



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting  
November 12, 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; Attorney Jim Branum

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:45 p.m.

The dinner session began at 5:32 p.m.

#### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Johnson moved that the Board enter executive session as authorized pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to confer with legal counsel and to receive legal advice regarding matters related to the proposed College and Drake urban renewal plan. Those invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Attorney Jim Branum; Executive Director Dave Montoya and Board Assistant Secretary Jill Brunner.

Director Draper 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 5:35 p.m.

Executive session ended at 6:05 p.m.

#### **2.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Johnson moved that the Board enter 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 Todd Lambert and Scott Nielsen; Executive Director Vicki Thompson; and Board Assistant Secretary Jill Brunner.

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

Executive session began at 6:08 p.m.  
Executive session ended at 6:15 p.m.

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

- Several members of the Board attended the service for the Lopez Elementary student.

### **4.0 AGENDA PLANNING**

- Request was made for a budget meeting/School Finance 101 class in future.

### **5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Legislative Sub-committee:

- Director Anderson will chair the committee.
- Recent meeting included discussion of interim School Finance Committee and two bills.
- Legislators may consider a change to the formula and factors in the School Finance bill.
- Vision 2020 is considering possible bills for next year and are conducting surveys.
- Directors Anderson and Petterson and Director of Research and Evaluation Dwayne Schmitz discussed SB191 and teacher evaluations at the State Capitol.

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, 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 6:38 p.m.

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Febvre called the regular business meeting to order at 6:32 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 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Smyser spoke about the loss of a PSD student last week and conveyed deep and sincere condolences to the family on behalf of the PSD Board, cabinet and all staff. Outpouring of support to the family and Lopez Elementary School has been phenomenal. A safety study will be conducted to assess traffic issues.

### **4.2 Board Report**

In the District

- Irish, PHS (with Governor Polis)
- PSD Foundation Excellence in Education Dinner
- Shepardson Family STEM Night
- Dunn Elementary Art Celebration
- PHS Spectrum Club
- Beattie Action Team Meeting
- Fullana Committee
- Audit Committee
- PSD Foundation Board Meeting
- DAB Meeting
- District Accountability Committee
- Meeting with Chair of Liberty Common Board

Board Development

- Active Board Subcommittees
  - Legislative
- CASB Delegate Assembly
- Meeting with Senator Story and Governor's office on teacher evaluation (SB 191) as done in PSD

In the Community

- Meet with constituents about 4A/MLO and other topics
- Activities for Ballot Issue 4A
- McBackpack (including Board)
- PFLAG Meeting (including movie)
- Center for Family Outreach (including Masquerade Ball and Board)
- Bohemian Foundation Fall Social
- CSU Diversity Symposium
- PSD Days at CSU Women's Basketball
- URA Board Meeting
- Summitstone Fundraising Breakfast
- Great Schools Thriving Communities

- Colorado School Finance Project
- State Advisory Committee on Parent Involvement in Education
- Attended Service for Vale Wolkow

Miscellaneous

- Next community engagement session is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason, Fort Collins.
- Likely no community engagement session in December due to holiday schedules.
- Appreciation was expressed for hard work, strong support and extensive collaboration on 4A.

**5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Teacher Brendan Gallagher thanked Board members for supporting 4A and stated the public advocacy aided greatly in the passing.

Parent Dominique Perez expressed concern about lock-down and lock-out drill procedures and stated staff training is incomplete.

**6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

- 6.1 Personnel Action**
- 6.2 Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2019 and October 22, 2019**
- 6.3 Colorado Department of Education Ninth Grade Success Grant Application**
- 6.4 Colorado Department of Education Empowering Action for School Improvement (EASI) Grant Application for Irish Elementary**
- 6.5 Colorado Department of Education Empowering Action for School Improvement (EASI) Grant Application for Compass Community Collaborative School**
- 6.6 Putnam Elementary School Name Change**
- 6.7 Quarterly Financials (CAFR 6/30/2019 and 9/30/2019)**

Director Donovan requested Consent Agenda Item 6.6 be pulled and placed on Action Items.

Director Donovan moved that the Board 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 Putnam Elementary School Name Change**

Director Donovan moved adoption of the recommended action for the Putnam Elementary School name change.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Putnam was dedicated in 1956 and named after long-time custodian A.H. Putnam.
- Gratitude was expressed for the staff decision to change the school name.
- Removal of 'school of science' is due to a broad instructional approach to learning.

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 Enrollment Update**

Planning Manager Brendan Willits and Technology Application and Data Team Coordinator Betsy Westberry provided an update on the 2019-2020 preliminary K-12 student enrollment.

Board discussion included:

- North Front Range area includes all of Larimer and Weld counties.
- Enrollment data for private and home-schooled students can be difficult to access.
- Fort Collins MSA/Larimer County is larger than the PSD boundary due to inclusion of Loveland, Berthoud and parts of Estes.
- Patterns or trends in reduced population or enrollment are not evident at this time.
- 2019 numbers are preliminary and expected to change.

### **8.2 Post-secondary and Workforce Opportunities in PSD**

Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen, Director of Career and Innovation Scott Elias, Futures Lab Counselor Nick Peterson and Futures Lab Learner Experience Architect Alice James gave an overview of the direction and planning for the Career and Innovation work occurring in the district.

Board discussion included:

- Career Cruising data allows for alignment of student interest with classes.
- Partnering with trades will be possible.
- Futures Lab will be housed at the current warehouse location.
- Architect selection process is underway.
- Goal is to open fall of 2020.

- Important to leverage partners and institutions while cooperating with other districts.
- Futures Lab allows for robust programming that may not be available elsewhere.
- Other districts created an agreement on how to share students.
- Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce responded positively to the Futures Lab presentation.
- One community partner provides a conference room for use as a classroom, allowing students to feel as if they are going to work.
- Enrollment next year is projected to be 200 students.
- Student demand will dictate staffing needs.

Board recessed at 8:15 p.m.

Board reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

### **8.3 District Budget Process and Priorities**

Budget Director Brett Parsons reviewed the budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Board discussion included:

- Board priorities listed in the presentation are accurate and members support moving forward.

## **9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Board members were reminded to read the Book “Influencer” prior to the retreat and CASB convention in December.
- Agenda items for the December retreat should be submitted to President Febvre or Vice President Petterson.
- Legislative sub-committee continues to work on anticipated legislation for the upcoming 2020 session.

## **10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Johnson moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of developing the strategy of the school district for negotiations related to the 2020-2021 collective bargaining agreement or employment contracts, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(III). Those invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Assistant Superintendents Todd Lambert and Scott Nielsen; Executive Directors Vicki Thompson and Dave Montoya; and Board Assistant Secretary Jill Brunner.

Director Donovan 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 8:38 p.m.  
Executive session ended at 10:04 p.m.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education