



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting/Work Session  
March 21, 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, and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendent Traci Gile; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Marlena Gross-Taylor, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: Director Carolyn Reed

LATE: None

REMOTE: Vice President Kristen Draper and Director Jim Brokish

Dinner session began at 5:33 p.m.

#### **1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics**

- Superintendent Kingsley introduced Chief Operations Officer Jeff Connell and welcomed him to PSD.
- Chief Information Officer Madeline Noblett introduced music teacher Scott Wheeler and congratulated him on his Teacher of the Year nomination.
- Medicaid Coordinator Corey Smith provided an update on Medicaid Implementation.
- Director of Human Resources Jen Needham and Mentor and Education Effectiveness Coordinator Susan Steinmark provided an update on the Coaching/Mentorship program.

#### **2.0 Agenda Planning**

There was no discussion on this item.

Dinner session ended at 6:30 p.m.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendent Traci Gile; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Marlena Gross-Taylor, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Carolyn Reed arrived at 7:59 p.m.

REMOTE: Vice President Kristen Draper and Director Jim Brokish

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Petterson called the regular business meeting to order.

## **2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes.

## **3.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **3.1 Resolution in Support of Transgender Day of Visibility**

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve the resolution in support of Transgender Day of Visibility, March 31, 2023.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

LGBTQIA+ Coordinator Shayna Seitchik introduced Rocky Mountain High School students Ash Wuu and Roman Suddreth, who spoke in support of Transgender Day of Visibility.

Board discussion included:

- Director Zamora read the resolution aloud.
- Gratitude was expressed to students for speaking bravely, being vulnerable, advocating for peers, and holding adults accountable.
- Day of Visibility is about student lives and a safe environment to learn.
- Basic human rights dictate we treat everyone with equality and justice for all.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Carolyn Reed

Motion passed: 6-0

## **4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Kingsley welcomed students, parents and community members back from spring break, spoke about recent school visits, committed to a mission of belonging and acceleration of learning through the end of the school year, provided information about multiple religious communities engaged in seasons of celebration, introduced a video regarding results of the District Monitoring and thanked all staff, students and community members who contributed to the success.

## **5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Jim Winebrener spoke about an article in the Coloradoan newspaper regarding Poudre School District involvement in keeping secrets about student gender support and ability to start gender blocking drugs without parent knowledge.

Parent Susan Schaibly expressed gratitude to the Board for support of Transgender Day of Visibility and for giving students a platform to speak.

Jeff Aufderheide voiced concern about suspected conflict of interest in the district regarding mental health services and urged PSD to make Conflict of Interest statements available on the website.

Dani Lawrence said a slideshow about color blindness used by the district makes a mockery of her color blind son and requested sensitivity and inclusion training for staff.

## **6.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There was no discussion on this item.

## **7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **7.1 Personnel Action**

### **7.2 Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2023**

### **7.3 2022-2023 School Bus Purchase**

### **7.4 Contractor Selection for the Building Automation Control Project – Boltz MS**

### **7.5 Contractor Selection for the Building Automation Control Project – Eyestone South Elementary School (WMS)**

### **7.6 Contractor Selection for the Dunn Elementary School Classroom Renovation Project**

### **7.7 Child Nutrition Refrigerated Trucks**

Director Donovan requested Consent Agenda item 7.3 be removed and placed as an Action Item.

President Petterson moved Consent Agenda item 7.3 to Action item 8.1.

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, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Carolyn Reed

Motion passed: 6-0

## **8.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **8.1 2022-2023 School Bus Purchase**

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve the bus purchase from McCandless Truck Center in the amount of \$688,163 for five buses and authorize the district to execute the appropriate purchase order.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Price of new electric bus is approximately \$400,000 versus \$124,000 for diesel.
- Questions were raised about the price of gas versus the price of electricity and charging stations.
- Feasibility study will evaluate cost/estimates and provide increased clarification.
- Ideal life cycle for a school bus is 15 years; approximately 55 PSD buses are over 18 years old.
- Rebate programs/grants for electric buses occur through a lottery system; PSD was not selected.
- Gratitude was expressed to Director of Transportation Michael Quijano for service to the school district.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Carolyn Reed

Motion passed: 6-0

## **8.2 Executive Limitation Policy 2.8**

Director Donovan moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education policy EL 2.8 in the Internal Monitoring Report dated March 21, 2023, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Carolyn Reed

Motion passed: 6-0

## **8.3 Monitoring Report/Policy Review: DE 1.0, General District Ends (Part 2)**

Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dwayne Schmitz provided Part 2 of the District Ends Monitoring Report. Staff attending in support of the item were:

- Christine Hendricks, Tavelli Elementary School Principal
- Amy Smyth, Bennett Elementary School Principal
- Don Kotnik, Leshar Middle School Principal
- Josh Richey, Boltz Middle School Principal

Board discussion included:

- Principals were asked to share their perception of the data in the monitoring report.
- Gratitude was expressed to all Principals for hard work performed in schools.

- Cell phone use is a frequent source of bullying in schools.
- Parent education about cell phone use is vital to success and change.
- Diversity is critical to making students feel accepted.
- Student connection with staff can create a sense of belonging.
- Teaching social skills on a systemic level can improve bullying.
- Restorative practices like asking a student 'what happened' instead of 'what did you do' allows a student to tell a story instead of feeling accused.
- Power of the monitoring report allows for use of data-informed leadership all year long.
- Improved adult practices lead to improved student outcomes.
- Allowing space for children and staff to regulate themselves can guide them back to a good space.

Director Donovan moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education policy DE 1.0 in the Internal Monitoring Report dated March 21, 2023, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

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

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

## **9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Donovan moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to confer with the District's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on the following specific legal question: the Board of Education's legal rights and remedies to pursue potential claims relating to alleged breach of contracts and overpayments to contractors. Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Jeff Connell, and Dave Montoya and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Director Zamora 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

Executive session began at 9:13 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:45 p.m.

## **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner  
Secretary to the Board of Education