



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business/Work Session Meeting
October 22, 2019

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre, Vice President Rob Petterson; Directors DJ Anderson, Kristen Draper, Naomi Johnson and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Sandra Smyser; Assistant Superintendent Todd Lambert; Executive Directors Matt Bryant, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dustin Reintsma and Victoria Thompson

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:38 p.m.; Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen arrived at 5:56 p.m.

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

1.0 Executive Session

Director Draper moved that the Board enter executive session to discuss the following matters related to real property:

- 1) The possible purchase of additional land in connection with the Wellington school site, as authorized pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a), where the discussion involves acquisition of property; and
- 2) The possible purchase of the property known as "Prospect Parcel D," as authorized pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a), where the discussion involves acquisition of property.

Those invited to join the Board and the Superintendent in executive session are Executive Directors Matt Bryant and Dave Montoya, Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen, Planning Manager Willits, Legal Counsel Darryl Farrington, to be present by telephone, and Assistant Secretary Jill Brunner.

Director Johnson 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

Attorney Darryl Farrington joined the executive session via conference call at 5:33 p.m.

Executive session began at 5:33 p.m.

Executive session ended at 5:55 p.m.

2.0 Executive Session

Director Draper moved that the Board enter executive session to discuss legal issues regarding the campaign for ballot issue 4A, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), conference with attorney concerning specific legal questions, and that the following individuals join the Board in executive

session: Superintendent Sandra Smyser, Legal Counsel Darryl Farrington, to be present by telephone, Assistant Superintendents Nielsen and Lambert, Executive Directors Montoya, Noblett and Thompson, and Assistant Board Secretary Jill 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 5:33 p.m.

Executive session ended at 6:15 p.m.

3.0 Executive Session

Director Draper moved that the Board enter executive session to receive information regarding an administrator resignation and separation agreement, as authorized under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Assistant Superintendents Lambert and Nielsen, Executive Director Thompson and Board Assistant 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 6:17 p.m.

Executive session ended at 6:24 p.m.

4.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce officially endorsed 4A.
- Liberty Common identified two individuals for the District Advisory Board.

5.0 Agenda Planning

There were no items discussed.

6.0 Committee Reports

There were no items discussed.

Dinner session ended at 6:26 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION - (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

PRESENT: President Christophe 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 Matt Bryant, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dustin Reintsma and Victoria Thompson

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Febvre called the work session meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda

3.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

There were no community comments.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Personnel Action

4.2 Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2019

4.3 Colorado Department of Education Concurrent Enrollment Expansion and Innovation Grant Program Grant Application for Fort Collins High School and Rocky Mountain High School

4.4 Colorado Department of Education Concurrent Enrollment Expansion and Innovation Grant Application for Compass Community Collaborative School

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items 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

5.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Compass Collaborative School Preliminary Priority Improvement Plan

Assistant Superintendent Todd Lambert and Principal Jan Harrison provided an update on the Compass Improvement Plan.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed for a good relationship between PSD and Compass.
- Recognition was given for work involved toward improvement.

- 2/3 of incoming students entered with test scores from previous year; 1/3 entered without previous test scores.
- Gratitude was conveyed for mindful and intentional work.
- Parent involvement is important to school success.
- Board supports Compass staff in moving forward with the plan.
- Appreciation was expressed for honoring the diverse population promised to the Board at inception.

6.0 WORK SESSION TOPICS

6.1 Every Child, Every Day – Equity in PSD

Assistant Superintendents Todd Lambert and Scott Nielsen and Director of Equity, Diversity and Culture John McKay spoke about the financial, academic and ethnic diversity in the system.

Board discussion included:

- PSD established the Student Based Budget and Allocation Factors.
- Training non-classroom staff in cultural sensitivity is a growth opportunity.
- Access to funding and time is required for training.
- Staff are collaborating at each site to ensure best practices.
- Focus remains the academic needs of the individual student.
- Given available resources, allocation is reasonable across schools.
- Relationships and leadership matter.
- Collective effort will take time but PSD is on the right track toward neutralizing factors.
- Staff expressed appreciation for trust in making decisions.
- Professional development leaders exist within the district; allocation of instruction time is needed.
- Hiring of staff who reflect student population is beneficial.
- Gratitude was expressed for the work being accomplished by the LCE department.
- Board members will continue to champion the work.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Council

- Early childhood is fully funded and open slots are available.
- Transportation continues to be a concern.
- Special Education count is December 1.

Legislative Subcommittee

- Four Board members attended the CASB delegate assembly.
- 55 resolutions were addressed; PSD presented 18 resolutions.
- PSD provides leadership to state advocacy through employing a lobbyist.

School Finance Committee

- Great Schools Thriving Communities sent a letter about keeping things in perspective.
- Cost of living and the student poverty factor may be addressed.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education