



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
September 12, 2023

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

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Julie Chaplain, Traci Gile and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Nate Donovan arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:33 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Chief Technology Officer Bud Hunt provided an update on PSD User Account Management.
- Board members volunteered to present resolution certificates during the business meeting.
- Chief Communications Officer Madeline Noblett provided an update on the Accessibility Law and digital content.
- Director Anderson participated in a CASB meeting that included visits to schools with CTE programs and invited members to visit specific sites next spring.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Directors Donovan and Reed will bring forth a proposal for Board Self Evaluation.
- President Petterson will attend the first Community Engagement session on September 21, 2023.
- Board of Education fall retreat is scheduled for October 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.
- CASB fall meeting will be held next Tuesday in Loveland.
- Upcoming Integrated Services presentation will be made available to community members and parents, with three opportunities for viewing.

Dinner session ended at 6:12 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 Julie Chaplain, Traci Gile and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Bud Hunt, Lauren Hooten, 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 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

4.1 Mamma Mia

Performing Arts Facilitator Melissa Flail spoke about the production process and read student responses about their experience aloud.

Vice President Draper thanked the Company on behalf of the Board of Education.

4.2 Externs and Business Partners

Community and Business Development Coordinator Nick Peterson spoke about the Externship program and thanked all involved.

Director Reed thanked the externs and business partners on behalf of the Board of Education.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution in Support of Hispanic Heritage Month

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of Hispanic Heritage month, September 15-October 15, 2023.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Vice President Draper read the resolution aloud.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to students Henry Fuentes Kalert and Mateo Vega for speaking.

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 National Suicide Prevention Month

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of National Suicide Prevention Month.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

Director Brokish read the resolution aloud.

Mental Health & Prevention Coordinator Sarah Mowder-Wilkens and Lead School Psychologist Brittany Hutson spoke about suicide and prevention.

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 spoke about recent school visits, celebrations in the community, a new program at CSU named CAMPUS, and a conversation with parents who moved to Fort Collins specifically to have their children attend Poudre School District.

The Superintendent also cited suicide statistics, spoke about staff training in suicide prevention, and introduced new PSD Director of Safety and Security Frederick Smith.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Teacher Kelsey Bishop conveyed frustration about teaching a required curriculum that was poorly planned and rushed with minimal and inadequate training.

Sabrina Herrick stated recent support of an increase to the cost of CORA requests is part of a political agenda and said taxes should fund CORA requests instead of community members.

Jeff Aufderheide expressed dissatisfaction with the district in multiple areas including conflict of interest for Board members and a proposed increase in CORA costs.

Aaron M Green said Board members voted to discriminate against disabled students by voting against a house bill that would allow parents of handicapped students in rural areas to act in local courts.

Dani Lawrence spoke about a braille signage audit at a PSD high school and said it was unofficial and fake, and expressed disappointment at a lack of help for her disabled student.

8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no discussion on this item.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Action

9.2 Meeting Minutes: August 8, 2023 and August 22, 2023

9.3 Board Consideration of Revisions to Policy IC/ICA – School Year/School Calendar/Instructional Time

9.4 Proposed Revisions to Board Policy EL 2.9

9.5 Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant Opportunity

9.6 Resolution Approving the Use of Charter Buses to Transport District Students to and from School Activities

9.7 ESS Classified Substitute Staffing Solutions

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

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

10.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 2022-2023 School Year School Resource Officer Presentation

Chief Operations Officer Jeff Connell presented the SRO 2022-2023 update and introduced Director of Safety and Security Frederick Smith and Fort Collins Police Services SRO Andy Ferraro.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed for hard work performed, continued partnership and a trend toward improved SRO interactions.
- Increases in student self-reporting and student-initiated reporting indicate student trust and is encouraging.
- Fort Collins Police Services set a primary goal for improved traffic safety around elementary schools, with a secondary goal of increased community outreach with students outside of school.
- Fort Collins Police Services are working to track data that will detail the amount of time SROs spend teaching during the school year.
- Appreciation was shared for clarification of the term 'victim related crime'.

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 Negotiations

11.2 Legal Advice

Vice President Draper moved that the Board enter executive session for the following purposes:

(1) to develop the strategy of the school district for negotiations relating to the 2024-2025 collective bargaining agreement or employment contracts, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(III) and

(2) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions relating to possible litigation regarding a former bus paraprofessional attendant 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 Officers Lauren Hooten, Erich WonSavage, Dave Montoya, and Madeline Noblett, 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 11.1 started at 8:30 p.m.

Executive Session 11.1 ended at 9:09 p.m.

Executive Session 11.1 attendees: Board of Education Directors, Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, and Erich WonSavage, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Executive Session 11.2 started at 9:10 p.m.

Executive Session 11.2 ended at 9:25 p.m.

Executive Session 11.2 attendees: Board of Education Directors, Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officer Lauren Hooten, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education