



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
February 7, 2023

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

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; Chief Officers Marlena Gross-Taylor, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:34 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Board members volunteered to present meeting recognitions.
- Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen presented the SRO update.
- Superintendent Kingsley provided an update on the State of our Youth Day 2 event.
- Director Anderson spoke about a recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the National Association of School Board conference.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Staff will deconstruct information gathered at the State of the Youth events; updates will be forthcoming.

Dinner session ended at 6:16 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 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; Chief Officers Matt Bryant, Marlena Gross-Taylor, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Petterson called the business meeting to order at 6:33 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

President Petterson moved that the board amend the agenda by removing the Executive Session 12.2, Cybersecurity Update.

Vice President Draper seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

4.1 Fort Collins High School Theater

Theater Director Jason Tyler spoke about the high school production of Chicago and the honor of being the only school in the State to perform at the Thespian Conference in Denver, and introduced students Katy Hicks, Erin Dangerfield, Eddie Tyler and Sierra Massaro as well as choreographer/wife Amy Tyler.

Director Zamora congratulated the group on behalf of the Board of Education.

4.2 Poudre High School Thespians

Principal Kathy Mackay introduced Director Joel Smith who spoke about the history of the International Thespian Society, the recent Colorado Thespian Conference and the Superior ratings received by students Noura Benessa, Erin Hayhow, and Shannya Knudsen, which qualified all three for the International Thespian Festival in June.

Vice President Draper congratulated the group on behalf of the Board of Education.

4.3 Boltz Middle School Chamber Orchestra

Teaching and Learning Facilitator for Music and Performing Arts Melissa Flail introduced teacher Melissa Claeys who spoke about performing at the recent CMEA conference followed by a standing ovation. Students Sydney Bronson and Brady Schockley were in attendance on behalf of the 24 orchestra members.

Director Donovan congratulated the group on behalf of the Board of Education.

4.4 Polaris Expeditionary Learning School – Singer Songwriter Selection

Teaching and Learning Facilitator for Music and Performing Arts Melissa Flail introduced teacher Jasmine Faulkner who spoke about the contemporary program her singer/songwriters presented and performed at CMEA.

Director Brokish congratulated the group on behalf of the Board of Education.

4.5 Kinard Middle School Symphony Orchestra

Teaching and Learning Facilitator for Music and Performing Arts Melissa Flail introduced teacher Leanne Griffey who spoke about the opportunity to perform at CMEA and introduced students Zerek Krukowski and Emma Darrow who talked about their experiences.

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

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution in Support of Classified Employee Appreciation Week

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education support a resolution in support of Classified Employee Appreciation Week.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

- Director Brokish read the resolution aloud.
- Association of Classified Employees President Joni Baker shared a video and thanked all classified staff for hard work performed every day.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed to all classified staff for being essential employees who are the glue of the district and continue to show up every day for students.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

5.2 Resolution in Support of Black History Month

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of Black History Month.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

- Vice President Draper read the resolution aloud.
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Delhia Mahaney introduced teacher Jason Powell, who spoke about the importance of black history.

- Students Olivia Bird, Siobhan Omwanda and Elijah Wilson talked about the importance of celebrating black history, the lack of diversity in stores and schools in Ft. Collins, teaching about the successes of black people throughout history in addition to oppression, and celebrating black history year-round.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to the students for bravely speaking their truth and for shining light on the work that still needs to be done.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

5.3 Resolution in Support of Career and Technical Education Month

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of Career and Technical Education Month.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

- Director Donovan read the resolution aloud.
- Director of Career & Innovation Tanya Alcaraz spoke about CTE month and introduced Jackie Lausia of Neuworks Plumbing, student apprentice Kaeden Knaebel, Director of Transportation Michael Quijano, and student apprentice Nic Schountz.
- Kaeden spoke about his experience with the apprenticeship and said he is grateful to have a life path after graduation.
- Nic talked about his apprenticeship in the transportation department working on vehicles, snowplows and more and said he is grateful for the preparation of an adult job after school.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed to students for speaking about their experiences and representing the future of the program.
- Gratitude was conveyed to Work-based Learning Coordinators Robert and Wendy for making student opportunity possible.
- Partnerships are greatly appreciated.
- Director Reed said giving students a pathway for a future in the trades is a wish fulfilled.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

5.4 Resolution in Support of National School Counseling Week

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of National School Counseling Week, February 6-10, 2023.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

- Director Zamora read the resolution aloud.
- Director of Student Services Liz Davis spoke about the role of school counselors and introduced PSD Counselor Coordinator Beth Green, FRHS Counselor Nicole Alvarado and FRHS student Sofia Carmosino.
- Sofia expressed gratitude to all of her counselors for supporting her dreams for the future and said there is value in an educational experience beyond the classroom.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to school counselors for being involved in every stage from the beginning of the school career to the end.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley expressed gratitude for the recognitions and celebrations, recounted his recent experience with energetic 4th and 5th grade students in attendance at a CSU women's basketball game, spoke about the State of the Youth events where students made it clear they want more in their educational journey, and informed community members about upcoming opportunities to dialogue with staff.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Jim Winebrener said the district made multiple statements about providing opportunity for community dialogue regarding LGBTQ population and mental health and has not delivered an opportunity for back-and-forth dialogue.

Parent Dani Lawrence expressed concern about PSD bullying and harassment policies and cited two policies that are in contrast with State policy.

8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- One community engagement session regarding Mental Health and Belonging and one session regarding School Safety will be upcoming.
- Links to sign up for community engagement sessions are posted on the PSD website.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 9.1 Personnel Action**
- 9.2 Meeting Minutes: January 10, 2023 and January 24, 2023**
- 9.3 End Point Device Refresh**
- 9.4 Comprehensive Assessment of District Facility Needs**

Director Donovan requested Consent Agenda Item 9.4 be removed and added to Action Items.

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

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.4, Financial Planning and Budgeting

Director Donovan moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.4 in the Internal Monitoring Report dated February 7, 2023, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

10.2 Comprehensive Assessment of District Facility Needs

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve the contract with McKinstry Incorporated for \$2,346,053 to complete a comprehensive assessment of district facility needs.

Vice President Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- District assessment has not been completed in approximately seven years.
- Important to recognize solar information in the contract.

- Director Donovan reported pulling the item for discussion to ensure community is aware of large amount of money being spent.
- Request was made to investigate success stories as well as non-success stories to ensure Board continues to be a good steward of district finances.
- McKinstry will join the Board of Education at the March 7, 2023, meeting to provide more details.
- Director Reed requested staff investigate possibility of creating a climate policy.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

11.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 Board-Superintendent Relationship Policies Review

Board discussion included:

- Policies are available for public view on the website.
- Most policies were revised in 2021 and are current.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

12.1 Kitchel Land Acquisition Negotiations

Director Donovan moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on the potential real estate transactions relating to the Kitchel Estates development, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, Director of Construction and Facilities Earl Smith, attorney Darryl Farrington, attorney Brent Bartlett, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Vice President Draper seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

12.2 Cybersecurity Update

Removed from agenda.

Executive Session began at 8:52 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 9:16 p.m.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education