



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
February 8, 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, Chief Equity and Academic Officer Marlena Gross-Taylor; Executive Director of Communications Madeline Noblett

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:33 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Superintendent Kingsley introduced Malena Gross-Taylor as Poudre School District's new Chief Equity and Academic Officer.
- Student Advisory Committee update will be provided at the end of the month.
- The Board would like to receive more training on participation for the Early Childhood Council.
- Eleven Innovation grants will be awarded next week.

2.0 Agenda Planning

There was no discussion.

Dinner session ended at 6:10 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, Chief Equity and Academic Officer Marlena Gross-Taylor; Executive Directors Matt Bryant, Brett Larsen, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, and Co-Interim Director of Information Technology Sarah Siple

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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 presented this month's recognitions.

- Community Partners
 - Every Child Pediatrics Health & Wellness Centers Director Merry Hummel
 - Every Child Pediatrics Health & Wellness Centers Certified Physician Assistant Cynthia "Thia" Mullikin
 - Every Child Pediatrics Health & Wellness Centers Certified Licensed Social Worker Alyssa Esposito
 - Health Advisory Committee and Volunteer Medical Director Dr. Elisabeth Aron
- Staff
 - 2022 Colorado Assistant Elementary School Principal of the Year Assistant Principal at Beattie Cale Whicker
- Staff and students - School music ensembles selected to perform at the 2022 Colorado Music Educators Association.
 - Preston Middle School Treble Choir Collaboration teacher Jean Johnson
 - Kinard Middle School Treble Choir Collaboration teacher Scott Wheeler
 - Boltz Middle School Embers 8 Choir teacher Mallory Wilson
 - Fort Collins High School Symphony Orchestra teacher John Hermanson
 - Middle School Advanced Chamber Orchestra teacher Loni Obluda Lesher
 - Rocky Mountain High School One Voice Students Maya Armstrong, Chris Thompson, and Erica Boehmer
 - Fort Collins High School Canta Bella Students Emily Yoder and Ali Steen
 - Fort Collins High School Teacher Kaitlin Miles
 - Rocky Mountain High School Winds and Rocky Mountain Singers Ryan Woodall and Aidan Palermo
 - Rocky Mountain High School Teachers Elizabeth Hohweiler and Scott Schlup

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Kingsley had the opportunity to visit with several schools in the last several weeks.
- Acknowledged the new update to the mask policy taking effect on February 11th at 11:59 p.m.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution in Support of Black History Month

Director Draper moved that the Board approve and adopt the Resolution in Support of Black History Month.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Director of Language, Culture, and Equity John McKay and Executive Director of the Cultural Enrichment Center in Fort Collins to speak on Black History Month.

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

Motion passed: 7-0

6.2 Resolution in Support of National School Counseling Week

Director Draper moved that the Board approve and adopt the Resolution in Support of National School Counseling Week.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Director of Student Services Ruben Chacon to speak on National School Counseling Week.

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

Motion passed: 7-0

6.3 Resolution in Support of Career and Technical Education Month

Director Draper moved that the Board approve and adopt the Resolution in Support of Career and Technical Education Month.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Director of Career and Innovation Scott Elias and PSD student Juliette Welch to speak on CTE Month.

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

Motion passed: 7-0

7.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORT

7.1 PSD COVID-10 Response Update

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Larimer County Public Health Director Tom Gonzales; Larimer County Health and Environment Epidemiologist Dr. Jared Olson; PSD COVID-19 Coordinator Corey Henry and Executive Director of Communications Madeline Noblett, who presented the most current information on the response to COVID-19.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was given on why the mask recommendation has changed since the fall.
- Clarification was given on what patterns will be used to help determine the data on the COVID wave.
- Clarification on the percentage of the population with immunity to COVID, either due to exposure, immunization or having the virus.
- Five or more confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19, of which at least one case has had a positive test, among students/teachers/staff from separate households with onset within 14 days is considered on an outbreak in a school environment.
- The Staff has the choice to wear masks, except in the situations as outlined in the federal requirements.

8.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Renee Ostergren came to speak against the implementation of the Medicaid process in Poudre School District.

Sara Steen came to speak in favor of continuing mask requirements in schools.

Matt Rogers came to speak in support of mask requirements in school and working towards grace in school.

Jeff Aufderheide came to speak on the equity in the Poudre School Districts and transparency with the Poudre Education Association.

Heather Lahdenpera expressed thanks for lifting the mask requirement and working together to heal the community.

Kelly Holdridge expressed thanks for lifting the mask mandate and stated now is the time to heal and start to treat each other with kindness and grace.

Jessica Kraus expressed gratitude for the integrity and grace for the recent decision in the lifting mask policy and to begin the healing process.

Katie Cassis expressed thanks for lifting the mask mandate and would like to see PSD be more transparent in future decisions, so the community is no longer divided.

Casey Lindsey read a statement from an educator in PSD with concerns about the quarantine process in the district and the effects it has on students with Individual Education Plans (IEP) goals.

Erin Ramler expressed thanks for the lifting of the mask mandate.

Diana Majors expressed gratitude for making masks optional in school and to please keep this option available in the future.

Alicia Atchison expressed thanks for all PSD has done to keep the students in person. Also, she expressed disappointment with the new mask policy.

Stephanie Matthews came to speak about the new mask policy, particularly how it was announced, and that the public was not given a chance to speak before the district made the decision.

Kimberly Woodman spoke in favor of keeping the mask policy in school. Would like to see the district make schools mask friendly and not have children feel bullied for wearing a mask.

Sarah Coleman expressed concern if individuals will really be able to decide to wear a mask or not, without fear of judgment if they choose to wear a mask.

Cassi Wedel expressed gratitude for lifting the mask mandate. Asked to PSD to support the teachers and to supply more resources.

Amber Karhoff came to speak about Putnam Elementary's accomplishments over the last three years and expressed thanks to the district for keeping the students in person so the school can continue to support achieving those goals.

Al Armonda spoke his thoughts of "Do No Harm" to the stakeholders and students in the district.

Katie Dionesotes expressed appreciation for the work done in PSD and for always keeping staff and students' interests at the forefront.

Jim Winebrener came to speak against teacher unions' endorsements in election campaigns.

Mistisque Menn expressed thanks for lifting the mask mandate.

Caleb Larson came to speak on his beliefs of policy and agenda changes directly influenced by the PEA.

Suzanne Rains expressed thanks for the new mask policy and spoke on the quarantine policy for the non-vaccinated children.

Amanda Eichhorn came to speak on ways to give parents better ways to participate or speak in the BOE meetings.

Sarah Kejr expressed thanks for lifting the mask requirement.

Todd Arndorfer came encouraged the Poudre schools work more with the charter schools throughout the district.

Tiffin Vaughn came in support of keeping the mask requirement a personal choice.

Colin Malone expressed gratitude for rolling back the mask mandate.

The Board went into recess at 9:20 p.m.
The Board resumed at 9:30 p.m.

9.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- There will be eleven (11) Innovation grants will be decided next week.

- Director Draper spoke with a staff member from the IMatters programs through the Colorado Department of Health about the different programs offered.

10.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10.1 Personnel Action

10.2 Meeting Minutes January 11, 2022, and January 25, 2022

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

Motion passed: 7-0

11.0 ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.4, Financial Planning and Budgeting

Director Donovan moved that the board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.4 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated February 8, 2022, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

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

Motion passed: 7-0

12.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

12.1 K-12 Literacy Review

Superintendent Kingsley introduced Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen, and Chief Equity and Academic Officer Marlena Gross-Taylor who presented review of the K-12 literacy program.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was given how the seven focus groups will be selected.
- Teachers are already striving to achieve the "Best Practices" named in the 4 Keys to Student Success.

- Clarification was given on what the next steps are and what the timeline would be once the TNTP report comes back in July.

12.2 Board-Superintendent Relationship Review

There were no changes to the BSR policies.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexcia Donnelly
Secretary to the Board of Education