



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
January 10, 2023

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM Information Technology Center Training Room

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

ABSENT: Vice President Draper and Director Jim Brokish

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

Dinner session began at 5:32 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Director Anderson volunteered to present the student recognition.
- Chief Information Officer Madeline Noblett and Chief Operations Officer Matt Bryant provided an update on Wellington Middle-High School water issues.
- Question was raised about air quality testing at various locations.
- Director of Early Childhood Becca Benedict provided information about Early Childhood Tuition.
- Question was raised about potential to increase the number of students served in Pre-K in future years.
- Early Childhood tuition assistance can be attained through multiple factors.
- State of Colorado does not mandate attendance percentages.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Frequent communication and updates on Wellington Middle-High School water will continue as information is presented.
- Reminder BOE meetings February through April will occur on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, not the standard 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.
- BOE retreat will be February 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner session ended at 6:16 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

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ABSENT: Vice President Kristen Draper and Director Jim Brokish

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Petterson called the business meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petterson 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 Lincoln Middle School Student

Lincoln Middle School Principal Ryan Thomson introduced student Jakob Vint and spoke about the sophomore's heroic actions when he performed the Heimlich maneuver on a fellow classmate during class.

Jakob said he would have performed this act on anyone regardless of friend status, and added he might want to pursue a future in the Armed Forces.

Director Anderson congratulated Jakob on behalf of the Board of Education.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve the resolution in support of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16, 2023.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director Donovan read the resolution aloud.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Delhia Mahaney, Poudre High School student Treshawna Stevens and Rocky Mountain High School student Owen Wentz spoke about the importance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Superintendent Kingsley extended an invitation to march from Washington Park to Old Town Square next Monday in honor of the holiday.
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s thoughts and ideas should be referenced more often, and a designated day of celebration gives us all a chance to think about the important words again.
- Gratitude was expressed for students speaking tonight on behalf of all people.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 5-0

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley wished everyone a happy new year, spoke about his recent school visits, shared excitement about the presentation on literacy materials and summer programming, and provided an update about the status of water issues at several Wellington schools.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Jim Winebrener expressed frustration with a lack of audio when attempting to watch a recent BOE meeting on Channel 10 as well as frustration with the sparse number of community members who watched the meeting on YouTube, and asked Board members to hold a Community Engagement Session to discuss LGBTQ policies.

Jeff Aufderheide thanked Board members for completing Conflict of Interest forms, asked the district to post the completed forms on the Board of Education website, and requested Board members publicly reveal the names of programs they support.

8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- State of Colorado legislative session recently started.
- PSD Legislative subcommittee meets regularly to discuss upcoming legislation.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Action

9.2 Meeting Minutes: December 6, 2022, and December 13, 2022

9.3 Early Childhood Tuition Increase Approval

9.4 Early Childhood Number of Tuition-based Seats Approval

9.5 Blevins Middle School Preliminary Priority Improvement Plan

9.6 Front of Classroom Displays

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

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 5-0

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Resolution in Support of Revision of Board of Education Director Districts

Director Reed moved that the Board approve and adopt the Resolution in support of Revision of Board of Education Director Districts which will enact the new director district configuration as of the date the Resolution is approved.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Reconfiguration makes sense.
- Board members must reside in the district they represent.
- Reminder there will be an election in November for a couple of Districts.
- Appreciation was expressed to staff for time and effort put into making the changes.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 5-0

11.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 Elementary Literacy Adoption Update

Director of Curriculum John Passantino presented the update.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed for a thorough briefing.
- Timeframe for Board approval is March with a goal of teacher reveal in April.
- Question was asked about Complex Text for all; will continue to develop lower-level readers.
- Pricing for all vendors is similar.
- Grateful to teachers who worked hard and dove into the curriculum search.
- Parents are invited to attend literacy adoption meetings and provide input.
- Reclaiming and building confidence in the system is a big and necessary task.
- Progress made to date is incredible and exciting.

11.2 BOE Update: PSD Summer 2022 Program Evaluation

Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dr. Dwayne Schmitz provided an update.

Board discussion included:

- Monitoring and Evaluation reports are available on the PSD website.

- Appreciation was expressed for the detailed analysis.
- Mathew's House funding was explained.
- Correlation between middle school attendance and connections data exists.
- Overall cost for the community will be forthcoming.
- Camp Sol and High Dosage Tutoring numbers indicated gains in math and reading and negated the summer slide.
- Update combined reason for celebration with humility about areas marked for improvement.
- Collective partnerships created to incentivize students to engage in education through the summer can be transformational and is a risk worth taking on behalf of student futures.
- Information about High Dosage tutoring will be forthcoming at a Spring meeting.
- Gratitude was expressed to staff who ran summer programs.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education