Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting/Work Session
November 9, 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 Council Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None
LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Superintendent Kingsley presented information on the Colorado Healthy Kids Survey.
- Interim Executive Director of Human Resources Brett Larsen presented an update about the current Classified Staff openings and the hard-to-fill classified positions.
- There was discussion about staff having to use paid time off when being required to quarantine.

2.0 Agenda Planning

There was nothing planned for the agenda.

Dinner session ended at 6:05 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

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ABSENT: None
LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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 RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Executive Director of Communications Madeline Noblett to present awards to the honorees.

- Community Partners
    - Boys & Girls Club – Kaycee Heacrick
    - Matthews House – Nicole Armstrong & Lise Harwell
    - Canvas Credit Union – Nancy Patton & Gary Ozzello
    - AlphaBest – David McClure
    - Museum of Discovery – Laura Valdez
    - Bohemian Foundation – Sara Maronowicz
- Colorado Hands and Voices 2021 Families First Award
    - McGraw Elementary School – Cathy Bowles
- Colorado Council of Teachers of Mathematics Awards
    - Kruse Elementary School - Emily Vangermeersh
    - Olander Elementary School - Eryn Burge
    - Preston Elementary School - Kathy Sampson
    - Poudre High School - Elissa Pitts

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley thanked President Febvre for his leadership while serving on the Board of Education.

Poudre School District has not changed its stance on vaccinations; vaccinations are not required but are strongly encouraged. Poudre School District will continue to provide mobile vaccine clinics for staff and families. Parent consent is required for anyone under the age of 18.

6.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Jeff Aufderheide spoke against recent school board election-related issues.

Sarah Coleman expressed concerns about where the vaccine bus is parked during school hours, particularly the proximity to playgrounds.

Darius Bell asked a series of rhetorical questions regarding truth.

Gina Forcatto spoke against the use of vaccines and the concern of vaccinations at public school sites.

Karen Wong-Brown shared a poem about Trans Remembrance Day occurring on November 18th.

Erin Ramler spoke on the Board following up on or addressing past public comments during the next Board of Education meetings. She also spoke in favor removing the mask mandate in the district.

Jessica Kraus spoke about letting the parents research masking their own children.

Al Armonda spoke against the COVID vaccine, vaccine bus clinics, and the mask mandates for the district.

Eli Roth expressed concerns about the effects the quarantine process has on students with Individual Education Plans, specifically in reading.

Tasha Carr gave remarks on a political flyer passed out during the recent Board of Education election cycle.

Casey Lindsey expressed concerns about the mental health challenges that COVID is having on the children.

Aaron Green came to give remarks on the lack of representation for students with disabilities and the A.D.A. availability in Poudre School District.

Dani Lawrence came to speak on having a district-wide policy on quarantines. She asked the Board to please add Integrated Services to the agenda.

7.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Anderson acknowledged that the Early Childhood Council is developing a state-wide plan regarding the approach to preschool.

President Febvre thanked the Superintendent, Board, and staff for all their hard work throughout the years while he has served on the Board of Education.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Personnel Action
8.2 Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2021, October 21, 2021, and October 25, 2021
8.3 Quarterly Financials (CAFR 6/30/3031 and 9/30/2021)

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, Petterson, Reed, and Zamora
Those voting NO: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passed: 7-0

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 National American Indian Heritage Month Resolution 2021

Director Draper moved that the Board approve the support of the Resolution of November as the National American Indian Heritage Month 2021.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Laurel Elementary School Principal Tommi Sue Cox to speak on National American Indian Heritage Month.

There was no Board discussion following the speaker.

The voting was as follows:
Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Petterson, Reed, and Zamora
Those voting NO: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passed: 7-0

9.2 A Resolution Authorizing Certain Individuals and Administrators of the School District to Perform Acts and Sign Documents as Directed Herein in Connection with the Purchase of Water Rights

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt the attached authorizing resolution as presented and authorize the Authorizing Resolution to be signed by the Board President and attested by the Board Secretary.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- PSD is a growing district and needs to have the water to support future schools. Part of a good strategic plan is to use the finances now and buy water rights for these future schools, and the Board supports the purchasing of water shares now to support the district's growth.

The voting was as follows:
Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Petterson, Reed and Zamora.
Those voting NO: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passed: 7-0

10.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 District Budget Process and Priorities

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya and Budget Manager Brett Parsons to present information on the District Budget Process and Priorities.

Board Discussion included:

- The Board expressed appreciation for the focus on literacy and a science-based model, engaging students to learn to read.
- The need for professional development is an integral part of the priority goals and teachers need to be given the resources to achieve those goals.
- Clarification was requested about the additional funds that will be needed as new schools are built. There are going to be hard decisions made on where funds will be used.

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 School District Negotiations Related to the Collective Bargaining Agreement or Employment Contracts

President Febvre moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of developing the strategy of the school district for negotiations relating to the collective bargaining agreement or employment contracts, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(III). Those invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, Executive Directors Brett Larsen and Dave Montoya, Legal and Policy Counsel Autumn Aspen, and Board Assistant Secretary Lexy Donnelly.

The voting was as follows:
Those voting AYE: Directors Anderson, Donovan, Draper, Febvre, Petterson, Reed and Zamora.
Those voting NO: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passed: 7-0

Executive session began at 8:50 p.m.
Executive session ended at 9:56 p.m.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexcia Donnelly
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education