

ELIZABETH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
District Accountability Committee (DAC)  
May 15, 2019  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Board of Education Room

**In Attendance:**

**2018-2019 Parent Community Members:**

Nicky Quinby (Secretary) – Running Creek Elementary  
Wendy Church- Singing Hills Elementary  
Traci Slade (Chair) – Elizabeth Middle School  
Rachel Spidel (Co-Chair) – Elizabeth High School  
Deborah Ihm-Legacy Academy

**2018-2019 Staff Members:**

Danielle Gregory-Running Creek Elementary  
Natalie Meadows-Singing Hills Elementary  
Rob Chavez-Elizabeth High School  
Catherine Wheeler-Frontier High School  
Kim Blakeslee-Legacy Academy  
Jen Zander-Legacy Academy  
Douglas Bissonette-District Administrator

**Others in Attendance:**

Ron Patera, CFO

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1) Approve Minutes from March Meeting
  - a. **Minutes were approved.**
- 2) Approve Agenda
  - a. **Agenda was approved without amendment.**
- 3) Update - Membership approved by BOE; new members.
  - a. **Deborah Ihm was introduced as a parent representative for Legacy Academy.**
- 4) Present 2019/2020 Budget – Ron Patera, CFO
  - a. **Patera reviewed three documents:**
    - [2019-2020 Fiscal Year Assumptions and Projections](#)
    - [General Fund Financial Summary](#)
      - **Full funding is unknown until October 1 count.**
      - **Budget will be finalized and revised in November.**
      - **Board of Education budget approval is an ‘approval to spend a certain amount’ and weigh-in on how money is spent.**
      - **Any extra expenses are required to go before the board again for approval.**
    - [Preliminary Budget Assumptions 2019-20](#)
      - **This is a high-level look at the general fund budget. The general fund is the largest budget in the school district and is the main operating budget.**

- Any extra funds freed up from new state full-day Kindergarten funds may be offset by the potential loss of state funds for rural schools.
  - MLO funds are being put towards many safety and security improvements—bus cameras, ballistic film, panic buttons, radio upgrades, magnet locks, vape detectors, etc.
    - School Resource Officer starts in two months.
    - Behavior Specialist will start this fall.
  - The District will implement these new safety and security measures, then assess needs and priorities.
- 5) Review School UIPs (Unified Improvement Plans)
- a. Running Creek
  - b. Singing Hills
  - c. Elizabeth Middle School
  - d. Legacy Academy
  - e. Frontier High School
    - The DAC reviewed all UIPs.
    - The Superintendent showed the DAC the CDE Interactive Performance Framework Reports and Improvement Plans page: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/code/accountability-performancesnapshot>.
    - <https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/performanceframeworks> explains how to interpret the information.
- 6) Legacy Academy MLO funds
- a. **Money from ballot measure 4A will go towards teacher bonuses instead of Legacy Academy's new construction.**
  - b. **Legacy teachers will all make over \$40,000 per year.**
  - c. **Legacy Academy's charter contract is up for renewal this year.**
    - **Legacy will submit their charter plan to the School Board for approval to ensure it is consistent with 4A ballot language.**
    - **Plans must be in-line with the MLO before money is spent.**
  - d. **Legacy Academy is applying for the BEST Grant to pay for the expansion.**
- 7) DAC Comments to BOE regarding MLO Funds/4A and UIP's
- a. **DAC Official MLO Statement: "The DAC has reviewed the plans for Legacy and the District of the MLO funds for this year and next year. Both are consistent with the requirements set forth in the MLO ballot language. The supporting documents are available on the DAC web page on the District web site."**
  - b. **DAC Official UIP Statement: "The DAC has reviewed the documents and they've been submitted to the state."**
- 8) Other
- a. **The DAC will prepare a survey for the 2019-2020 school year.**
  - b. **The next DAC meeting will be on September 25, 2019 at 6 PM, presumably at the District Offices.**