



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting

March 12, 2019

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre; Vice President Rob Petterson; Directors D.J. Anderson, Kristen Draper, Naomi Johnson and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Sandra Smyser; Assistant Superintendents Todd Lambert and Scott Nielsen; Executive Directors Pete Hall, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dustin Reintsma and Victoria Thompson; Legal and Policy Counsel Tom Crabb

ABSENT: Director Donovan

LATE: None

The dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Johnson moved that the Board go into executive session as authorized under C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b) & (e) for the purpose of receiving legal advice on issues concerning the Liberty Common School charter renewal application and appeal to the State Board of Education, to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation concerning a second amended charter school contract, and to instruct the administrators who will be involved in the contract negotiations. Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Legal and Policy Counsel Crabb, Assistant Superintendents Lambert and Nielsen, Executive Directors Montoya and Hall, and Assistant Board Secretary Brunner.

Director Petterson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Draper, Febvre, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Donovan

Motion passed 6-0

Executive session began at 5:31 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:01 p.m.

2.0 DISTRICT INFORMATION AND BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS

There was no discussion on this item.

3.0 AGENDA PLANNING

There was no discussion on this item.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no discussion on this item.

5.0 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Due to the recent election of two Board members, committee assignments were addressed with reorganization as follows:

Committee Assignments:

- Audit committee: Petterson and Reed
- DAB: Febvre, alternate Johnson
- DAC: Anderson, alternate Febvre
- CASB: Donovan, alternate Reed
- City and County Liaison: Draper and Petterson, alternate Reed
- Early Childhood: Johnson, alternates Draper and Anderson
- Foundation Board of Directors: Anderson, alternate Febvre
- URA Board: Febvre
- Legislative Subcommittee: Johnson, Anderson, Petterson, Donovan and Draper
- Superintendent Evaluation Instrument Subcommittee: removed
- Community Outreach Subcommittee: Draper, Petterson, Donovan and Reed

Dinner session ended at 6:12 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING - (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre; Vice President Rob Petterson; Directors D.J. Anderson, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Naomi Johnson and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Sandra Smyser; Assistant Superintendents Todd Lambert and Scott Nielsen; Executive Directors Pete Hall, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dustin Reintsma and Victoria Thompson; Legal and Policy Counsel Tom Crabb

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Febvre called the regular business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Febvre led the Board of Education and audience 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 2019 Outstanding New FACS Professional

FCHS Assistant Principal Skip Caddoo introduced Ashely Acuff, Fort Collins High School Family and Consumer Sciences/Business teacher who was recently named the 2019 Outstanding New Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Professional by the Colorado Association of Teachers.

On behalf of PSD and the Board, Director Donovan congratulated Ashley on her award.

4.2 Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smyser explained that the decision to call a snow day tomorrow was the result of collaboration between staff from PSD, City of Fort Collins, Larimer County, CSU and more. While difficult to predict the potential for snow-mageddon during a 60-degree day, appreciation was expressed for the expertise of all groups to allow for an early decision.

4.3 Board Reports

Director Petterson provided an update on Board work since the last meeting.

In the District:

- Odyssey of the Mind competition at Boltz
- Lopez Respite luncheon
- Beattie Action Team meeting
- DAB
- DAC
- Elementary Honor Choir concert
- Ridgebotics at FRHS
- Tour of Futures Lab building
- Noises Off at PHS
- Governor Polis event at Beattie Elementary
- Negotiations

Board Development:

- Informal Board lunch
- Discussions on piloting Facebook Live for a future community engagement session
- Special meeting to appoint new Board members
- CASB Winter Legislative Conference
- Active Board subcommittees
 - Legislative

In the Community:

- Meet with constituents
- Community engagements
- McBackpack
- PFLAG meeting
- URA meetings
- Liaison meeting with City and County
- Center for Family Outreach board meeting
- Social Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion workshop
- Testifying at the State House for HB 19-1201
- Great Schools, Thriving Communities
- State Advisory Council of Parent Involvement in Education

Next community engagement session is Monday April 1, 5:30-6:30 at CB Potts on Horsetooth.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

There were no community comments.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1 Personnel Action**
- 6.2 Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2019, February 21, 2019 (Special Meetings I & II) and February 26, 2019**
- 6.3 Agricultural Land Leases**
- 6.4 Fourth Addendum to Second Revised Superintendent Contract**
- 6.5 School-Based Student Fee Schedules**
- 6.6 Colorado Department of Education Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant (EARSS Program)**
- 6.7 Colorado Department of Education School Professionals Grant Program**
- 6.8 Colorado Department of Education School Counselor Corps (SCC) Grant Program**
- 6.9 Liberty Common School Charter Renewal**
- 6.10 Colorado Comprehensive Health Grant**

Director Reed requested Consent Agenda 6.3 be pulled and placed on Action Items.

Director Petterson requested Consent Agenda 6.5 be pulled and placed on Action Items.

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt the remaining items recommended on the consent agenda.

Director Petterson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Agricultural Land Leases

Director Reed moved that the Board not approve the agricultural land leases as presented in the packet.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Concern was expressed regarding lease payments of \$13 a year for two properties owned by Poudre School District.
- Two neighboring farms are currently leased for \$100/acre with water and \$50/acre for dry land.
- Cherry Heights property is approximately 35 acres and Mountain Vista property is approximately 100 acres.
- Staff were asked to research market value and develop leases to support data.
- Properties were likely being held for future school sites.
- One option is to negotiate a fair price with current lessees for the upcoming year with the understanding property lease will go out for bid next year.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: Directors Draper and Febvre

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 5-2

7.2 School-Based Student Fee Schedules

Director Petterson moved to approve the student fee schedules as presented in the Board packet.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Concern was expressed regarding equity with STEM academies.
- 650 students participated in STEM last year at Webber and Preston Middle Schools, Poudre High School and Shepardson Elementary. 18% of the students had partial or full scholarships.
- Growth is occurring and equity continues to be a priority.
- Staff work hard to offset finances with scholarships through grants and other avenues but funding is not guaranteed.

- Waiver qualification means qualifying for free and reduced lunch status.

7.3 Approval of AIA Document A133-2009 Exhibit A Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Zach Elementary Addition

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve and properly execute the AIA Document A133-2009 Exhibit A Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Zach Elementary Addition Project where the contract sum is guaranteed to by the construction manager not to exceed \$3,225,502, subject to additions and deductions by change order.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya reported on the Zach Elementary School addition and stated this is the first guaranteed maximum price amendment.

Board discussion included:

- Original price was established in 2016 prior to the bond election.
- Contract will be impacted by recent policy adoption of change orders.
- Project includes two 1st grade classrooms, one kindergarten room, one storage room as well as an upgrade to the fire alarm, boiler, rooftop HVAC and intercom systems.
- Cafeteria expansion has been removed from the scope due to an increase from one lunch session to two.
- HVAC upgrade is necessary due to the added capacity of service.
- Construction will be phased quickly with two 1st grade rooms by the summer of 2019.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

7.4 2018-2019 District Unified Improvement Plan

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve the 2018-2019 District Unified Improvement Plan.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Robert Beauchamp reported on the 2018-2019 Unified Improvement Plan.

Board discussion included:

- Strategies developed to assist struggling students are indicative of high producing staff.
- Schools utilize connection data in different ways.

- Graduation rates continue to be of concern and staff are investigating causes.
- Achievement and growth data allow for measurement.
- High performing teams are achieved in many ways.
- Requests were made for examples of student strategies.
- Addressing individual students at the teacher level will be the best strategy moving forward.
- Process is district-wide but the creativity and talent belongs to the teachers.
- Requests were made for comparative data from schools with high impact teams versus those without.
- Initial review of the data indicated collaborative teams are performing the best.
- Board members were invited to tour schools to view teachers in action.
- Empowering staff to find solutions will significantly impact student lives.
- District Advisory Board meeting appreciated school-by-school success stories and data surrounding social/emotional.
- Elementary schools have programs in place to address social/emotional.
- Connections survey includes social/emotional content.
- Parent engagement survey was designed to establish a relationship with parents to address student needs.
- Different social/emotional supports are in place at different schools.
- Equitable does not mean the same; ensuring student needs are being met is the important factor.
- Advanced Learning Plans continue to evolve and include social/emotional.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

7.5 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.8, Communication and Support to the Board

Director Draper moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.8 in her Internal Monitoring Report dated March 12, 2019, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Johnson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed for the progress made and the willingness to work with the Board.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

8.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Graduation Policies IKF-1, IKF-2, IKF-3 and IKF-4

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Robert Beauchamp reported on graduation policies and made the following recommendations:

- Recommend IKF-1 and IKF-2 for deletion
- Recommend IKF-3 and IKF-4 for revision

Board discussion included:

- Futures Lab may partner with Front Range Community College to accrue credits toward a degree or certificate.
- Cut scores are located on the CDE website and change as testing changes.
- Computer science offerings are equitable in PSD high schools.
- Competency is based on experience level more than grade level.
- Graduation policies will return on the Consent Agenda at a future meeting.

8.2 Budget Update

Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya provided a budget update and stated staff are prepared for the upcoming release of the quarterly economic forecast. Multiple budget updates will be forthcoming with an Adopted Budget in June 2019.

Board discussion included:

- Budget is preliminary and may change before the final adopted budget.
- Uniform mill levy could potentially require communities to ask for an increase.
- Economic forecast should be issued on March 20.
- Staff have been waiting four months for the report.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

Board recessed at 9:22 p.m.

Board reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority TIF Revenue Allocation Negotiations

Director Donovan moved that the Board go into executive session in the Superintendent's office/conference room to receive legal advice on issues concerning negotiations with the Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority regarding the allocation of TIF revenues from the area west of the Drake and College intersection, to reevaluate positions relative to matters that are subject to those negotiations, to reevaluate the strategy for those negotiations and to instruct the negotiators, all as authorized under C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b) & (e). Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Legal and Policy Counsel Crabb, Executive Director Montoya and Assistant Board Secretary Brunner.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

Executive session began at 9:29 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:54 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education