



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting  
January 9, 2024

#### **DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM Information Technology Center Training Room**

PRESENT: President Kristen Draper; Vice President Jessica Zamora; Directors Jim Brokish, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, and Scott Schoenbauer; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Julie Chaplain and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:31 p.m.

#### **1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics**

- President Draper volunteered to award the meeting recognition.
- Assistant Superintendent Insoon Olson and Chief Human Resources Officer Erich WonSavage presented the DEI Framework Overview.
- Director of Curriculum and Instruction John Passantino provided an overview of the TNTP findings.

#### **2.0 Agenda Planning**

- Professional Development opportunities are available for Board members.

Dinner session ended at 6:24 p.m.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: President Kristen Draper; Vice President Jessica Zamora; Directors Jim Brokish, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, and Scott Schoenbauer; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Julie Chaplain and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Draper led the Board of Education, staff, and community members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

## **4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS**

### **4.1 Colorado 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Service Award, Educator of the Year**

Lincoln Middle School Principal Ryan Thomson and Assistant Principal Kathy Sampson introduced teacher Sue Davidson, who spoke about her experience as a teacher and gratitude for the award.

President Draper congratulated Sue on behalf of the Board of Education.

## **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **5.1 Resolution in Support of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Director Havelda moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15, 2024.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

- Director Brokish read the resolution aloud.
- MTSS Social Emotional Behavior Coach Gilda Gallagher introduced student Kaleena Molina-Perez, who spoke about her experience with diversity in school.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude and pride were expressed to Kaleena for speaking truth on behalf of others.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

## **6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Kingsley spoke about returning from the recent break refreshed and ready for the second half of the school year, addressed the significance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work and life, and conveyed the importance of the upcoming financial discussion.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Jeff Aufderheide requested transparency from the Board and district in multiple areas.

Dani Lawrence expressed concern about a staff member who might be using an alternate name to avoid detection when fingerprinted and asked the district to ensure licensed individuals are using legal names in schools.

Sabrina Herrick conveyed frustration with district participation in social media litigation and stated PSD should be more concerned about the damage being done to student mental health by the district than suing someone else for doing the same.

Anna Lebedda said that serious reading issues exist in the district due to unidentified dyslexia and asked PSD to form a task force to move toward meaningful interventions for kids in need.

Samantha Lowndes expressed concern about the district's ability to retain teaching staff due to a job that provides little preparation time and training that requires massive amounts of unpaid time.

## **8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There was no discussion on this item.

## **9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **9.1 Personnel Action**

### **9.2 Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2023, and December 12, 2023**

### **9.3 Designation of Posting Location for Public Meetings**

### **9.4 Social Media Litigation Representation Agreement**

### **9.5 Dunn Elementary School HVAC Upgrades Phase II Construction**

Director Brokish moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

## 10.0 ACTION ITEMS

### 10.1 Annual Mill Levy Certification

Director Duffy moved that the Board certify the mill levy by the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF POUUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1 that the Secretary of the Board of Education formally certify to the Board of Larimer County Commissioners the mill levy as presented in the Board packet in the following manner: For the tax year 2023 (collectable in 2024), the Governing Board of the Poudre School District R-1 hereby certifies a total levy of 53.434 mills to be extended by you upon the total net assessed valuation of \$4,877,226,467 to produce \$260,609,719 in revenue.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya provided the Mill Levy Certification information.

Board discussion included:

- Important to note that an increase in property taxes does not equate to an increase in school funding.
- Gratitude was expressed for providing the presentation a second time this school year to serve as a reminder for community members.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

### 10.2 Intergovernmental Agreement for a Southeast Community Center

Director Schoenbauer moved that the Board authorize staff to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Southeast Community Center in substantially the form attached in this agenda item.

Vice President Zamora seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- President Draper recused herself from the vote.
- Superintendent Kingsley spoke about the Southeast Community Center.
- Gratitude was expressed to staff for maximizing assets that will continue to benefit the district for many years.
- Board encourages district to continue to pursue other assets.
- Board has asked the Superintendent to leverage community partnerships for many years and are grateful to see results.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

## **11.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **11.1 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts Adoption Overview**

Director of Curriculum and Instruction John Passantino provided an overview of the adoption.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed for the presentation and sharing process.
- Approach for all negotiations is to engage in 'best and final offer'; standard processes exist for negotiating best price.
- Request was made to link resources to the announcement of community engagement on the district website.
- Appreciation was shared for time-intensive work and strong leadership involved with launching multiple adoptions.

## **12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **12.1 SRO Contract Amendment**

### **12.2 Legal Advice**

### **12.3 Legal Advice**

Director Brokish moved that the Board enter executive session for the following purposes:

- 1) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop strategy for negotiations and instruct negotiators on a possible change to the School

Resource Officer agreements between the District and law enforcement agencies as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(I); and

- 2) to receive legal advice on the District's legal rights and remedies to pursue potential claims relating to alleged breach of contracts and overpayments to contractors as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b); and
- 3) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions relating to the current litigation involving the District, specifically including litigation regarding a former bus paraprofessional attendant, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Individuals invited to join the Board in all or part of the executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Dave Montoya, and Jeff Connell; Director of Security Frederick Smith and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

Executive Session 12.1 began at 8:21 p.m.

Executive Session 12.1 ended at 9:03 p.m.

Those in attendance for 12.1 were: Board of Education; Superintendent Kingsley; Chief Officers Jeff Connell and Lauren Hooten; Director of Safety and Security Services Frederick Smith; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen

Executive Session 12.2 began at 9:04 p.m.

Executive Session 12.2 ended at 9:33 p.m.

Those in attendance for 12.2 were: Board of Education; Superintendent Kingsley; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, and Dave Montoya; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen

Executive Session 12.3 began at 9:34 p.m.

Executive Session 12.3 ended at 10:12 p.m.

Those in attendance for 12.3 were: Board of Education; Superintendent Kingsley; Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen

### **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner  
Secretary to the Board of Education