



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
September 11, 2018

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre, Vice President Susan Gutowsky; Directors Kristen Draper, Nate Donovan, Cathy Kipp, Rob Petterson and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Sandra Smyser; Assistant Superintendents Todd Lambert and Scott Nielsen; Executive Directors Pete Hall, Dustin Reintsma and Victoria Thompson; Legal and Policy Counsel Tom Crabb

ABSENT: None

LATE: Executive Director Dave Montoya arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 DISTRICT INFORMATION AND BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Action Item 7.1 resolution language was prepared by Legal and Policy Counsel Tom Crabb for reading during the regular business session.
- Eric Sutherland signed up to speak about three different topics and will be allowed to speak during 5.0 Community Comment as well as prior to Action Item 7.1 voting and Action Item 7.2 voting.

2.0 AGENDA PLANNING

Board retreat is scheduled for September 24 at 5:30 p.m. Agenda will include an update on URA information, a review of monitoring report handling, Board self-monitoring and student fees.

Future agendas to include:

- Identification of gaps and trends for two middle schools through achievement and growth results.
- Preliminary Priority Improvement Plan for Lincoln Middle School and Stove Prairie to be presented October 25.
- Update on reorganization of elementary schools.
- Security update
- Budget priorities
- Student fees with emphasis on equity.
- Amendment 73

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Committee reports may be added to the end of regular BOE business meetings due to lack of time during dinner sessions.
- Legislative sub-committee reports should be communicated with the Board.

- Congressional District 2 is allowed three representatives and currently provides none. Director Donovan volunteered to serve on the Federal Relations Commission (FRN) and Board members nominated Director Donovan through a thumbs-up format.
- Director Kipp will email Board members convention dates for the National School Board Association Advocacy Institute and Lobbying Trip in Washington, DC.
- Legislative sub-committee will review the resolutions book and make recommendations for each item.
- Student Think Tank sub-committee recommended that administration work with students to obtain feedback regarding late-start. Data is requested in time for Board consideration.
- District Advisory Board will focus on start times at the next meeting.

Dinner session ended at 6:27 p.m.

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

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ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Febvre called the regular business meeting to order at 6:34 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 Supply Our Student Community Partners

PSD Community Partnership Coordinator Beth Higgins stated that Supply Our Student community partners started several years ago when agencies working independently to provide school supplies to students decided to come together. Every student in need receives a backpack with supplies as well as additional items throughout the school year. Business partners include CSU School is Cool, Intel, OtterCares Foundation, Realities for Children and Volunteers of America.

Those in attendance were:

- CSU – Kathy Phifer
- Intel – Kris and Don Soltis and the Strnad family
- OtterCares – Linda Crum

On behalf of PSD and the Board, Director Kipp thanked the members for their continued support of students in need.

4.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Smyser spoke about the importance of schools within a community. Recent visits to Wellington Middle School and Blevins Middle School confirmed community bonds exist from staff, student and parent excitement about new buildings to continued involvement from retirees and alumni, service organizations and more.

4.4 Board Report

Director Petterson presented the Board Report:

In the District:

- Eyestone Elementary
- Mobile Academic Classroom Bus
- New Teacher Red Carpet Welcome
- PEA Back to School Event
- Community Outreach at FCHS on late-start times for secondary schools
- District Advisory Board
- District Accountability Committee
- Audit Committee
- Meeting with ACE President
- PSD Foundation Board
- PSD Foundation Summit
- FRHS softball
- Meetings with staff and Superintendent

Board Development:

- Board Retreat
- Active Board Subcommittees
 - Outreach
 - Legislative

In the Community:

- Individual meeting with constituents
- PSD/City/County discussions
- Poudre River Library District Master Plan Committee
- McBackpack
- Larimer County Workforce Development Board

- PFLAG meeting
- Urban Renewal Authority
- CASB Federal Relations Network
- CASB Legislative Resolutions Committee
- Amendment 73: gathering signatures, giving presentations, handing out literature, answering questions

Next community engagement session is Monday September 17, 2018 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at C.B. Potts on Horsetooth Avenue.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community member John Runge expressed concern that PSD athletic and participation fees are not high enough for non-PSD students and requested the District triple the cost.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Personnel Action

6.2 Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2018 and August 28, 2018

Director Donovan moved to approve and adopt the recommended actions for the item on the consent agenda.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Sale of GO Bonds, Series 2018 (authorized by voters November 2016)

Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya, Budget Director Brett Parsons and RBC Capital Markets representative Dan O'Connell spoke about the Bond Parameters Resolution which sets the criteria for going to market with bonds. Upon Board approval, PSD will go to market the next day with an expectation to close by the end of next week. \$375 million dollars will be issued at once to maintain the obligation to the voters and the model promised.

Vice President Gutowsky moved that the Board approve the Resolution presented in the September 11, 2018 meeting agenda packet authorizing the issuance by Poudre School District R-1, Larimer County, Colorado, of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$375,000,000 for the purposes set forth in the ballot issue approved by District voters at the November 2016 election; providing for the payment of the costs of issuance of such

bonds; providing for the levy of Ad Valorem taxes for the payment of such bonds; providing the forms of such bonds and other details with respect to such bonds and the payment thereof; approving other documents relating to such bonds; and providing the effective date of the resolution.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to staff for hard work, patience and long-range planning with an unknown timeline.
- Full issue of \$375 million dollars with a market driven premium of 13-15% is expected. PSD has revenue to service the debt through property taxes raised within the parameters promised to the voters.
- Voting matters. This bond passed by 110 votes.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

Superintendent Smyser presented Board members with hard hats as a symbol of the passing of the resolution and the beginning of new school construction.

7.2 Resolution of the Board of Education in Support of Amendment 73

Community member Eric Sutherland stated the new PSD schools will fill up with dust before they fill up with students and this will cause trust issues with the public regarding future requests for funding.

PEA President Tom List spoke in favor of funding public education through Amendment 73 and stated those individuals benefiting most from Colorado growth are asked to contribute. Mr. List requested the Board pass the resolution.

Director Kipp moved that the Board approve the Resolution in Support of Amendment 73 and read the Resolution aloud.

Director Petterson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Amendment 73 is the most important thing voters can do for education in Colorado.
- Amendment 73 may be difficult to find due to a crowded ballot. Voters are encouraged to look for it.
- Community values will be included in the process.

- Colorado has complex laws regulating tax increases which can make it difficult to provide quality education with limited funds. Passing Amendment 73 may mean areas that have been cut out of education due to lack of funding can be brought back.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

7.3 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL2.7, Compensation and Benefits

Director Donovan moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.7 in her Internal Monitoring Report dated 9/11/18, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Petterson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Staff salaries are down compared to other states and additional funds will help.
- Amendment 73 directs legislature to update the school finance formula which currently declares a low cost of living in Fort Collins, and therefore PSD receives the lowest amount of money per district in the state.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 7-0

7.4 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL2.9, Dealings with Citizens of PSD

Director Draper moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.9 in her Internal Monitoring Report dated 9/11/18, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Vice President Gutowsky seconded the motion.

There was no Board discussion on this item.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None
Motion passed 7-0

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education