



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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# Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting  
October 27, 2020

### **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM**

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre; Vice President Petterson; Directors DJ Anderson, Kristen Draper, Naomi Johnson and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Sandra Smyser; Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen; Executive Director Matt Bryant; and Legal and Policy Council Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:35 p.m.

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

President Febvre called the regular business meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

#### **3.0 BOARD ITEMS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Directors Anderson and Johnson provided an update on the Student Think Tank.
- Director Johnson provided an update on the CAC meeting and Early Childhood Council.
- Request was made to address equity in matching teacher and student populations.
- EDAC could examine equity in current curriculum and report back to the Board.
- November is Transgender Awareness month.
- Concern was expressed about the structure of high school homecoming nominations.
- President Febvre provided an update on the URA meeting.
- Board members were asked to reflect on committee assignments.
- Future Executive Sessions may be held in-person instead of virtual.
- Legislative Subcommittee discussed CASB Resolutions at the recent meeting.

#### **4.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Community members participated remotely.

PSD student Anna Dunn read a statement on behalf of a community member. Concern was expressed about the SRO contract renewal and a request was made to search for alternatives to SRO involvement in schools.

PEA President John Robinson thanked PSD for strong leadership during the pandemic and requested clear and definitive metrics from the Larimer County Health Department and PSD regarding Covid numbers.

Alexandria Bish read a statement on behalf of a community member that stated SRO involvement can cause fear in students, and schools would be a healthier environment without police.

CAC member Israel Herrera Santos requested an update on the SRO SOP recommendations for renewal and stated the District needs to replace SROs with other social/emotional experts.

## **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5.1 Personnel Action**

### **5.2 RMHS School-based Student Fee Schedule**

### **5.3 Wellington Annexation and Development Agreements**

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended 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 Approval of AIA Document G701-2017 Change Order to the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Wellington MS/HS Project**

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve AIA Document G701–2017 Change Order #1 to the Wellington MS/HS Construction Project where the guaranteed maximum price increases to \$119,948,272.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Construction Services Manager Earl Smith provided an update.
- Funding will come from contingency funds held in reserve.
- Bathroom facilities are located in the athletic building and will service ball fields.
- Buyout Contingency is the savings realized between the estimated cost and the actual contract amount.
- Appreciation was expressed for the detail provided in the report.
- Delay in the Development Agreement affected the Change Order.
- Gratitude was expressed to President Febvre and Director Reed for working with the Town of Wellington.

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 Approval of AIA Document A133-2009 Exhibit A Guarantee Maximum Price Amendment for the HVAC and remaining Building Automation and Controls project at Rocky Mountain High School**

Director Draper moved that the Board of Education approve and execute the AIA Document A133-2009 Exhibit A Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the HVAC and BAS project at Rocky Mountain High School where the contract sum is guaranteed to by the construction manager not to exceed \$3,684,499, subject to additions and deductions by change order.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Construction Services Manager Earl Smith provided an update.
- Clarification was requested on placement of air conditioning and the estimated cost of adding air conditioning to the remaining school in the future.
- Request was made for itemized report on reserves.

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 Approval of AIA Document A133-2009 Exhibit A Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Transportation Facility Project**

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve and execute the AIA Document A133-2009 Exhibit A Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Transportation Facility Project where the contract sum is guaranteed to by the construction manager not to exceed \$10,119,542, subject to additions and deductions by change order.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Construction Services Manager Earl Smith provided an update.
- Funding source for lift purchase depends on final construction costs.
- Lifts are approximately \$130,000.
- Project is scheduled for completion in August 2021.
- Current operations are being conducted out of multiple buildings.
- Integrated Services will be moving to Fullana next month.

- Clarification was requested on the equipment list.
- Wellington High School will incorporate bus parking spaces that include plug ins.

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 Resolution in Support of Homeless Youth Awareness Month**

Director Draper moved that the Board of Education recommend a resolution in support of National Homeless Youth Awareness Month in November 2020.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director Draper read the resolution aloud.
- Gratitude was expressed to community partners for working with PSD on equity for students.
- Important to provide stability to homeless 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

### **7.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **7.1 School Year Update**

Superintendent Smyser thanked staff, community members and the Board of Education for hard work and creative thinking involved with working through the pandemic needs. A decision to close is the most difficult topic for all involved, and gratitude was expressed to the Larimer County Health Department for daily communication with PSD.

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools Scott Nielsen provided an update on the school year.

Board discussion included:

- Administration recognizes the frustration for all involved with the educational process.
- Contact tracing teams exist at each site.
- Community cases of COVID are rising.
- Restrictions will increase as positive cases increase.

- Age group of positive cases affects decision to open or close schools.
- Request for clear cut criteria is understandable yet difficult to attain.
- Important to balance the need to educate with the risk to students and staff.
- Current information indicates transmission between students and staff is low.
- Transparency of information is important.
- Answer the Call campaign involves contact tracing.
- Plea was issued to public to continue wearing masks.
- Quarantine only affects students and staff directly in contact with affected person, not the entire school.
- Communication to affected individuals is clear and effective; communication to all students, staff and parents may need improvement.
- Request was made for decision making factors and information on PSD website.
- Appreciation was expressed for continued support from the Board.
- Safety processes continue to be followed in schools.
- Elementary attendance is 94.7%; Secondary attendance is 93.6%.
- Learning Pods continue to grow and develop.
- Transportation options are being considered and coordinated with Fort Collins TransFort.
- Gratitude was expressed to the Transportation Department for hard work and continued creative thinking.
- Over 300 students are affected by the fires at 26 schools.
- Important to support teachers, monitor stress levels and continue to evaluate options for assistance.
- Strong community support exists with AlphaBest and Boys and Girls.
- Transfer requests for PSDV are processed individually; capacity is limited.
- Measuring a year of success may be more important than measuring a year of growth.
- Teachers, staff, parents, and students should be given grace to grow and learn.
- Communication with other Colorado school districts is occurring and parallel experiences exist.

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education