



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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# Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Special Meeting  
August 25, 2020

### **ELECTRONIC BUSINESS MEETING (VIA ADOBE CONNECT) – 4:00 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; Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Adams

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

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

President Febvre called the special meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Assistant Board Secretary Brunner called roll for Board members and Cabinet members.

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

Director Petterson moved that the Board add an information item on the start of the school year. Discussion Item 7.1, Staff Update on School Opening, was added to the Agenda.

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

#### **3.0 BOARD TOPICS DISCUSSION**

- Liberty Common successfully commenced in-person learning with many safety precautions in place.
- PSD Foundation continues to honor commitments without a Director in place. No fundraiser will be held this year.
- Legislative Subcommittee will meet tomorrow and review the legislative agenda. Request was made for input on areas of concern.
- CASB Fall Regional event is September 15, 2020 and will be held virtually. Request was made to inform Board Secretary Oppenheimer by September 1, 2020 if attending.
- PSD, City and County representatives continue to meet to discuss COVID.
- Larimer County Health Department is feeling encouraged about improved testing times and feel PSD target date is good.
- Suggestion was made to include a representative from CSU in meetings with Larimer County.

- Summer construction update was requested.

#### **4.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Parent A.J. Johnson stated remote learning seems to be set up for parents to fail and asked the District to give parents a plan to work from, admit trial and error is occurring and move forward.

Cheryl Distaso read a statement provided to her from a student that indicated the student does not feel safe around SROs and believes their presence increases the risk of a discriminatory environment.

Community member Rena Trujillo spoke in support of SRO removal and added students need more mental health support.

#### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **5.1 Personnel Action**

##### **5.2 Emergency Purchases due to Covid-19 Pandemic**

##### **5.3 Wiring for Intercoms Project**

Director Anderson requested Consent Agenda Item 5.3 be pulled and placed on Action Items.

Director Draper moved that the Board approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

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

#### **6.0 ACTION ITEMS**

##### **6.1 Approval of AIA Document A133-2009 Exhibit A Final Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Prospect MS/HS Project**

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve the contract attached to the agenda, the American Institute of Architects Documents A133-2009 Final Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Prospect Site Project.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Long lead times allow for minimal disruption of building supplies.
- Results of the Traffic Study indicated PSD should bear the cost of two traffic signals.
- Digital signage will be placed at the main entrance on the west side of the property.

- Enhancements have been made to the performing arts area.
- Delay/cancelling this project would be costly to the District.
- Building, permitting and real estate sales in Timnath remain strong.
- School may open with approximately 86% utilization.
- Question was raised about the possibility of delayed staffing.
- Anticipated to hire Principal in 6 months.
- Dirt was required and purchased to cover the ditch.
- 1.6 million dollars was added for earth work.
- Gratitude was expressed for work done on school construction.

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 Payment of Fees to Xcel Energy for the Conversion of Overhead to Underground Power Lines for the Prospect MS/HS Project**

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education authorize payment of Xcel Energy utility undergrounding fees in the amount of \$382,741.89.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Fort Collins and Timnath development requirements mandate burial of power lines.

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 Wiring for Intercoms Project**

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve the contract with Sturgeon to install the wiring needed to support new intercoms district wide at an estimated cost of \$821,547.00.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was requested on the timing of Board approval of the intercom installation project.
- Project was approved by the Board in May.

- Wiring is a prerequisite for installation and was placed in a separate IFP for better pricing.

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 Staff Update on School Opening**

Assistant Superintendents Scott Nielsen and Todd Lambert provided an update on school openings.

Board discussion included:

- Larimer County Health Department is optimistic about a return to buildings at second quarter, primarily due to improved testing times.
- Gratitude was expressed for ensuring that great learning happened on short notice, food was accessible to students, and parent participation was included during the process.
- Principals are working to identify and locate students who have not returned to school.
- Cost of PSDV was more than expected; financial update will be forthcoming.
- PODs will be implemented for some students.
- Communication to staff and families should be improved.
- Clarification was requested on staff expectations to wear PPE and cooperate with contact tracing.
- Potential inclusion of contact tracing requirements in student code of conduct was discussed.
- New curriculum is available to teachers.

### **7.2 School Resource Officers Standard Operating Procedures Work Update**

Executive Director of Operations Matt Bryant and Director of Language, Culture and Equity John McKay provided an update on the SRO Standard Operating Procedures.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed for the cooperation with SOP improvements.
- Applications are being accepted for the Community Advisory Council.
- Third party facilitator would be beneficial.
- Comprehensive review of programming is essential.
- Meaning of school-to-prison pipeline must be understood.
- Data tells one part of the story; student experience tells another.
- Agencies are collaborating well with PSD regarding changes.

- Discipline data can be used from previous school year.
- Important to understand underlying cause of issues; data may not clarify cause.
- SRO issue should not be singular in scope.
- Achieving equity will be a long process that may take years to implement.
- Addressing equity with a broad lens may be the first step.
- Authentic interactions that honor all voices geared toward an equitable outcome and inclusion is important.

### **7.3 Revision of Board Policy GP 3.12, Bylaws of the Board of Education (First Reading)**

Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen presented the first reading of changes to Board Policy GP 3.12.

- ‘Conflict of interest’ means a Board member should disclose conflict up front and not participate in the conversation about the item.
- GP 3.5 also addresses Board member conflict of interest.
- Clarification was requested on various processes.
- Request was made to add language indicating Board members must vote unless there is good cause for abstaining.
- Suggestions were made on language inclusion.
- Unclear what would happen if Board member discovers a conflict after discussion of item occurs.
- Important to remain consistent with State statute and to keep meetings moving.
- Changes will return a second reading at a future meeting.

### **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education