



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting/Work Session
October 25, 2022

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM Information Technology Center Aspen Training Rooms

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Chief Officers Matt Bryant, Marlena Gross-Taylor, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, and Dwayne Schmitz; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:35 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Student Advisory Group members Charlie and Amara introduced themselves and spoke about the proposed meeting agenda for the school year.
- Board members engaged the students in a question-and-answer period.
- Director Anderson provided an update on the recent CASB conference.
- Suggestion was made to share community missing children posts on PSD social platforms.
- Superintendent Kingsley shared good news about the addition of a puppy to his home.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Audit committee still needs two community members to complete the group.

Dinner session ended at 6:09 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Chief Officers Matt Bryant, Marlena Gross-Taylor, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, and Dwayne Schmitz; General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Petterson called the regular business meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Reed moved to amend the agenda to move Item 3.2 to a new Action Item section after 7.0 Consent Agenda.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Resolution in Support of Homeless Youth Awareness Month

Director Donovan moved that the Board adopt the resolution in support of National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, November 2022.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director Donovan read the resolution aloud.
- McKinney-Vento Program Specialist Whitney Reid spoke about struggles for homeless youth in the district.
- 951 students in PSD are currently in transition or experiencing homelessness, which equates to approximately one student in every class across the district.
- Important to accept homelessness exists so children can be seen and elevated.
- Stability for students is important.
- Gratitude was expressed to McKinney-Vento staff for work performed on behalf of students.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley thanked Whitney Reid for working professionally and passionately with some of the most vulnerable families on behalf of students in need. Recent school visits revealed students who spoke forthright with radical candor because they need to feel engaged and heard, which amplifies the importance of elevating student voices so they can see themselves in a future.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Parent Nikki Perez stated there is a crisis of youth suicide and asked for lockdown drills to be comprehensive and said communication of FAMLII leave information through an infographic may help staff feel empowered by their decision.

Substitute teacher Kane Peavy agreed with a PSD decision to opt out of participation in Proposition 118 and encouraged Board members to keep in mind parents and families may benefit.

Aaron Green expressed gratitude for the recent Resolution in Support of Blindness Awareness month, thanked various Board members for attending additional meetings, and said he was disappointed the Superintendent presented student artwork at the last meeting without providing an audible description for those who could not see the art.

Dani Lawrence stated district policy CFD regarding site-based decisions does not allow schools to adhere to federal law without directives from the Superintendent.

6.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no discussion on this item.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Personnel Action

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended action for the item on the Consent Agenda.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Resolution Opting out of the Colorado Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve and adopt the Resolution Opting out of the Colorado Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director Zamora read the resolution aloud.
- Information regarding employee notification was provided.

- Comprehensive benefits provided by PSD are better than FAMILI provisions.
- Side-by-side comparison graphic was requested for future items.
- Decision to opt out is not indicative of potential value of FAMILI to the community.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: Director Donovan

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 6-1

9.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Early Childhood Universal Pre-K Approach – Year One

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to parents and staff for expressing opinions and adding voices to the process.
- Wellington site makes sense and would serve the area well.
- Clarification from the State is necessary to identify steps forward.
- Projected enrollment numbers should be finalized in January.
- Parent preference within the district is honored for Early Childhood, which differs from School of Choice procedures for K-12 education.
- Clarification was requested on tuition vs. Universal Pre-K overlap.
- Second location may be less ideal than integrating Pre-K into each elementary school.
- Gratitude was expressed for articulation of what is known versus what is unknown.
- Demand across the system indicates open slots will be filled and a wait list may exist.
- Appreciation was expressed for information provided.

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 Negotiations

Vice President Draper moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of developing the strategy of the school district for negotiations relating to the 2023-2024 collective bargaining agreement or employment contracts, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(III). Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya, Chief Human Resources Officer Erich Wonsavage, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

Board recessed at 8:18 p.m.

Executive session began at 8:26 p.m.
Executive session ended at 9:18 p.m.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education