



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
December 13, 2022

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM Information Technology Center Training Room

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten; Chief Officers Matt Bryant, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz and Erich WonSavage.

REMOTE: Directors Anderson and Zamora and General Counsel Autumn Aspen attended remotely

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:51 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Board members volunteered to present recognitions; all Board members will be included in photos with recognition recipients during each meeting.
- Superintendent Kingsley attended the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County awards ceremony and shared appreciation for strong PSD presence; proud to be a part of the celebration.

1.1 Multifactor Authentication (MFA) for Board of Education

- Information Technology technicians updated Board member devices.
- Chief Technology Officer Bud Hunt provided a recent history of MFA and the reason for installation.

1.2 Universal PreK Discussion/Update

- Director of Early Childhood Becca Benedict provided an update on Universal PreK.
- Tuition will likely be based on number of hours enrolled.
- Unknown if payment model will affect enrollment.
- Agreement from State to revert to a 10-hour model is not documented at this time.
- Incubator model in Wellington indicates staff are interested in finding a solution that works, with a possible shift to a 5-day week versus the current 4-day week.
- Specific Early Childhood language in the Employee Agreement could be necessary.
- Addition of contract language may not align with the negotiations calendar for next year; may need to amend the agreement as opposed to waiting another year.
- Model presented provides for ten (10) teachers with sixteen (16) paraprofessionals.

1.3 DASSC Feedback on School Performance Frameworks

- Superintendent Kingsley attended the DASSC conference and spoke about school performance accountability.

- Encouragement for inclusivity of 21st century skills for students was shared; pathways to workforce are promising.
- CMAS assessment is currently not designed to measure a full year of learning; other districts may consider lobbying State Board of Education to change the requirement.
- Academics in teaching still require improvement; PSD will continue to raise the bar and add to the things being measured.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Three Directors will attend the NSBA Institute in Washington, D.C.
- CASB will not host a winter event this year.

Dinner session ended at 6:19 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten; Chief Officers Matt Bryant, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz and Erich WonSavage.

REMOTE: Directors Anderson and Zamora and General Counsel Autumn Aspen attended remotely

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

4.1 Fossil Ridge High School Marching Band

Fossil Ridge High School Band Director Aaron Herman spoke about the challenges of the marching band experience over the past couple of years and congratulated the entire band for working hard to become the Colorado Class 5A State Marching Band Champions.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Vice President Draper congratulated the marching band members.

4.2 Fort Collins High School Cross Country

Fort Collins High School Athletic Director Kyle Tregoning spoke about the accomplishments of student Christian Groendyk both in and out of athletics and congratulated him for being the Individual Class 5A State Cross Country Title Winner.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Director Donovan congratulated Christian on a well-earned Title.

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley congratulated the students recognized, spoke about recent school visits, addressed the recent tragedy at Timnath Elementary School, and reminded everyone that while this is a celebratory for many students/staff/parents it is also a time of imbalance for others, and invited everyone to get engaged in something bigger than themselves. Anyone seeking mental health assistance can dial 988 for help.

6.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

PSD teacher Clarissa Hernandez stated the district needs to hire a workforce that reflects the diverse community.

Fred Kirsch spoke in support of solar energy and reminded the district the community deserves transparency about the process moving forward.

Jackson Littlewood said solar energy is a non-partisan issue that will protect the environment, is used by thousands of school districts across the country and can save millions of dollars.

7.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no discussion on this item.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.1 Personnel Action**
- 8.2 Meeting Minutes: November 8, 2022, and November 29, 2022**
- 8.3 Quarterly Financials (June and September 2022)**
- 8.4 Poudre School District Agricultural Land Lease for Cherry Heights Renewal**
- 8.5 Contractor Selection for the Eyestone Elementary School Early Childhood Project**
- 8.6 Compass Community Collaborative School Renewal Application**
- 8.7 Mountain Sage Community School Renewal Application**
- 8.8 Colorado Department of Education, State and Local Federal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) School Health Professional Grant Application Approval**
- 8.9 Audit Committee Annual Report and Member Recommendation**
- 8.10 2022 Fiscal Year External Audit-Related Documents (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Single Audit**

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

Director Reed 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

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

Vice President Draper moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.3 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated 12/13/22, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Donovan 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

9.2 Annual Mill Levy Certification

Director Donovan recommended the Board certify the mill levy by the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF POUDDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1 that the Secretary of the Board of Education formally certify to the Board of Larimer County Commissioners the mill levy in accordance with CRS 39-5-128 (1) as presented in the Board packet in the following manner: For the tax year 2022 (collectable in 2023), the Governing Board of the Poudre School District R-1 hereby certifies a total levy of 55.865 mills to be extended by you upon the total net assessed valuation of \$3,910,628,903 to produce \$218,467,283 in revenue.

Vice President Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed for the strong, thorough, and informative presentation.
- Budget is the most important item the Board oversees.

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

10.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Blevins Priority Improvement Plan Update

Assistant Superintendent Scott Nielsen introduced Blevins Principal Joe Zappa, who provided an update.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed for the presentation and update.
- Individualized instruction will be implemented; teachers can work in small groups.
- School will return to Impact Teams.
- Counselors implemented High Dosage Tutoring; allows student access to tutoring during the day.
- Building and sustaining parent trust is critical.
- Appreciation was conveyed to Principal Zappa for placing a high standard on the adults in the school.
- Presence of staff in support at the meeting is proof school is headed in the right direction.
- Board looks forward to seeing improvements.

10.2 District Annual Budget Process, Priorities, and Update

Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya and Budget Director Brian Gustafson presented the update.

Board discussion included:

- Investing in and taking care of people must be balanced with the priority challenges to ensure individuals are set up for success.
- Inflation Factor date will be released in February.
- History of Unassigned Reserves 3-5% was discussed.
- Gratitude was conveyed to voters for mill levy funds; Colorado ranks 40th out of 50 states in per-pupil funding.
- Maintenance may be covered in 'other' category.
- Ongoing revenue to support maintenance would be ideal but bonds may be required.
- Strong financial work is being done on behalf of students.
- Appreciation was expressed for a budget plan that is intentional, concise, and aligned with priorities.

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 Negotiations

Director Donovan moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of developing the strategy of the school district for negotiations relating to the 2023-2024 collective bargaining agreement or employment contracts, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(III). Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya, Chief Human Resources Officer Erich Wonsavage, Chief Information Officer Madeline Noblett, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

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

Motion passed: 7-0

General Counsel Autumn Aspen attended remotely.

Executive session began at 8:47 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:04 p.m.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education