

**Dallas School District No. 2
Finance Committee Agenda
Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

5:30 in the District Office Board Room

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Dave Morris

2. Approval of October 27, 2022 Minutes

3. Reports

- a. School Finance 101- Tami
- b. ESSER Position Funding Report - Tami
- c. FTE & Enrollment by Building - Tami
- d. District Priority Setting Exercise - Steve

4. Discussion - ALL

5. Reports (Written)

- a. Monthly Financial Board Report
- b. Monthly Enrollment Report

6. Future Agenda Items - All

7. Adjourn – 7:00 p.m.

Proposed 2022-23 Meeting Schedule

December 14, 2022

January 19, 2023

February 16, 2023

March 16, 2023

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
Dallas School District Board Room**

Present: Dave Morris, Tami Montague, Steve Spencer, Trista Girt, Ed Dressel, Matt Woolsey, Lu Ann Meyer, Kelli McGuire, Charlotte Riester, Mike Bollman

Absent: None

1. **Called to order** at 5:30 p.m. by Steve Spencer.
2. **Approval of February 17, 2022 Minutes:** Motion by Matt Woolsey, seconded by Dave Morris. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **2022-23 Chair and Vice Chair nominations:** Steve called for nominations for Chair. Matt Woolsey moved to nominate Dave Morris for Chair, seconded by Ed Dressel. The vote was passed unanimously. Ed Dressel volunteered for Vice Chair, Matt Woolsey moved to nominate Ed Dressel for Vice Chair, seconded by Charlotte Riester. The vote was passed unanimously.

Beyond introductions and a brief review of the Finance Committee Charge there was a discussion about recruitment of new members, specifically community members. We are missing representation from higher ed, city and county. Jeff Laeng, Realtor and member of the Budget Committee was suggested as a possibility.

4. **Reports – General Obligation Bond Update:** Tami referred to the document provided in the packet, S & P Global Ratings, noting that the rate wasn't quite as low as we had originally hoped but still under 3%. She highlighted a few key components of the document, specifically our rating which is stable due to the work the committee did a few years ago prioritizing increasing the district's ending fund balance.

Strategic Plan Update: Steve directed the group to the 22-23 Board Superintendent Goals, the last 2 bullets on the second page. His ultimate goal is to align the district budget with the strategic plan. He is seeking advice from many to target needs earlier in the year to prepare for the spring budget process.

Enrollment Update: We are currently at 2615. Steve reminded the group that the district was hoping to recover 100-120 students that didn't return after the pandemic, currently we are only seeing an increase of 20-30. This is consistent with the state trend of slow and moderate increases. Tami noted that the state enrollment was approximately 30k prior to the pandemic, we are now at 20k statewide. There was much discussion throughout the meeting about enrollment decline, recruitment and recovery.

Financial Update: Tami shared that legislative groups are reporting a likely recession over the next few biennia. The positive news is the income taxes remain strong. The issue facing the district, and many others is the "perfect storm" of losing ESSER funding, declining enrollment and "recession-ish" financial conditions. In response to questions from committee members, Tami reported that the PERS Bond work done last year is proving to have been the right move, saving 7% on PERS costs. She also confirmed that we will be fully funded for High School Success (formerly referred to as Measure 98, and commonly referred to as "CTE"), Student Investment Act (SIA) and that the funding is stable for these programs, although still dependent on enrollment. Steve shared that he was reviewing some documentation from 2011-12 as a comparison tool. He noted that since that year, the district is down 319 students, but has

gained 56 staff. Tami shared a graph comparing FTE by classification to enrollment back to 2006-07. The visual provides a startling trend since 2011-12.

- 5. Discussion – Committee Work Goals:** Committee members asked for some clarifications on goals for the committee. Steve referred back to aligning the budget with the Strategic Plan and transparency in the process. He also noted that he and Tami will be working on a planning tool for the ESSER “glide path” reductions and when asked what his main goal was today, he responded that developing a solid alternative education program in the district is in the forefront of his mind. There was input from the group regarding inflation and providing staff with livable wages. Providing additional options/programs in terms of recruiting/increasing our enrollment including immediate attention to broadening our alternative education programs as Steve noted earlier in the meeting, and possibly looking at a hybrid model for students rather than either in person or virtual, a combination of both. It was also noted that the CTE Program, as it continues to expand will likely draw students. Lu Ann referenced an OSBA conference that she and Steve attended over the summer and their insistence on the concern districts should have for future cuts and how we can align the budget for needs and the plan for cutting back as the occasion arises. Circling back to the enrollment issue, she is requesting more specific data on the students that left the district. Why? Where are they now?
- 6. Future Agenda Items:** To narrow down for the next meeting, Tami suggested providing a position funding report, staff vs. enrollment by building as requested earlier in the meeting, as well as facilitating a discussion on a mechanism for identifying adm loss.
- 7. Future Meeting Timing and Schedule:** Dave requested feedback about changing the time of the meeting to 5:30 – 7 p.m. permanently. The majority of the group was in favor.

Adjourn: 7:02 p.m. by Dave Morris.

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