



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Special Meeting
September 22, 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 Autumnn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Febvre called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Removal of Agenda Item 7.1

Director Petterson moved that Item 7.1 be removed from the Agenda.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Intent of removal is to discuss the topic in Executive Session.
- Objective is to obtain a clearer understanding of what is expected of SROs and Administration.
- Board needs to consult with negotiators and legal counsel.
- Current draft requires improvements that should be discussed before presenting to the public.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Draper, Febvre, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: Director Donovan

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 6-1

2.2 Addition of 9.2 Executive Session

Director Petterson moved that the Board add Executive Session 9.2 to instruct negotiators and get legal advice surrounding the School Resource Officer Standard Operating Procedures for this school year.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Purpose is to discuss negotiating strategies.
- Resulting draft will be available to the public soon.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Draper, Febvre, Johnson, Petterson and Reed

Those voting NO: Director Donovan

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 6-1

3.0 BOARD TOPICS DISCUSSION

- Director Johnson provided updates on Fullana Early Childhood and the Student Think Tank.
- President Febvre read a statement in support of Director Reed, recent recipient of the McGuffey award.
- District Advisory Board will focus on equity this year.
- Board and staff members will discuss a possible return to in-person Board meetings.
- President Febvre requested Board members consider participation on the URA Board.
- Director Reed provided an update on her tour of the new Wellington Middle/High School

4.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

PSD parent Laura Martin asked staff to contemplate the success of Phases 1-3 based on negative comments from teachers and parents, and requested Phase 4 be instated with an option for interested parties to stay home.

Parent Jennifer Miller was encouraged by an upcoming return to in-school learning and said it is important for the social/emotional needs of students. Clarification was requested for the different language used in the K-2 versus secondary start.

Community member Eric Sutherland expressed concern that members of an affluent community in Timnath benefit from being a part of the PSD community yet pay nothing, and believes Timnath should begin to pay their share.

Former PSD student Israel Herrera Santos questioned why SROs are being paid while there are no students in the building and suggested money would be better spent on tutors, meals, mental health professionals and more.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Personnel Action

5.2 Colorado Department of Education Concurrent Enrollment Expansion and Innovation Grant Program Application

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 East Larimer County Water District (ELCO) Water Service Agreement – Prospect Site

Director Draper moved that the Board of Education approve the ELCO Water Service Agreement for the Prospect Site.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Price of water has increased by \$90,000 since the original agreement.
- Approximately \$35,000 in fees have already been paid.
- PSD should not have to buy any more water for this site.
- CBT shares are being used elsewhere.
- Fee was negotiated based on water usage at Fossil Ridge High School.
- Site includes two wells that will be used for raw water non-potable use on fields.

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 Refunding of Certain Outstanding Series 2012 and Series 2015 Bonds to Series 2020 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve the RESOLUTION presented for Board action at the September 22, 2020 meeting AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY POUUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1, LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO, OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING IN ADVANCE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE

MATURITIES CERTAIN OF THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2012 AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015, AT LOWER INTEREST RATES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING THE FORM OF SUCH BONDS AND OTHER DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS AND THE PAYMENT THEREOF; APPROVING OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION".

Director Draper seconded the motion.

Director Donovan withdrew the motion.

Director Johnson moved to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, as such resolution was revised as to the definition of "Record Date" and presented to the board prior to this meeting, approving the forms of documents relating to the refunding, and authorizing the President, the Superintendent and the Executive Director of Finance to approve the final pricing of the bonds subject to the parameters and restrictions set forth in the resolution.

Director Draper Seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Refinancing some debt into bonds will save on the overall interest payments.
- Does not equate to spendable money.
- Action will reduce taxpayer debt approximately \$2.4 million.
- Process is similar to refinancing a mortgage on a home.
- Reduced interest is the result of COVID and market.

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 Resolution in Support of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month

Director Draper moved that the Board of Education approve a resolution in support of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15, 2020.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

Director Draper 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

7.0 WORK SESSION TOPICS

7.1 Community Advisory Council Status and Planning Update

Director of Language, Culture and Equity John McKay provided an update on the Community Advisory Council.

Board discussion included:

- Over 100 people applied to be on the Community Advisory Council (CAC).
- All viewpoints will be represented on the CAC and dialogue will include critical thinking.
- Consensus is not necessary to provide recommendations.
- Director of Student Services represents mental health staff as well as others.
- Some SRO review occurs with real-time data.
- School-to-prison pipeline data exists.
- Gratitude was expressed for work involved with coordinating the committee.
- Council is a work-in-progress and running slightly behind schedule.
- Directors Johnson and Draper will participate in the Council.
- Vulnerability in speaking up exists and is acknowledged.
- Third-party community members trained in delicate procedures ensure safety for those involved.
- Ensuring the option of anonymity is critical.
- Data tells one side of the story; student experience tells another.
- Facilitator will be chosen by the CAC.
- Council members will all be interviewed.
- CAC will make recommendations to the Board prior to the next SRO contract renewal, both for maintaining the SRO program and for phasing out and replacing the SRO program.
- Counselors, Social Workers and Mental Health representatives are critical participants on the Council.
- Board members are invited to participate in community engagement if interested.

Board recessed at 6:15 p.m.

Board reconvened at 6:24 p.m.

7.2 School Year Update

Assistant Superintendents Todd Lambert and Scott Nielsen provided an update on the School Year.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was requested on the A/B model instruction.
- French Field will be allowed 250 spectators for sporting events, 125 for each team.
- Chat bar in Teams Meeting software allows for ongoing dialogue between colleagues.
- Leadership Team compiles parent questions, concerns, and suggestions for distribution to the Principal Teams.
- Attendance for remote learning is strong at 95.2%, compared to in-person attendance of 96.5% a year ago.
- Executive Director of Operations Matt Bryant provided an update on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Status of Mountain School students is day-to-day due to ongoing fires.
- Teachers without access to school buildings due to the fires are working at the ITC building.
- Red Cross is using the CLP auxiliary gym.

7.3 Enrollment and Budget Update

Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya, Budget Director Brett Parsons, Planning Manager Brendan Willits and IT Applications Support and Data Coordinator Betsy Westberry provided an Enrollment and Budget Update.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was requested on October Count dates.
- Charter school data is not available at this time.
- Location and data for withdrawn students is important.
- Other Districts have a comparable reduction in enrollment, particularly in Kindergarten.
- Drop in enrollment may not be as financially impactful as previously thought.
- December financial forecast will be very revealing.
- Question was raised about the continuation of PSDV beyond this year.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

9.1 Wellington Annexation and Development Agreements (record)

Director Johnson moved that the Board enter executive session to receive information regarding the annexation and development agreements with the Town of Wellington, determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, and to instruct negotiators as authorized under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(l). Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Executive Director Matt Bryant, Director of Construction Earl Smith, Planning Manager Brendan Willits, 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 8:39 p.m.

Board reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

Executive session started at 8:47 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:50 p.m.

9.2 2020-2021 School Resource Office (SRO) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

Director Petterson moved that the Board enter executive session to receive information on the Standard Operating Procedures Regarding the School Resource Officer Program in Poudre School District, determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop strategy for negotiations, and to instruct the negotiators as authorized under C.R.S. 24-6-402(e)(1) and to confer with the District's Legal and Policy Counsel to receive legal advice on the draft Standard Operating Procedures as authorized under C.R.S. 24-6-402(b). Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen, Executive Director Matt Bryant, Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen, and Board Assistant Secretary Jill Brunner.

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

Executive session started at 9:55 p.m.

Executive session ended at 11:16 p.m.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner

Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education