



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business/Work Session Meeting
January 26, 2021

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre; Vice President Petterson; Directors DJ Anderson, Kristen Draper, Naomi Johnson and Carolyn Reed; Interim Superintendent Todd Lambert; Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen; Interim Assistant Superintendent Traci Gile; Executive Director Dave Montoya; and Legal and Policy Council Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:49 p.m.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Febvre called the regular business meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

3.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community member Adam Lovell spoke in favor of SRO removal from the schools and requested PSD spend the money on counseling and mental health services.

Parent Justin Friedly stated virtual versus in-person learning decisions should be made based on data and exclude emotion, and pointed out the current Covid risk is inherently low.

Parent Sherry Yockey said students are isolated and depressed due to virtual learning, and executive function in the brain is being negatively impacted.

Student Laila Yockey requested a return to in-person learning full-time for middle and high schools and shared her disappointment at attending only two days a week.

Student Pearl Morris shared her need to attend in-person learning five days a week due to dyslexia and added it is impossible to get the support she needs through online learning.

Parent Sarah Coleman asked Board members to consider that students are the stakeholders in the district and parents should be able to participate in the decision-making process.

Sarah Davis recounted multiple negative student experiences due to remote learning, and requested the Board consider themselves the student's school board.

Parent Bruce Greene expressed a desire for students to return to school five days a week for the social/emotional health of the students and asked the district to provide the metrics required for a return.

Parent Jenny Marquart spoke in support of in-person learning, referenced an article in the JAMA that stated there is little evidence in-person learning compromises the safety of students, and stated PSD quarantine protocols are excessive.

Teacher Kristina Runde requested PSD immediately return high school students to remote learning until teachers are fully vaccinated.

Community member Israel Herrera Santos thanked PSD staff for the hard work involved with navigating many challenges, expressed confusion regarding in-person community comment, and reminded everyone to keep the SRO issue at the front of business.

Parent Kelly Holdridge requested PSD follow the data and return to in-person learning for K-12, and stated those who wish to remain virtual can go to PSDV.

Aislyn McDonald said students should be returned to in-person learning and those who choose to stay home should be allowed to do so.

Parent Emily Schwabe thanked the district for opening elementary full-time and stated most parents want students to return to in-person learning.

4.0 BOARD ITEMS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Director Johnson provided an update on the Student Advisory Council and requested future parent communications be shared with students.
- Director Johnson provided an update on Fullana and issued a reminder about the opening for an Early Childhood Director.
- Director Draper provided an update on the CAC and noted they will be meeting weekly until April 27.
- Request was made for a hybrid option of community comment at future Board meetings.
- Director Anderson provided an update on the Legislative Subcommittee.
- Letter was sent to Colorado Senators and Representatives, County officials, local officials and more regarding educator priority for the Covid vaccine.
- Request was made for improved parent communication regarding district decisions.
- Audit committee has two open positions.
- President Febvre provided a URA update.
- February retreat items were discussed.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Personnel Action**
- 5.2 Ridgeview Classical Schools Charter Renewal Application**
- 5.3 Audit Committee Member Recommendation**
- 5.4 Payment In Lieu of Land Agreement with the Town of Timnath**
- 5.5 Addendum for Extension of Term for the Payment in Lieu of Land Agreement with the Town of Windsor**
- 5.6 Quarterly Financials 12/31/2020**
- 5.7 Revised Budget for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year**

5.8 Colorado Department of Education Building Excellent Schools Today Grant for the Poudre High School Advanced Manufacturing Lab

Director Anderson requested Item 5.4 be pulled and moved to Action Items.

Director Donovan requested Item 5.7 be pulled and moved to Action Items.

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 2021 Technology Refresh Purchase

Director Draper moved that the Board authorize the issuance of Purchase Orders to Dell and DHE for the 2021-22 student devices refresh purchase of \$2,582,840.

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

6.2 Resolution in Support of the Colorado Department of Education Suspending CMAS Testing for the 2020-2021 School Year

Director Donovan moved that the Board adopt the resolution in support of the Colorado Department of Education Suspending CMAS Testing for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Director Johnson read the resolution aloud.

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

6.3 Monitoring and Policy Review: EL 2.0, General Executive Limitations

Director Donovan moved that the Board determine that the Interim Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education policy EL 2.0 in his internal monitoring report dated 1-26-2021, and that the evidence presented supports the interim superintendent's conclusions stated in the internal monitoring report.

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

6.4 Payment In Lieu of Land Agreement with the Town of Timnath

Vice President Peterson moved that the Board approve the Payment in Lieu of Land Agreement with the Town of Timnath as presented in our packet.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was conveyed to staff for the hard work done.
- Concern was expressed about the most recent land valuation in 2012.
- Request was made for a current land valuation.
- Should be evaluated every two years; last change was in 2013.
- Anticipated future growth along the I-25 corridor.
- Cost analysis proposal will be provided at a future meeting.
- Two minor changes exist between the Fort Collins IGA and the Timnath IGA.

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

6.5 Revised Budget for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve the Revised Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year as described in our packet.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed for the hard work done to manage the district budget.
- Net cost of PSDV was approximately \$1.5 million.
- Long Range Planning will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

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 WORK SESSION TOPICS

7.1 School Year Update

Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen and Interim Assistant Superintendent Traci Gile provided an update on the school year.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed to staff for the hard work involved with educating children during difficult times.
- Goal remains to open schools and stay open.
- Data is encouraging but caution remains for specific age bands at the secondary level.
- 14-day trends across age groups need to be in place in order to open schools.
- Transportation is provided for students who are homeless or in foster care.
- Principals can request transportation for critical need priority groups.
- Gratitude was conveyed to the Larimer County Department of Health and Safety.
- Staggered arrival times allow student access to breakfast.
- Lunch protocol differs between schools.
- All student transportation options are listed on the PSD website.
- Increased ridership is an ongoing issue and will likely continue to next school year.
- PSD communication will be shared with high school students starting with the next installment of *Great Happens Here*.
- Graduation dates were discussed.
- Matthew's House partnership is beneficial to the support of students.
- Summer program planning has begun.
- Board members expressed concern about the well-being of building staff.
- Front office staff continue to be the glue that hold buildings together.
- Appreciation was expressed for an increase in communication.
- Reminder was issued to wear your mask at all times to minimize the virus and re-open schools.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Interim Superintendent Performance Feedback

Director Draper moved that the Board enter executive session as authorized under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters related to feedback on the Interim Superintendent's job performance. Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Interim Superintendent Todd Lambert, Legal and Policy Counsel Autumnn Aspen, and Assistant Board Secretary Jill Brunner.

Vice President 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 8:27 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:36 p.m.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education