



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting October 12, 2021

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

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre; Vice President Rob Petterson; Directors DJ Anderson, Kristen Draper, 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, Madeline Noblett, and Dustin Reintsma; Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: Director Donovan

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:30 PM

#### **1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics**

- Director of Career and Innovation Scott Elias, Volunteer and Partnerships Coordinator Nick Peterson, and Career and Technology Education Coordinator Tanya Alcaraz presented information on community engagement and the growing needs.
- Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya presented an update on the internal and external audit committee.
- Director Anderson provided an update on the Student Advisory Board and CASB.

#### **2.0 Agenda Planning**

There was no discussion on this item.

#### **3.0 Executive Session**

Director Draper moved that the Board enter executive session to confer with the attorney for the Board for the purpose of receiving legal advice on pending litigation relating to the Open Meetings Law Act and the Colorado Open Records Act as authorized by C.R.S. § 24-6-402-(4)(b). Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen and Board Assistant Board Secretaries Jill Brunner and Lexy Donnelly.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Donovan

Motion passed 6-0

Executive session began at 6:08 PM

Executive session ended at 6:21 PM

Dinner session ended at 6:21 PM

## **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: President Christophe Febvre; Vice President Rob Petterson; Directors DJ Anderson, Kristen Draper, 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, Madeline Noblett, and Dustin Reintsma; Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: Director Donovan

LATE: None

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Febvre called the regular business meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

### **2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

### **4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Kingsley provided an update on the district and school happenings.

- The students need to feel they are connected, feeling like they are enough.
- The goal is to double down on wellness and mental health reports.
- Proud of partnering with business communities, options in our own backyard.
- Grateful to be serving here in the district and to be able to serve in the system.

### **5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Cory Carroll expressed gratitude for the masking policy in the district.

Jim Brokish is a current candidate for Poudre School District Board and gave remarks about his campaign.

Kelly Holdridge expressed her concern about the educational outcomes in the district.

Marc Fuchs expressed concerns with Critical Race Theory being taught in the district.

Casey Lindsey spoke about low tests scores in the district.

Allison Coatman expressed gratitude for students being back to in-person learning.

Mark Bartlett expressed gratitude for students being back to in-person learning.

Clarissa Hernandez asked to continue to keep teachers in mind when making decisions.

Jean Sanfacon expressed thanks for in-person learning and the commitment to social emotional needs.

Samantha Lowndesa expressed thanks to the Board and administration for finding a way to bring kids back to school.

Jeff Aufderheide questioned the funding and spending in PSD and the wellness contributions in the district.

Griffin Cole expressed concern that Critical Race Theory being taught in the district.

Cathy Dumler expressed concern with how PSD is influenced by unions.

Jessica Kraus spoke against masking policies in school.

Amber Karhoff stated that students are happy to be back in school learning.

Gina Forcatto spoke against masks being worn in school.

Jessy Andreen said Critical Race Theory is dangerous.

Brandi Aspinall is a current candidate for Poudre School District Board and gave remarks about her campaign.

Tasha Carr spoke in favor of freedom of speech.

Michelle Duncan voiced concern about the quality of the educational opportunities for students and the number of minorities that are falling behind.

Alan Braslau spoke in favor of students being in-person for school and sports.

Damon Henry stated students come to school excited and ready to learn.

Amy Hughes expressed gratitude to teachers.

Heather Lahdenpera questioned money spent on a health survey in the district.

Mark Morehouse asked why PSD does not provide a pool for students.

Krista Dias expressed gratitude for following science when it came to masks.

Erin Lee spoke against gender identity being taught in schools.

Diana Majors requested PSD look at other school district mask policies.

Rodney Husman spoke against mask policies in high school.

Jennie Willis Marko stated that her children are grateful to be back in person.

Student Ryan Brittingham spoke in favor JROTC.

Kerri P. spoke against the mask mandates and vaccinations.

## **6.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- October is family and school community partnership month; every child deserves an opportunity to shoot to the stars. Educators and community all have a part in educating students.
- The PSD Foundation had a Meet and Greet to kick off the school year and to introduce Superintendent Kingsley to the community partners.
- Outreach and fundraising activities were discussed.
- Director Reed visited with Fort Collins Police Services and was impressed with the Chief and the openness of interactive community.
- The Board attended CASB and learned about what is going on at the State level.
- Director Febvre was awarded McGuffey Award for Dedication Service to Public Education. The Board wished Director Febvre a successful retirement.

## **7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **7.1 Personnel Action**

### **7.2 Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2021, and September 28, 2021**

### **7.3 Assistant Secretary Appointment Resolution**

Director Draper moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items on the consent agenda.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Donovan

Motion passed: 6-0

## **8.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Compass Collaborative School Priority Improvement Plan**

Director Draper moved that the Board approve the Compass Collaborative School Priority Improvement Plan as presented.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Principal Jan Harrison presented information on the Compass Collaborative School improvement plan.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was requested on the differences in online curriculum.
- A Question was asked about the PSAT and CMAS requirements.
- The hiring of more staff is anticipated.
- The ESSER funds really helped with the school budget this year.
- Enrollment was impacted by COVID.
- The school was awarded a grant to hire a new math coach.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: NONE

ABSENT: Director Donovan

Motion passed: 6-0

Board recessed at 8:25 PM.

Board reconvened at 8:32 PM.

## **8.2 Resolution Opposition Proposition 119**

Director Petterson moved that the Board approve Resolution Opposition Proposition 119.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Vice President Petterson moved that the Board remove the last full paragraph as presented in the resolution "Now, therefore be it further resolved, the Board authorizes the expenditure of District funds to distribute a factual summary regarding Proposition 119, in accordance with the Fair Campaign Practices Act, C.R.S. 1-45-117."

Director Draper seconded the motion.

The voting on the second motion was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Donovan

Motion passed: 6-0

Board discussion on the first motion included:

- Use of public land trust monies should be intended for public education.
- Expressed concern on getting extra help for our kids.
- Expressed concern with the use of funds and equitable distribution.
- Prefer these types of taxes dollars to enter the public education system.

The voting on the first motion was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Donovan

Motion passed: 6-0

## **8.3 Resolution Opposition Proposition 120**

Director Petterson moved that the Board remove the last full paragraph as presented in the resolution "Now, therefore be it further resolved, the Board authorizes the expenditure of District funds to distribute a factual summary regarding Proposition 119, in accordance with the Fair Campaign Practices Act, C.R.S. 1-45-117."

Director Draper seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: NONE

ABSENT: Donovan

Motion passed: 6-0

Vice President Petterson moved that the Board approve Resolution Opposition Proposition 120.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Board discussion followed.

- Getting rid of the Gallagher Amendment caused problems for library and school districts. There are many needs for students across Colorado.
- If citizens vote to reduce property tax rates, the amount per student will stay the same and the money per student will come from the general fund from the state.
- This is pie and someone will get a smaller slice of the pie if taxes are reduced.
- Think about the human cost and the cost to teachers and less pay and taking money away from teachers and children.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Donovan

Motion passed: 6-0

## **9.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **9.1 PSD COVID-19 Response Update**

Larimer County Health Director Tom Gonzales and Larimer County Epidemiologist Jared Olson presented the latest COVID-19 update for Larimer County.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to everyone for all their work during the pandemic, especially healthcare workers.
- Clarification was given about phasing-in vaccines for 5 to 12-year-olds and when it is available.

COVID-19 Coordinator Corey Henry and Executive Director of Communications Madeline Noblett presented PSD COVID information.

Board discussion included:

- Continue to host vaccination clinics.
- Vaccine programs are 100% voluntary.
- Parents/guardians must be with children 17 years and younger to give consent to receive the vaccination.
- Individuals who are ages 18 and older can self-consent to receive the vaccination.
- PSD staff is not administrating COVID vaccinations.

## **9.2 Career and Innovation Update**

Career and Technology Education Coordinator Tanya Alcaraz and Director of Career and Innovation Scott Elias provided an update on the current COVID status in Poudre School District.

Board discussion followed.

- Clarification was given about the number of certified counselors at the middle and high school level for the CTE program.
- There is a desire to see this program continue and encourage students to stay in school and pursue apprenticeships.
- Students should be able to go into the trades with district support.

## **10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **10.1 Discussion of Specialized Details of the District's Cybersecurity Arrangements**

Director Anderson moved that the Board of Education enter executive session for the purpose of discussing specialized details of the district's cybersecurity arrangements or investigations, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(d). Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, Executive Directors Dustin Reintsma and Dave Montoya, Enterprise Architect Dougy Wond, Systems Administrator Casey Johnson, Clifton Larson Allen associates Alison Slife and Kevin Huber, Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen, and Board Assistant Secretaries Jill Brunner and Lexy Donnelly.

Director Draper seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Donovan

Motion passed 6-0

Board recessed at 10:45 PM.

Executive session began at 10:58 p.m.

Executive session ended at 11:42 p.m.

Board reconvened at 11:46 p.m.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexcia Donnelly  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education