



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
August 9, 2022

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM Information Technology Center Aspen Training Rooms

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

Dinner session began at 5:33 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Superintendent Kingsley introduced two new administrators.
- Potential exists for new BOE meeting agenda software.
- Reorganization of staff was clarified.
- Current employee shortages were detailed.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Director needed for the Legislative Subcommittee and the Student Advisory Committee.
- Wellington Middle/High School open house is Thursday; all Directors are invited to attend.
- School visit assignments were distributed.

Dinner session ended at 6:19 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 regular business meeting to order at 6:30 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 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley spoke about the exciting start to a new school year and the hard work completed by staff across the district over the summer. Recent community engagement sessions were well attended, and information collected will be processed by staff. Strategic Plans for the upcoming school year will include improvement in adult practices to continue moving the district forward.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Torrey Egan read letters on behalf of community members in support of “Solar on Schools”.

Rachel Philippe asked the district to act against gun violence and work toward the safety of students in schools.

Jeff Aufderheide expressed appreciation for transparency through recent community engagement sessions and asked Board members to submit community association conflict of interest documents as detailed in the Board Code of Conduct.

Jim Winebrener invited the Superintendent to appear on a local radio talk show to discuss issues with concerned parents and stakeholders.

Fred Kirsch spoke on behalf of the ‘Community for Sustainable Energy’ and asked the district to maximize the use of solar and prepare students for careers in renewable energy and solar fields.

6.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- School visits have been assigned to Directors; updates will be forthcoming.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Meeting Minutes from May 31, 2022, June 14, 2022, and June 22, 2022

7.2 Personnel Action

7.3 Utility Easement and Temporary Construction Easement for the Fossil Ridge HS Irrigation Pond Parcel

7.4 State of Colorado Education Workforce 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 DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Internal Monitoring and Policy Review: EL 2.5, Emergency Superintendent and Executive Succession

Vice President Draper moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education policy EL 2.5 in the Internal Monitoring Report dated August 9, 2022, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Policy is important for the district.

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

8.2 Resolution of Appointment of Board Secretary

Vice President Draper recommended adoption of the resolution appointing Jill Brunner to the position of Secretary to the Board of Education.

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

9.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Board Consideration of New Policy GP 3.13

Board discussion included:

- Request was made to keep the time limit above two minutes.
- Second reading may be pushed back to allow for community response.

- Board will discuss if letters read on behalf of individuals not present will be allowed.
- Community members should not fear retaliation from the district for speaking at Board meetings.
- Participation for non-English speakers should be explored.
- Communication with Board members is possible through email and community engagement sessions.
- Policy will be communicated to the public through multiple avenues.

9.2 PSD Strategic Plan Kickoff

Chief Equity and Academic Officer Marlena Gross-Taylor and Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dwayne Schmitz provided information on the development of the strategic plan.

Board discussion included:

- Adult practices/behavior have an important and lasting impact on students.
- Concern was expressed about holding the first session when draft is not ready.
- Breakout sessions during community engagements will ensure all feedback is represented and heard.
- Information from survey and community engagement sessions will be combined, delineated, and dispersed to the Board.
- Important to be clear with employees about what is expected of them; current ambiguity needs to be changed.
- Engaging with people also educates people.
- Board members requested guidance for appropriate participation during community engagement sessions.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education