



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting

April 9, 2019

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Executive Director Pete Hall

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 DISTRICT INFORMATION AND BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS

Items to be addressed during dinner session:

- Executive Session concerning the procedures involved with teacher dismissal.
- Executive Session concerning Liberty Common Charter contract negotiations.
- Selection of June retreat date.

2.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Johnson moved that the Board go into executive session as authorized under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice and confer with the District's attorney regarding teacher dismissal procedures under Colorado law. Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Legal and Policy Counsel Crabb, Assistant Superintendents Lambert and Nielsen, Executive Director Thompson and Assistant Board Secretary Brunner.

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

Executive session began at 5:32 p.m.

Executive session ended at 5:48 p.m.

3.0 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 related to the negotiation of a second amended charter school contract with Liberty Common School, to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation concerning the contract, and to instruct the administrators who are 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 Director Montoya, and Assistant Board Secretary Brunner.

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

Executive session began at 5:49 p.m.

Executive session ended at 6:19 p.m.

4.0 AGENDA PLANNING

- Potential June retreat dates were discussed; Thursday, June 27 at 4:00 p.m. was confirmed.
- Director Reed will be absent for the Audit Committee meeting on May 21. Director Anderson will attend in her place.

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative Committee:
 - Concern was expressed regarding SB19-216.
 - Other areas of concern to be addressed during the Business Meeting.

Dinner session ended at 6:23 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT: Executive Director Pete Hall

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Febvre called the regular business meeting to order at 6:29 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 PSD 2019 Spelling Bee Champion

Curriculum and Instruction Facilitator Butterscotch Culhane spoke about the spelling bee process and introduced Ridgeview Classical student Haley Kendall, winner of the 2019 District spelling bee.

On behalf of PSD and the Board, Director Anderson congratulated Haley and presented her with a certificate.

4.2 Winter Athletic Champions

Rocky Mountain High School Athletic Director Shawn Terry and Head Wrestling Coach Brad Hargreaves introduced the 2019 Colorado 5A 195-pound wrestling champion Alec Hargreaves and spoke about his accomplishments.

Fossil Ridge High School Assistant Principal Brandon Carlucci introduced Cheer Coach Nikki Rodriquez and spoke about the excitement of the 2019 National High School Cheerleading Championship event. Coach Rodriquez thanked administration for support of the program and introduced the Large Varsity Division 1 National High School Cheerleading Championship cheer team.

Poudre High School Athletic Director Carey Christensen introduced Nordic Ski Team Coach Kyle Steitz who was named Colorado Nordic Ski Coach of the Year by the Colorado High School Activities Association. Coach Steitz thanked administrators for facilitating the creation of the sport and stated PSD is probably the only ski team unable to practice on snow this year.

On behalf of PSD and the Board, Director Reed congratulated all of the winners on their accomplishments.

4.3 Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smyser reported on the following items:

- April is National Occupational Therapy month. Gratitude was expressed for OTs and COTAs for the work they do with students.

- Appreciation was expressed for 5,000 volunteers in Poudre School District in honor of National Volunteer Week.
- Possibility of a snow day tomorrow is unknown at this time.

4.4 Board Reports

In the District:

- CLP Elementary, Centennial, Leshar, Fullana, Tavelli, Zach
- PBL at Shepardson
- Choir performance at Beattie
- Beattie Action Team meeting
- District Advisory Board
- ACE banquet
- GT Summit at FCHS
- District Accountability Committee
- Tour of Futures Lab building
- PSD Foundation
- Regional Robotics Competition at DU (PHS and FRHS competed)
- Negotiations

Board Development:

- Orientation for new Board members
- Active Board Subcommittees
 - Legislative

In the Community:

- Meet with constituents
- Community Engagement
- McBackpack
- PFLAG meeting
- URA Finance Committee
- Liaison meeting with City and County
- Center for Family Outreach Board meeting
- Rotary Club fundraiser
- Softball umpire
- Early Childhood Policy Council
- Colorado School Finance project
- Great Schools, Thriving Communities

Next community engagement session to be determined.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Executive Director of SAVA (Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center) Dorothy Farrel stated April is Sexual Assault Awareness month and thanked the Board for ongoing support of SAVA, which served over 1200

individuals this year. PSD SART (Sexual Assault Resource Team) Peers Program Coordinator Hope Cornelias provided an update and stated SART reached 3500 people in 2018.

PSD parent and community member Eric Sutherland spoke about the dedication of mill levy overrides for technology purchases and kindergarten funding and stated nobody cares if the Board spends money on that, but concern exists for 3.8 million dollars a year going toward Timnath.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Personnel Action

6.2 Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2019 and March 26, 2019

6.3 Recommendation of Teacher Dismissal

6.4 Futures Lab Naming Recommendation

6.5 Fort Collins Montessori School Charter Renewal Contract

Director Anderson requested Consent Agenda item 6.4 be removed and added to Action Items.

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

Director Draper 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 Timnath Reservoir Inlet Canal (Ditch) Relocation Agreement

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve the Ditch Relocation Agreement between Poudre School District R-1 and The Cache La Poudre Reservoir Company as presented in the agenda packet and authorize the Board President to sign the Contract.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Community Comment:

PSD parent and community member Eric Sutherland spoke about his recent court case with Timnath where he learned tax dollars will be used for general municipal improvements and expressed concern.

Board discussion included:

- Questions were raised concerning the price to leave the ditch open versus the price to close the ditch.
- Maintenance costs will be incurred with either option.
- Due to necessary relocation, ditch maintenance will be the responsibility of PSD.
- Ditch at Eyestone Elementary did not require movement by PSD, therefore maintenance is not the responsibility of PSD.
- \$6 million dollars is reserved for ditch relocation.
- East/west ditch is approximately 2700 linear feet.
- Ditch closure creates more usable land for the school site.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: Director Reed

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 6-1

7.2 Futures Lab Naming Recommendation

Director Draper moved that the Board approve the name 'Futures Lab' for the futures lab project.

Director Johnson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Questions were raised about the naming process.
- Other districts have used the name 'Innovation Center'.
- Community members expressed concern to a Board member about the name 'Futures Lab'.
- Request was made for branding PSD in front or behind the name.
- Futures Lab Committee went through an extensive process to vote on the name.
- Marketing possibilities for name 'Futures Lab' are great.
- Naming process exists with CDE and name can be revised in the future if deemed necessary.

Director Anderson moved to amend the name to PSD Futures Lab.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Committee should be trusted to name the building and the Board should honor the work involved.

The voting for an amendment to the Futures Lab name was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson and Reed

Those voting NO: Directors Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Johnson and Petterson

ABSENT: None

Motion failed 2-5

The voting for naming the Futures Lab 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

Board recessed at 8:06 p.m.

Board reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

8.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Technology Refresh Purchase – Budget Update

Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya provided a budget update on the technology refresh purchase needs reported at the February 26, 2019 meeting.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed for the work staff put forth in identifying funds.
- Stability of funding for all-day kindergarten is a concern.
- Budget plan is monitored closely.
- Some school sites are increasing carryover in anticipation of technology replacement.
- Carryovers are monitored by administration.
- Schools will have choice in devices.
- One-time funds of \$8.6 million dollars will be used over the next 2 years.
- Shuffling aging devices between sites is not ideal due to the expected short life of the device.
- Student and staff devices are the first expenditure; front-of-classroom devices will be the second expenditure.
- Federal funding for Title students is in question and of concern.
- Board sets values and priorities; cabinet members are the professionals in their area and are entrusted with making decisions.
- Technology is aging and historical funding streams are not enough.
- Technology is an everyday tool for students.
- Concern was expressed about spending \$800,000 on tech refresh over more urgent needs.
- Cabinet will be entrusted to discuss need for technology refresh over other areas of concern and report back to the Board.
- Schools may need to cut site budgets to refresh technology if District funding is not available.

8.2 Budget Update

Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya and Budget Director Brett Parsons provided an update on the State and District budgets.

Board discussion included:

- Kindergarten funding affects school districts differently.
- Per pupil funding is anticipated to be \$8,026.
- Final budget will be forthcoming.

8.3 Policy Review: Governance Process Policies

No items were discussed.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative subcommittee:

- HB 19-1201 is scheduled to be signed Thursday.
- Committee will inform PSDs lobbyist and legislators that the Board is not in favor of HB19-1249.

Other Items:

- Informal Board lunch meeting will be held next Thursday.
- Board will sign up for a table at the PSD Foundation breakfast on April 24.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education