



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
April 9, 2024

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM Superintendent Conference Room

PRESENT: President Kristen Draper; Vice President Jessica Zamora; Directors Jim Brokish, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, and Scott Schoenbauer; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Dave Montoya, Madeline Novey, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:31 p.m.

1.0 Executive Session

1.1 Negotiations

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of developing the strategy of the school district for negotiations relating to the 2024-2025 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 the executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Dave Montoya, Madeline Novey, and Erich WonSavage; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Director Brokish 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 began at 5:35 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:29 p.m.

Director Reed left the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Dinner session ended at 6:29 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Director Carolyn Reed

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Draper called the regular business meeting to order at 6:36 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

3.1 Removal of Item 10.1

Director Havelda moved that Item 10.1, Internal Monitoring Review EL 2.6 be pulled from the agenda and moved to the April 23, 2024, Board of Education meeting.

Vice President Zamora seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

3.2 Moving Items 9.4 and 9.5

Director Havelda moved that Items 9.4 and 9.5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to Action Items.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora
Those voting NO: None
Motion passed: 6-0

4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

4.1 District Oral Spelling Bee Champion

Traut Spelling Bee Coordinator Michelle Whitcomb spoke about the accomplishments of spelling bee champion Nikhil Ganta.

Director Schoenbauer congratulated Nikhil on behalf of the Board of Education.

4.2 5A Coach of the Year

Poudre High School Assistant Principal Carey Christensen introduced 5A Coach of the Year Barrett Golyer.

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

4.3 5A State Wrestling Champions

PHS teacher and wrestling coach Barrett Golyer introduced 5A Wrestling Champions Banks Norby and Billy Greenwood and spoke about their accomplishments.

Vice President Zamora congratulated the wrestlers on behalf of the Board of Education.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution in Support of National Deaf History Month

Director Havelda moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of National Deaf History Month, arch 13-April15, 2024.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

- Director Schoenbauer read the resolution aloud.
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Kate Buffington spoke about her experiences teaching deaf students and introduced student Wesley Perkins, who spoke about having bionic hearing superpowers.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to Kate for teaching students and to Wesley for sharing himself with all in attendance.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley thanked all involved with celebrations this evening and expressed gratitude for the reminders of excellence in our district, talked about recent school visits and the unique engagement opportunities at each site, voiced interest in leading partnership with staff and community, asked the community to continue to come together and resist the urge to vilify any group of people or one school/group over another in the best interest of children, and assured listeners that all interests are valid and real.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Teacher Stefanie Gotthold said levels of support provided by the district for Integrated Services staff and students are inadequate, cited examples of time spent managing behavior instead of teaching, and announced her resignation.

Student Amelia Katz spoke about loving Dunn Elementary and gave examples of why it is so great.

Student Madelyn Nelson shared multiple reasons she thinks Dunn Elementary should not close.

Lisa Trimmer expressed concern about school consolidation, said the timeline is rushed and the steering committee does not have enough information, and asked for financial transparency.

Jared Olson posed several questions to the Board and asked everyone to consider if decisions are being formed under the best conditions.

Keith Richardson spoke about the adverse effects of closing neighborhood schools and said there are doubts inside the committee and across the community that the situation is not as dire as described.

Stephanie Coleman spoke about the uniqueness of Beattie Elementary and asked the district to look for other ways to address financial issues.

Kate Bedford said consolidations will create school deserts and contradict the City of Fort Collins urban planning goals.

Austen Carr expressed concern about the speed of the consolidations and said rubrics cannot measure the most important things.

Jo Dixon spoke in support of increased health education requirements for graduation.

Kevin Dorn stated there are solutions to the immediate financial shortfalls and cited multiple examples for consideration.

Brian Bedford advocated for a transparent process and said parents need to understand what is being done to save money before being asked to accept closure of neighborhood schools.

Ashley and Aaron McGrew spoke in support of Dunn Elementary and cited multiple reasons the school should not be consolidated.

Taylor Unwin conveyed frustration with a lack of district response to the parents of the Integrated Services students victimized by Tyler Zanella.

Dan Baker expressed frustration with the current consolidation process and offered suggestions.

Student Olive Tuck spoke in support of Dunn Elementary and talked about fun projects, students, staff, and other great things at the school.

Sabrina Herrick stated the school consolidation plan has led people to accuse her lawsuit against the district as the reason PSD is out of money.

Student Violet Tuck stated Dunn Elementary is great and provided reasons to support her opinion.

Meghan Willis spoke in favor of reinstating the requirement for health education for graduation requirements.

Juliana Evans promoted comprehensive health education classes for graduation requirements.

8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- President Draper acknowledged that fear and anxiety exist around the consolidation topic, thanked all who spoke tonight, and addressed misinformation regarding the third Assistant Superintendent position and Superintendent salary information.

- Superintendent Kingsley expressed frustration with intentional disinformation in the community spread to divide people and spoke about inaccurate statements made about cabinet positions/pay and more.
- Director Havelda voiced concern about utilizing funds for device refresh given the current financial environment.
- Director Duffy provided an update on the Legislative Subcommittee meeting.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Action

9.2 Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024, March 7, 2024 and March 19, 2024

9.3 Board Consideration of Revisions to Policy IKF-2011 and IKF-2017 and Adoption of IKF-2025 (Second Reading)

9.4 Student End Point Device Refresh (moved to Action Item 10.1)

9.5 Wireless Access Points (moved to Action Item 10.2)

9.6 Timnath Annexation and Rezoning Application

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

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Student End Point Device Refresh

Director Havelda moved that the Board discuss previous Item 9.4, Student End Point Device Refresh.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Chief Technology Officer Bud Hunt explained the device refresh for 4–5-year-old computers is critical for effective learning.
- Clarification was requested on mill levy funding restrictions.
- Device refresh is for students and staff of Rocky Mountain High School and feeder schools; funds come from the 2010 technology mill.

- PSAT and CMAS testing are digital and completed on laptops.
- Delay of purchase will be costly due to scarcity of parts, software termination and more; estimated cost is \$825,000.
- General Fund is all-encompassing and includes mill levy overrides.
- 2010 mill levy funds were intended to be used on technology refresh.
- K-2 device refresh could be postponed to save money.
- Current dollar amount is largest yearly amount in the four-year-cycle.

Director Brokish moved that the Board approve previous Item 9.4, Student End Point Device Refresh, minus \$670,000 for the K-2 device refresh.

Vice President Zamora seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: Director Kevin Havelda

Motion passed: 5-1

10.2 Wireless Access Points

Director Brokish moved to approve previous Item 9.5, Wireless Access Points, now Item 10.2.

Director Schoenbauer seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Consistent connectivity exists regardless of the building or usage.
- Universal Service Fees collected on phone bills include E-rate fees and are not guaranteed to come back to the district.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: Director Kevin Havelda

Motion passed: 5-1

11.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 Budget Update

Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya and Budget Director Brian Gustafson provided the budget update.

Board discussion included:

- PSD does not receive state funds for charter schools.
- Gratitude was expressed for a thorough presentation.
- Data regarding funds allocated for maintenance of facilities was requested.
- Connection to specific state charters was explained.
- Request was made to market the district to attract students back to the district.

Board recessed at 10:03 p.m.

Board reconvened at 10:16 p.m.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Monitoring Report/Policy Review: DE1.0, General District Ends (Part 2)

Director Brokish moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy DE 1.0 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated April 9, 2024, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dwayne Schmitz presented part 2 of the General District Ends.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed for a thorough presentation.
- Data indicates progress and shows good things are happening in the district.
- Healthy Kids Survey data is encouraging.
- Important to pursue stress management at younger grades.
- Protecting children from adult decisions and allowing them to remain focused on education is important.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 Legal Advice

13.2 Contract Negotiations

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

- 1) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions relating to a lawsuit on a breach of contract claim concerning a public sector collective bargaining agreement as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), and
- 2) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop strategy for negotiations and instruct negotiators relating to charter school renewal contracts between charter schools and the district as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(e)(l),

Individuals invited to join the Board in all or part of the executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Lauren Hooten and Erich WonSavage, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

Executive Session #1 began at 11:04 p.m.

Executive Session #1 ended at 11:19 p.m.

Executive Session #2 began at 11:19 p.m.

Executive Session #2 ended at 11:40 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education