Poudre School District Board of Education
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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting/Work Session
December 14, 2021

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

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors Jim Brokish 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; Legal and Policy Council Autumn Aspen

PRESENT VIA REMOTE CONNECTION: Directors DJ Anderson and Carolyn Reed
ABSENT: None
LATE: Director Nate Donovan arrived at 5:33 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:31 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

Superintendent Kingsley provided updates to the Board and staff.

- Committee Assignments
  - Audit Committee
    - Jim Brokish
    - Carolyn Reed
  - District Advisory Board
    - Jim Brokish
    - Jessica Zamora - alternate
  - District Accountability Committee
    - Jessica Zamora
    - DJ Anderson – alternate
  - CASB
    - DJ Anderson
    - Nate Donovan – alternate
  - City/County Liaison Meeting
    - DJ Anderson
    - Kristen Draper
  - Early Childhood Policy Council
    - DJ Anderson
    - Jim Brokish – alternate
  - Foundations Board
    - DJ Anderson
    - Jessica Zamora – alternate
  - URA Board
    - Kristen Draper
  - Legislative Subcommittee
    - DJ Anderson
    - Nate Donovan

        - Rob Petterson
        - Jessica Zamora
        - Jim Brokish
        - Kristen Draper
    - Community Outreach
        - Rob Petterson
        - Nate Donovan
        - Kristen Draper
    - Quarterly Meeting with Business Partners
        - Carolyn Reed
        - Rob Petterson
    - Policy Review
        - Nate Donovan
        - Jessica Zamora
    - Student Advisory Council
        - DJ Anderson
        - Kristen Draper

Dinner session ended at 6:22 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, 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; Legal and Policy Council Autumn Aspen

PRESENT VIA REMOTE CONNECTION: Directors DJ Anderson and Carolyn Reed
ABSENT: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Petterson called the regular business meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

President Petterson recognized that Directors DJ Anderson and Carolyn Reed joined the meeting via remote connection.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petterson 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, who led the celebration of this month’s recognition.

- Rocky Mountain High School freshman Jake McDill
- Rocky Mountain High School teacher Dr. Yajaira Fuentes-Tauber
- Lesher Middle School teacher Matthew Moeller
- Community partner Sarah Weeks from OtterCares
- Community partners Colleen Rodriguez and Connie Schimmels from Colorado State University

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley shared an update on the celebrations throughout the community.

6.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Jeff Aufderheide spoke on political flyers sent out during the November 2021 Board of Education election.

Melanie Stockton read a letter from a PSD teacher about COVID-19 and the stress the regulations are putting on teachers and staff.

Jimmy Page expressed concerns with a lack of interactions with community members from the PSD staff at the Board of Education meetings and a lack of engagement with parents.

Bryan Blakely expressed concern that the current educational system is losing site on the purpose of the public-school education system.

Marc Fuchs spoke on behalf of the teachers who are afraid to come forward with concerns for their safety in school and the lack of consequences for students who are breaking the rules.

Jeannette Gaiter congratulated the newly elected BOE. She asked the Board to consider the 2019 CMAS reading scores and make changes to the current reading curriculum.

Heather Lahdenpera stated that schools are not back to normal and that the continued mask mandate is leads to many of the mental health problems in the schools.

Tracy Sorg read a testimony from a district school director about concerns about the mask mandate and how it is negatively affecting the children.

7.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Updates were given on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) renewals from the Urban-Rural Authority retreat.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Personnel Action
8.2 Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2021, and November 23, 2021
8.3 Colorado Department of Education Empowering Action for School Improvement (EASI) Grant Application for Compass Community Collaborative School
8.4 Poudre School District Agricultural Land Lease for Cherry Heights

8.5 Front of Classroom Displays and Computer Purchases
8.6 Audit Committee Annual Report & Member Recommendation
8.7 Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Extension

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

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Annual Mill Levy Certification

Director Donovan moved that the Board adopt and certify the mill levy resolution setting the mill levy for the calendar year for 2022 for the tax year 2021 (collectible in 2022).

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya, and Budget Manager Brett Parsons presented slides about the updated budget.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was given on how the 2019 mill is decreased.
- An explanation was given on how T.I.F. agreements benefit the district and how it's evaluated.

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

9.2 Resolution for One-Time Pay

Director Kristen Draper moved that the Board approve and adopt the Resolution on One-Time Pay and authorize the Resolution be signed by the Board President attested by the Board Secretary.

Director Jessica Zamora seconded the motion.

- The Board thanked the staff for their work on this resolution and made it happen.

- The Board expressed gratitude to the PSD staff for all the hard work they do and that they are valued.

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

9.3 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.3, Financial Condition and Activities

Director Nate Donovan moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.3 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated 12/14/21, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Kristen 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 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 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 Board would like to be more engaged in the calendar setting process to ensure the calendar is more inclusive to all religious holidays.
- The Board would like to have the opportunity to read the data from the calendar survey sent out to families.
- The Board would like to see the attendance data for the week of fall break and other religious holidays to see how many families take off from school.
- The Board suggested to have more people from different religious backgrounds on the calendar committee to help to bring more insights to the committee.

10.2 Budget Update 12/14/2021

Executive Director of Finance Dave Montoya and Budget Manager Brett Parsons presented information on the budget update.

10.3 PSD COVID-19 Response Update

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

- Looking on how community engagement is going to look in the future.
- Clarification was given on the Colorado Department of Health and Environment weekly testing in schools and serial testing to prevent quarantine in schools. Currently, PSD is not participating.

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 School District Negotiation Related to the 2022 – 2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement or Employment Contracts

Director Kristen Draper moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of developing the strategy of the school district for negotiations relating to the 2022-2023 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 Secretary Lexy Donnelly.

Director Jim 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

Executive session began at 9:28 p.m.
Executive session ended at 10:16 p.m.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexcia Donnelly
Secretary to the Board of Education