



DSM/DSMP Joint Board Meeting Minutes – Special Session
Desert Sky Montessori and Desert Sky Montessori Primary
Virtual Meeting
April 22, 2020

Sam Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Present: Sam Pierce, Cara Nowak, Jolene Dodge, Kim Bangerter, John Eskew, Jason Sexton

Also Present: Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, Heather Phillips, Pascaline Ocana (6:54 arrival)

BUSINESS

- A. Proposed budget and payroll changes to address the funds imbalance caused by the closure of DSMP due to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - i. John Eskew: We have some employees hired only under DSMP and some that are joint DSM/DSMP employees (ie partially paid from DSM funds and partially paid from DSMP funds); we are discussing tonight removing these five “partial employees” from DSMP and having them paid fully under DSM instead
 1. We will be \$41,000 below mark if we bring these employees over, but we can mitigate that by delaying PERS payments (PERS does not actually have to be accounted for until the end of the calendar year); this would need to be made up for during the next school year, unless the PPP loan we have applied for or government funding goes through
 2. Only one or two of the staff in question would possibly be eligible for unemployment payments
 - ii. Sam Pierce: How does that shortfall shake out for next year considering what our budget normally is?
 1. Jodie Borgia: Some pretty significant cutbacks would need to be made next year (ie numbers not being cut for class sizes, no intervention specialist, no extra help hired for administrators, etc.), but we could make the budget work even without PPP funds or Student Success Funds
 - iii. Kim Bangerter: We should go to our vendors, and especially our landlords, to ask for relief
 - iv. Sam Pierce: It’s right to not take too much risk, but it’s also right to take care of our teachers.

- v. Jodie Borgia: All money from the government relief programs for schools (Educational Stabilization Fund) is going through the district and not going directly to the charter schools; district's decision on how to handle it, but no one has details on this yet

2020.4.22.01 Sam Pierce moves that we increase the 2019/2020 DSM budget for staffing by a maximum of \$49,000. Kim Bangerter seconds. The 2019/2020 DSM budget for staffing is increased by a maximum of \$49,000 by unanimous vote.

- vi. Jodie Borgia: Wants to offer a huge "thank you" to the board for taking care of our teachers and passing this vote; thanks Julia Sutter for working so hard on the budget for the past weeks; thanks John Eskew for his help on the budget also

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Recorded by: Cara Nowak

Minutes approved at 5/13/2020 Board Meeting