



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting  
October 8, 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 Superintendents Todd Lambert and Scott Nielsen; Executive Directors Matt Bryant, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dustin Reintsma and Victoria Thompson

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:32 p.m.

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

#### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Johnson moved that the Board go into executive session to receive information regarding a teacher 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, Draper, Febvre, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Donovan

Motion passed 6-0

Executive session began at 5:32 p.m.

Executive session ended at 5:56 p.m.

#### **2.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Johnson moved that the Board go into executive session for a school district security update as authorized pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(d), where public disclosure of the matters to be discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of law. Those invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Assistant Superintendents Lambert and Nielsen; Executive Directors Bryant, Noblett and Reintsma; PSD Security Manager Bastian and Assistant Board Secretary Brunner.

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

Executive session began at 5:59 p.m.  
Executive session ended at 6:25 p.m.

### **3.0 DISTRICT INFORMATION AND BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS**

- Futures Lab may be housed at the current PSD warehouse.

### **4.0 AGENDA PLANNING**

There were no items discussed.

### **5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no items discussed.

Dinner session ended at 6:27 p.m.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING - (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 regular business meeting to order at 6:33 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 CSU Partnership**

Community Partnership Coordinator Beth Higgins spoke about the strong partnership between PSD and CSU and introduced the following CSU Athletic Partners in attendance:

- Patrick Krza
- Emily Hazard
- Brynne Davis
- Riley Sheldon
- Chris Ferris
- Arthur Sintas

On behalf of the Board of Education, Director Anderson thanked CSU for their encouragement of PSD students.

#### **4.2 2019 CSCA High School Counselor of the Year**

Rocky Mountain High School Principal Craig Woodall spoke about Counselor Kelley Madden, recipient of the 2019 Colorado School Counselor's Association award and thanked her for all she does for students.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Director Draper thanked Kelley for the work she does and for treating each Lobo as her own.

#### **4.3 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Smyser shared this is a busy time for everyone in the district and she remains impressed by the quality of work and passion staff bring to their jobs. Special thanks to classified employees during Classified Appreciation Week, with 1,680 classified employees working hard to support teachers and students.

#### **4.4 Board Report**

In the District

- Poudre, Compass Community Charter, Beattie
- Poudre Global Academy/Alliance Opening of Childcare Center
- Shepardson Partnership Breakfast
- Zach to See New Construction Completion
- Beattie Action Team Meeting
- DAB Meeting (including candidate forum)
- District Accountability Committee

Board Development

- Active Board Subcommittees
  - Legislative
- Discussion of Mill Levy Equalization Proposals
- Facebook Live Community Engagement
- League of Women Voters Candidate Forum

- CASB Regional Meeting
- Groundbreaking of Thompson School District Career and Tech Ed Center

#### In the Community

- Met with Constituents about 4A/MLO and Other Topics
- Rally and Activities for Ballot Issue 4A
- McBackpack
- PFLAG Meeting
- Center for Family Outreach (ball coming up)
- Colorado School Finance Project
- State Advisory Council of Parent Involvement in Education
  - Director Anderson distributed copies of the official proclamation to Board members.
- Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) by FC City Council
- Meet with Business, CSU, Community Leaders and new CSU President
- Alliance for Suicide Prevention Breakfast

Next Community Engagement session will be held Monday, November 18 from 6:00-7:00 p.m., location to be determined.

## 5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Poudre Education Association President Tom List thanked classified employees for helping in every aspect of caring for children and buildings on behalf of licensed staff.

Community member Sally Craig requested meeting minutes from September 10, 2019 be pulled from the Consent Agenda and changed to reflect her corrected statements.

Student athlete Daniel Scott requested the Board provide a district pool for high school swimmers due to overcrowding at Fort Collins community pools.

## 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

### 6.1 Personnel Action

### 6.2 Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2019 and September 24, 2019

### 6.3 Approval of AIA Document A133-2009 Exhibit A Interim Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Wellington MS/HS Project

### 6.4 Colorado Department of Education Colorado Computer Science Education (CSed) Grants for Teachers Program application

### 6.5 Addendum to Legislative and Lobbying Services Agreement

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

Director Draper requested Consent Agenda Item 6.2 be pulled and placed on Action Items.

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

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

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

## **7.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Resolution in Support of Classified Employees Week**

Director Donovan moved that the Board adopt the resolution in support of Classified Employees Week.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Association of Classified Employees President Sue Torres thanked the Board for their support and thanked all classified staff in the district.

Board discussion included:

- Director Donovan read the resolution aloud.
- Gratitude was expressed for the many ways classified staff support PSD.
- Every staff member is an educator in some way.
- Some money included in the 4A ballot will go to classified staff.
- PSD is an organization of caring people.

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

### **7.2 Architect Selection for North Transportation Facility Design**

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve and properly execute the AIA Document B101 – 2017 Agreement between the Poudre School District and Kalert Consulting Group for the design of the North Transportation Facility in the amount of \$696,385.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Intention is to design and build a high-quality facility.
- 6.2% is a reasonable fee for architect services.
- Undetermined if Outdoor Services will share the facility.

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

### **7.3 Advocacy Resolution for Mill Levy Override Ballot Initiative**

Director Johnson moved that the Board approve the resolution in support of ballot measure 4A in the November 2019 election for the purposes of increasing teacher and classified employee salaries into competitive levels and providing additional support for mental health and safety needs in the district.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director Johnson read the resolution aloud.
- Red is the official color for public education.
- Ballots will be mailed starting Friday October 11.
- Teamwork involved in drafting resolution is appreciated.

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 Advocacy Resolution for Proposition CC**

Director Draper moved that the Board approve the resolution adopting a position of advocacy for Proposition CC.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director Draper read the resolution aloud.
- Proposition is a good step forward but will not fix education funding completely.
- Since the Budget Stabilization Factor was enacted, PSD has missed out on approximately 263 million dollars.
- Colorado voters adopted an amendment to the constitution called TABOR in 1992.
- Proposition CC does not raise the tax rate.
- Funding is not a stable source of money and therefore not available for recurring expenses like salaries.
- Support of both 4A and CC is critical.

- 80% of cities and towns in Colorado have voted for this.

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 Approval of AIA Document A133-2009 Exhibit A Interim Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Wellington MS/HS Project**

Director Draper moved that the Board approve the attached American Institute of Architects documents A133-2009 Interim Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment.

Director Petterson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Process is beginning for the middle/high school build in Wellington.
- First high school in Wellington since 1964.
- Exhibit B tracks items added or removed from the project.
- Specific services are typically consulted on changes.
- Staff will present the final GMP to the board within 3 months.
- Colorado High Performing Schools certification for the HVAC systems is a similar process to LEAD.
- Energy efficient geothermal systems will be used for all three new schools for heating and cooling.

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

#### **7.6 Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2019 and September 24, 2019**

##### Motion 1

Director Draper moved that the Board approve the meeting minutes from September 10, 2019 and September 24, 2019.

There was no second.

There was no vote.

##### Motion 2

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve the meeting minutes for the September 24, 2019 meeting.

Director Anderson 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

### Motion 3

Director Petterson moved that the Board hold the approval of the September 10 meeting minutes over until the next scheduled meeting so that we have the opportunity to consider the input that we've heard from the public.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Procedural questions were raised for approving the September 10 minutes.
- One or more Board members will compare comments from the community member against the meeting minutes.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: Directors Donovan, Febvre and Johnson

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 4-3

## **8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Donovan provided an update on a federal lawsuit.

## **9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **9.1 Superintendent Performance Feedback**

Director Johnson moved that the Board enter executive session for the Superintendent's October performance review and feedback as authorized pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), where the matters to be discussed are personal to a particular employee, i.e., Superintendent Smyser. Those invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Attorney Darryl Farrington and Board Assistant Secretary Jill Brunner.

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

Executive session started at 8:13 p.m.  
Executive session ended at 10:13 p.m.

#### **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education