



# Poudre School District Board of Education

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## Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting/Work Session  
November 23, 2021

### REGULAR SESSION - 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 of Staff Lauren Hooten; Executive Directors Matt Bryant, Brett Larsen, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, and Dustin Reintsma; Legal and Policy Council Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Rob Petterson called the regular business meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

#### 2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

#### 3.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley shared gratitude for the opportunity to be the Superintendent of Poudre School District.

#### 4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

##### 4.1 Personnel Action

##### 4.2 Prospect Annexation and Rezoning

##### 4.3 Approval of AIA Document G701-2017 Change Order for the HVAC and Building Automation and Controls Project at Rocky Mountain High School

##### 4.4 Board Award of Bid for the HVAC System Equipment at Blevins Middle School

##### 4.5 Board Approval of CM/GC Services for Construction of the HVAC System Upgrades at Blevins Middle School

##### 4.6 Board Approval of CM/GC Services for Construction of the HVAC System Upgrades at Lincoln Middle School

##### 4.7 CDE High-Impact Tutoring Grant

##### 4.8 CDE Bullying Prevention Grant

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items on the consent agenda.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Brokish, Donovan, Draper, Petterson, Reed, and Zamora  
Those voting NO:  
ABSENT: None  
Motion passed: 7-0

The Board recessed at 6:35 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

## **5.0 WORK SESSION TOPICS**

### **5.1 Discussion About Education Legislation with State Lawmakers**

President Rob Petterson welcomed state lawmakers to update the Board with information from their districts.

Legislators in attendance were:

- Sally Boccella, for John Hickenlooper, United States Senate
- James Thompson for Michael Bennet, United States Senate
- Kim Redd, for Joe Neguse, United States Congress
- Andrew Boesenecker, State House 53
- Joann Ginal, State Senate District 14
- Cathy Kipp, State House 52

Legislators spoke about accomplishments within their District, current issues, and future goals.

Discussion included:

- Appreciation to legislators for attending.
- Priorities are focused on mental health throughout the state and finding ways to help youths.
- Doni Turner will serve as the New Educator Legislator in Washington DC.
- The revised CARES ACT & American Rescue Plan funds will be more helpful to the states and schools in the coming months.
- Food insecurity and homelessness that students are experiencing is a priority, currently State Law SB-2106; Consent to Shelter and Services by Homeless Youth, is in place and the law allows a homeless youth who is 15 years of age or older (youth) to consent to receiving shelter or shelter services from a licensed homeless youth shelter.
- With the new broadband infrastructure bill recently passed; the Board shared concerns about broadband being available to students in inaccessible areas and for students that cannot afford broadband.
- The staffing shortage in the district is a crisis and the district cannot afford to shut down again due to these staffing shortages, suggestions and support were expressed to the Representatives.
- The Board addressed the need for substitute teachers in the district and retired teachers concerns about losing their PERA benefits if they substitute.

- With the ongoing COVID situation, discussion on whether state academic testing should proceed. The Board recommended that the state should pause the testing this year.
- Suggestions were presented to do some creative thinking to use COVID relief funding to help relieve families that are experiencing homelessness. ERA 1 funds and ERA 2 funds could be used to help families that are facing eviction.
- The Board suggested fewer limitations for mental health workers to work in the educational system.
- Short- and long-term school funding in the face of TABOR and other constraints.
- A statement was given about expanding Public Service Loans Forgiveness for teachers to help to attract more people to the profession.
- Gratitude was expressed to Senator Hickenlooper for the CareerWise Pathways funding bill.

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexcia Donnelly  
Secretary to the Board of Education