class back. She took a failing music program and built it up. We need to keep her at all costs.

8: 15 p.m. Student Panel: TRHS Senior Project Presentation

(power point available with the agenda on the district website or posted with notes at www.dcft.net)

Community Panel: Wickerdale Walkers

- David DiCarlo: I want to talk about the 70%, if we want to reach them we need to show them the value. In order to get their support we need to support school choice, support getting rid of existing tenure...you are not going to get their vote doing the same old thing. We will be in the same position or worse down the road. We learned that 101, 60 and 61...look good only on the surface. We need to do a better job with our community of tying our schools with civil service and that these (amendments and proposition) will affect everything. If you tie it to the idea that there will be 10 inches before snow is plowed... We want to have debates and have the public debate this. We spoken with our local politicians about coming and listening. We need to get people open to new ideas. I am on record, I support a mill...the Wickerdale Walkers are supportive of it. To that by itself...you will need to do it every year...you will have a community that is saturated...please keep open to ideas. I am a little disappointed in tonight. If you have neighbors, and they are not here? They need to get off of the couch. Their enemy is not their school district or Board...We have met with our local representatives, we don't always agree, but we will continue to work with them. We are committing to working with our public, board...We want more people plugged in, we want more understanding. There is no magic wand. Brad Wann: we want to encourage people to bring forward new ideas. The coffee was a great idea. We are willing to support (a mill)...we have to look at the (problems of funding). We would like to put together a quick forum, a debate. We don't care where it is, a library, school. We need to find out why people oppose it...the only way to get it is to talk, not to shut people out. We want to talk to you if you have an opposing view...we want to talk to you if you don't want to vote yes for education.
- Motion to approve the consent agenda removing #20 Transportation Fee. Motion carried, all items approved (transportation document available with the agenda on the district website or posted with notes at www.dcft.net)
- Motion to approve minutes of last meeting. Motion carried.
- Monitoring report: exec limit 1.8 no discussion very pleased with communication from Dr Herzog and staff. Motion to approve this. Motion approved.

Budget Information-David Hart (power point available with the agenda on the district website or posted with notes at www.dcft.net)
General Assumptions- reduction in PPR of 6.1 % and another 65 reduction in 11/12. In the model is the tech fee. No transportation fee is in this model. 1 mill athletic fee, decrease of 250 pp and mill levy share with charter school were all included. No increase in salaries. Three furlough days next year and four the following year. 15% increase next year for med fees. Save 150K next year by getting out of the lease for the staff development building. Top bar slide is the budget BoE adopted for 09/10. 10/11 and 11/12 budget includes Pay for Performance funds as they are now. But as we talked, we need to get our benefits to be a manageable number before we have to start paying for PERA. PERA will increase .9% every year till 2017. This is 22 cent on the dollar. In 10/11 we will be reducing the general fund by a third and another add 2 million the next year. Proposed budget for May 18th will be brought to BoE. Legislature will put those numbers out in May before adjournment. As long as they are in session, they can modify the Long Bill. Won't rest easy until they sign the Bill. Hopefully in 10 days.

Board report Items:

- Discussion around upcoming BoE Retreat. Megan is unable to attend the date it is scheduled. Sheriff Weaver is attending. Justin says the Agenda is not solidified enough to go on record. Herzog: Dr. Fagen is trying to attend and if date changes she needs to know ASAP. Board decided to keep the scheduled date. Megan will try to get there for Saturday. Gerken: updates on PFP. No updates. Trying to schedule a half hour presentation at next board mtg. Stahl: update on community engagement, Cliff briefed us on “mutual consent” on SB10-191. Johnston assured us that our policy would not be in jeopardy. When looking at mutual consent language he assures us that we will be able to do what we need to do and not been in jeopardy. Susan Meek is trying to get a breakfast together for community leadership on May 3.
- Carson: discuss plans to visit each of the schools. Everyone can visit their sites whenever. John is going to visit at night with the SAC's. Susan is going to put the talking points together so they have a unified message. Points are budget cuts, PFP, evaluation, etc.
- Gerken: update on Amendments 60 and 61; Prop. 101, hot topics. Bond advisor will be giving a report on the 18th
- Carson: vacancy- we have till June 6th to fill the position. Applications are due on the 28th.

- Williams: he and Andrew Sykes have visited over 25 employers over the month. Gather like-minded employers first meeting, May 3rd.
- Hosting the DC Council of Governance Meeting tomorrow morning at 7:00 at the lumberyard bldg.

Motion to adjourn at 8:51.

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