



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
December 10, 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; and Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:37 p.m.

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

1.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Johnson moved that the Board enter executive session to receive information related to a personnel matter as authorized under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Attorney Tim O'Neill (by phone); Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen; Executive Director Vicki Thompson; 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 5:31 p.m.

Executive session ended at 5:40 p.m.

2.0 DISTRICT INFORMATION AND BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Question was raised regarding Board support of ACE; re-imaging of ACE may be considered.
- Board visits to non-classroom classified staff are encouraged.
- Classified staff to receive culture survey in January 2020.
- Important to educate community about validity of the census process.
- Libraries may be viewed as a safe place to complete a census.
- Board members are invited to tour St. Vrain and Cherry Creek sites on January 21, 2020.
- Information on the history of the Student Think Tank will be distributed to members at a future date.
- Request was made to bring ideas forward for a formal relationship with students.

3.0 AGENDA PLANNING

- Directors Johnson and Anderson will attend the NSBA conference April 4-6.
- Directors Donovan and Anderson will attend the Advocacy Institute.
- Request made for LGBTQ and Trans Day of Visibility Resolution at the second meeting in March.
- Formal Superintendent evaluation will take place in January.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no items discussed.

Dinner session ended at 6:25 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; and Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

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 Colorado High School Theatre Educator of the Year

Fossil Ridge High School Principal Julie Chaplain spoke about the accomplishments of Theater Director John Garner and congratulated him on being selected as the 2019 High School Theatre Educator of the Year by the Colorado State Thespians for his dedication and support to the high school theatre program.

On behalf of the Board, Vice President Petterson congratulated John Garner on the accomplishment and honor.

4.2 2019 Outstanding Mathematics Teachers

Lopez Elementary Principal Traci Gile introduced math teacher Catherine Martin and spoke about her many accomplishments, including selection as a 2019 Outstanding Mathematics Teacher by the Colorado Council of Teachers of Mathematics for her excellence, excitement and commitment in teaching mathematics.

On behalf of the Board, Director Donovan congratulated Catherine on the award.

4.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Smyser spoke about the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the new Wellington Middle/High School as well as the recent CASB annual conference in Colorado Springs. Dr. Smyser expressed gratitude to all Board members for governing the use of taxpayer funds, guiding the hopes and dreams of the community to staff and for support of students all as unpaid elected officials.

4.4 Board Reports

President Febvre introduced Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen and welcomed her to PSD.

In the District

- CLP Middle School, Bennett
- Groundbreaking for the new middle/high school in Wellington
- Creative Endeavors Art Show at Foothills Mall
- District Advisory Board
- PSD After 3 soccer games at Irish
- Fullana Your Voice Policy meeting
- Centennial HS Thanksgiving feast
- Audit Committee
- Les Misérables at FCHS

Board Development

- Swearing-in for newly re-elected members
- Community Engagement
- Active Board Subcommittees
 - Legislative
- CASB Annual Convention
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
- CASB Board of Directors

In the Community

- Meet with Constituents
- McBackpack
- PFLAG Meeting

- Center for Family Outreach Board
- City/County/PSD Liaison meeting
- Fort Collins City Women’s Commission and Human Relations Commissions Awards Presentation
- Great Schools, Thriving Communities
- Colorado School Finance Project
- State Advisory Committee for parent involvement in education

Next community engagement session will be January 2020, details to be determined. Check the district website for details.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

There was no community comment.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1 Personnel Action**
- 6.2 Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2019**
- 6.3 Colorado Department of Education Colorado Comprehensive Quality Physical Education Instruction Pilot Program**
- 6.4 Resolution for Acceptance of Votes Cast**
- 6.5 Farming and/or Grazing of Poudre School District Owned Land at Mountain Vista and Cherry Heights**
- 6.6 A Resolution Authorizing Lease of Property and Designating Authorized Signatories to Sign Documents (Authorizing Resolution)**
- 6.7 Colorado Department of Education K-5 Social-Emotional Health Pilot Program**
- 6.8 2020-2021 Early Childhood Education Tuition Increase**
- 6.9 Builders Risk Insurance for Wellington Middle/High School Project**

Director Anderson requested Consent Agenda Item 6.7 be pulled and placed on Action Items.

Director Donovan requested Consent Agenda Item 6.4 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 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.1 Annual Report of the Audit Committee for 2019**

PSD Audit Committee member Brian Richmond presented the annual report.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to community members for their service on the committee.
- PSD financial staff does an outstanding job looking out for taxpayer dollars on behalf of students.
- Audit committee is accepting members.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 2019 Fiscal Year External Audit Related Documents (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit)

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the year ended June 30, 2019, the Accreditation Report, and the Board Resolution Authorizing the Use of a Portion of Beginning Fund Balance, as included in the Board packet.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed to the Finance Department for continuing to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars.
- PSD had no findings, which is unusual across the state.

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

8.2 Approval of Compass Community Learning Collaborative Preliminary Priority Improvement Plan

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve Compass Community Collaborative School's Preliminary Priority Improvement Plan to submit to the Colorado Department of Education as presented.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Congratulations were expressed for continued improvement.

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

8.3 Mill Levy Certification

Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya presented the Mill Levy Certification report.

Board discussion included:

- Data includes multiple bonds.
- Increase is lower than expected.
- Gratitude was expressed for community support of recent mill levy override.
- Tiff funding is not unique to our school district and is a function of state law.

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education of Poudre School District R-1 and the Secretary of the Board of Education formally certify to the Board of Larimer County Commissioners the mill levy in accordance with CRS 39-5-128 (1) as presented in the Board packet in the following manner: For the tax year 2019 (collectable in 2020), the Governing Board of the Poudre School District R-1 hereby certifies a total levy of 56.0 mills to be extended by you upon the total net assessed valuation of \$3,740,344,095 to produce \$209,459,269 in revenue.

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

8.4 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.3, Financial Condition and Activities

Director Johnson moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.3 in her Internal Monitoring Report dated 12/10/19, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

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

8.5 Colorado Department of Education K-5 Social-Emotional Health Pilot Program

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed for voter approval of 4A.
- Increased funds will allow for increased social emotional avenues to reach students and assess needs.
- Gratitude was expressed for team members pursuing grants.

Director Draper moved that the Board approve the Colorado Department of Education K-5 Social-Emotional Health Pilot Program in support of the Department of Language, Culture and Equity and the six elementary school sites included.

Director Johnson 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

8.6 Resolution for Acceptance of Votes Cast

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve the resolution for acceptance of canvass board's certified abstract of votes cast.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Thank you to voters for engaging in the process to elect Board members.
- 63.5% voters approved 4A, resulting in great things for teachers and students.

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

9.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Student Based Budgeting

Budget Director Brett Parsons presented an update on Student Based Budgeting.

Board discussion included:

- Weighted model has an adaptable base that can increase and decrease as needed.
- Budget process includes evaluating Board priorities with cost increases and negotiations.
- Model allows flexibility and gives principals power for decision-making.
- Recent State change to all-day kindergarten provides valuable resources.
- PSD lies at the bottom of the State funding curve.

10.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Subcommittee

- Members will talk to state legislators about introduction of endorsed bills as well as those that would negatively affect the district.
- Committee continues to work through May.
- November Board meeting with legislators in attendance was cancelled due to snowstorm.
- Legislators request Board members reach out with any concerns or comments.

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- November meeting addressed program self-assessment with community and cabinet.
- Currently gathering information to work on next grant cycle.

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 School District Negotiations Related to the 2020-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement or Employment Contracts

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; Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen; 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

Board recessed at 8:23 p.m.

Board reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Executive Session began at 8:30 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 9:30 p.m.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education