



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
September 14, 2021

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre; Vice President Petterson; Directors DJ Anderson, Kristen Draper and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Executive Directors Matt Bryant, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, and Dustin Reintsma; Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten; Legal and Policy Council Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Zamora arrived at 5:32 p.m.; Director Donovan arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:31 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Superintendent Kingsley expressed appreciation to Cabinet members for their hard work.
- Vice President Petterson spoke about the Liaison meeting and recent school visits.
- Director Anderson delivered a PSD Foundation and CASB update.
- District Advisory Board members were grateful for the Superintendent's participation at the recent meeting.
- Director Zamora communicated interest in serving as the Board representative to the District Advisory Board when the position becomes available.
- President Febvre provided a URA meeting update. Director Draper will serve on the committee after President Febvre vacates his Board position.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Student Advisory Committee will meet September 20 and present at the September 28 Board meeting.
- CASB Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly is September 21 and 22; CASB Regional is September 30 in Greeley.
- Board retreat is scheduled for October 21.

Dinner session ended at 6:01 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre; Vice President Petterson; Directors DJ Anderson, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Carolyn Reed and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Executive Directors Matt Bryant, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, and Dustin Reintsma, Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten; Legal and Policy Council Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Febvre called the regular business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Febvre led the Board of Education and staff members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Vision for the school district was discussed and explained.
- Equity is at the center of the culture and vision.
- School visits have been extensive and should be completed soon.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Jim Brokish said students learn best when they are physically attending school and stated wearing a mask is more beneficial to others than self, thereby keeping the community safe

Emily McDonald spoke about the dissolution of her marriage due to twisted truth, distorted facts and manipulation and equated that experience to mask mandates for children in school.

Parent Jennifer Hoglin cited statistics against masking children, suggested the CDC is making mask recommendations due to pressure from the teachers' union, and said children are being used as pawns.

Tara Morton thanked the Board for listening to evidence that states Covid will spread if we do not take precautions, and believes communication and education about the Covid vaccine is lacking.

Heather Lahdenpera spoke against school-based health centers and mental health services provided without parental knowledge and expressed concern the group Chiefs for Change is creating positions in PSD.

Jessica Kraus questioned the mask mandate for the Board meeting and stated PSD traded the education of children for millions of dollars.

Parent Sarah Coleman expressed concern about clinics held at schools and asked if vaccine recipients are being made aware of risk, benefits and alternatives.

Nicky Galbraith spoke against the mask mandate in schools and cited Covid death statistics in Larimer County that indicate no children have died.

Gina Forcatto questioned why Fort Collins High School does not have an American flag flying, and stated the manipulation and bribing of students is medicalization and child abuse.

Parent Griffin Cole requested the Board leave children's health and wellbeing to parents and said the Board of Education spends the majority of their time on Covid and not on academics.

Diana Majors asked the district to allow parents and families to assess their own risk and make their own health decisions.

Tasha Carr called for data and cost benefit analysis to support district medical decisions for children, and recommended everyone let the virus run its course to reach herd immunity.

PSD alumni Murry McMurry stated healthy people should not wear masks because it does not prevent the virus and said blowing up information is scaring children.

6.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no discussion on this item.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Personnel Action

7.2 Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2021 and August 24, 2021

7.3 District Accreditation Contract

7.4 Building HVAC Controls and Server Upgrade

7.5 Health and Wellness Center at Centennial High/Lincoln Middle School

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

Director Draper seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Petterson, Reed and Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Resolution in Support of Hispanic Heritage Month

Director of Language, Culture and Equity John McKay spoke about the LatinX community and the history of Hispanic Heritage month.

Director Draper moved for the approval of a Resolution in support of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15, 2021.

Vice President Petterson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director Draper read the resolution aloud.

- Purpose of recognition is to elevate practices to lift up diverse community members.
- Many opportunities exist to celebrate different cultures.
- Appreciation was expressed for the resolution.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Petterson, Reed and Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

8.2 Internal Monitoring and Policy Review: EL 2.7, Compensation and Benefits

Director Donovan moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education policy EL 2.7 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated September 14, 2021, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Petterson, Reed and Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

8.3 Internal Monitoring and Policy Review: EL 2.9, Dealings with Citizens of PSD

Director Draper moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education policy EL 2.9 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated September 14, 2021, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Board has worked hard on interaction with the community.
- Superintendent Kingsley is doing great work.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Petterson, Reed and Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

9.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Construction Services Update

Director of Construction Services Earl Smith presented an update on Construction Services.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was requested on specific expenditures.
- 3% contingency plan funds were discussed.
- Bamford Elementary is expected to have unspent funds available at the end of the project.
- Questions were raised regarding the use of scoreboard advertisement revenue.
- Some work is specialized and requires trained individuals to complete.
- Supply chains have been disrupted by hurricanes and Covid shortages.
- Phase 1 of the Poudre High School floor project has been completed; more improvements may be coming.
- Abatement at Dunn Elementary has been completed.
- Appreciation was expressed for photos included in the presentation.
- New buildings are iconic and meaningful to the community.

9.2 Visitor/Volunteer Check-In System Contract Approval

Executive Director of Communications Madeline Noblett provided information about the Visitor/Volunteer Check-In System.

Board discussion included:

- Staff answered the majority of Board questions prior to the meeting.
- Clarification was requested regarding the process of committee selection and the contract winner.
- Project Manager from Information Technology department will serve as the lead for problem-solving.
- Extensive training at school sites will be required.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education