



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting/Work Session
January 11, 2022

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM Information Technology Center Aspen Training Rooms

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Carolyn Reed and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten; Executive Directors Brett Larsen and Madeline Noblett

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

Superintendent Kingsley provided updates to the Board and staff.

- Head Start/Early Childhood will be part of the Federal mandate requiring employees of the program to be vaccinated. PSD must comply by February 1, 2022.
- Gratitude was expressed to the communication department for getting PSD out to the public on social media and in the public.

2.0 Executive Session

Director Draper moved that the Board enter executive session to receive information related to a confidential personnel matter, as authorized by C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f). Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Executive Director Brett Larsen, Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen, and Board Secretary Lexy Donnelly.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora.

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Nate Donovan

Motion passed: 6-0

Executive session began 5:52 p.m.

Executive session ended at 6:16 p.m.

Dinner session ended at 6:18 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten; Executive Directors Matt Bryant, Brett Larsen, Dave Montoya, and Madeline Noblett

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

Legal and Policy Council Autumn Aspen attended remotely.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Petterson called the regular business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Donovan moved that the Board move the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Resolution ahead in the agenda to after the Recognitions.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petterson led the Board of Education, staff, and community members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Executive Director of Communications Madeline Noblett, who led the celebration of this month's recognition.

- Rocky Mountain High School eSports state champion teams
 - Rocket League Team
 - Cameron Gartzka
 - Kyle Papp
 - Grady Baratran
 - Super Smash Bros.
 - Sawyer Hicks
 - Oliver Bunnel
 - Fernando De La Cruz
- Community partners supporting PSD students and families
 - United Way of Larimer County

- Deirdre Sullivan, President and CEO UWLC
- Justin Davis, UWLC BOD Chair
- Scott Hapner, Sr. Corporate Engagement Manager
- PSD Staff
 - Bennett Elementary for helping to save a choking child
 - Patrick Murray and Frances Anderson

5.0 ACTION ITEMS (1)

5.1 Resolution in Support of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17, 2022

Director Draper moved that the Board adopt and approve the Resolution in Support of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17, 2022.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Director of Language, Culture, and Equity, John McKay, and Zach Elementary student Danielle Apawu.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley shared an update on celebrations throughout the community.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Jeff Aufderheide expressed concerns about current COVID policies and wearing masks in schools. He questioned pictures of PEA with Board Directors in close contact that are not wearing masks.

Jessica Kraus spoke about PSD's current vaccine policy and an email that PSD sent on New Year's Eve with COVID guidelines.

Heather Lahdenpera expressed concerns with how the American Rescue Plan and ESSER funds are used. She gave remarks on an email sent out on New Year's Eve on PSD COVID guidelines.

Gina Forcatto spoke on concerns about the long-term damage that wearing masks has on students who speak a foreign language.

Tasha Carr gave remarks against masks in school and asked to look more into the science behind wearing masks.

Wayne Brothers spoke with concerns on the current PSD bullying program and the district's vision for No Place for Hate.

Erin Ramler gave remarks on removing the masking policy in PSD.

Jimmy Page came to speak against mask and vaccine policies.

Kelly Holdridge presented remarks from a student concerning masks and mental health in school.

Lisa Maclean presented a letter from a parent stating concerns about wearing masks in school and the effects on students.

Marc Fuchs came to speak on behalf of a teacher with concerns about the mental health mask-wearing is having on students and how students are missing the human interactions wearing masks is causing.

The Board went into recess at 7:32 p.m.
The Board resumed at 7:41 p.m.

Brea Strong read a statement from a retired teacher with concerns about the current masking rules.

Al Armonda spoke on the concerns on the mental health currently in PSD.

Livi Christiansen came to speak in favor of the mask-wearing in PSD. She expressed thanks to PSD for the mask policy.

Tracey Winey spoke against mask-wearing and expressed concerns about the effects of wearing a mask on staff.

Casey Lindsey presented an anonymous petition from teachers with concerns about the lack of support from the district and the effects the mask-wearing is having on staff and students.

Monique Overturf spoke on concerns about sharing students' health records within the PSD Synergy system. She discussed an email sent to PSD families on New Year's Eve about COVID guidelines.

Tracy Sorg stated that the district is failing students and the community.

Michelle Duncan read a teacher statement with concerns about the current COVID guidelines and vaccine requirements.

8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Legislative Session is about to start.
- The State Board is extending feedback for Social Studies.

CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Action

9.2 Colorado Department of Education Concurrent Expansion and Innovation Grant Program application

- 9.3 A Resolution to Allow for the Possibility of Implementation of Remote Learning Option Days as a Results of Emergency School or District Closure due to Inclement Weather or other Unforeseen Conditions**
- 9.4 A Resolution Authorizing Individuals to Act on Behalf of Poudre School District Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan**
- 9.5 State of Colorado American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief-Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY II) 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 DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

10.0 ACTION ITEMS (2)

10.1 Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2021, and December 14, 2021

Director Draper motioned to approve and adopt the meeting minutes from December 3, 2021, and December 14, 2021.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Director Draper moved that the minutes of the December 14, 2021, Board meeting, as presented in the Board agenda, be amended to revise the spelling of Director Petterson's last name on the top of page 2 from P-E-T-E-R-S-O-N to P-E-T-T-E-R-S-O-N.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The voting for the first motion was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

The voting for the amended minutes was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: Director Nate Donovan

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 6-1

11.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 Calendar Committee Update

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, who provided introductory remarks on this item.

PSD Calendar Committee Co-chairs Melanie Mierzwa and Alicia Bono gave an update on the work of the calendar committee.

Board discussion included:

- The Committee clarified questions about the summer heat and the plan if schools start two days early in August.
- The Board expressed gratitude for the work done by the Calendar Committee.

11.2 PSD COVID-19 Response Update

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Executive Director of Communications Madeline Noblett and COVID-19 Coordinator Corey Henry, who spoke on the current information related to PSD COVID-19 response.

Board discussion included.

- Process for making an appointment on the mobile vaccine bus was explained.
- Board members expressed gratitude for the work on the presentation and update.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no motion to move into Executive Session.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexcia Donnelly
Secretary to the Board of Education