



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting/Work Session
February 21, 2023

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

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; Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:32 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dwayne Schmitz provided Board members with an orientation of the BOE Insight Dashboard.
- Directors were encouraged to reach out to Dwayne if they need assistance with the dashboard moving forward.
- Vice President Draper introduced two members of the Student Advisory Group who shared a presentation on student mental health.

2.0 Agenda Planning

There was no discussion on this item.

Dinner session ended at 6:13 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 Officers Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

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 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

3.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley talked about the value of developing the whole child, the importance of ensuring every student see themselves as enough while having the resources to reach their dreams, maintaining creativity with fiscal stewardship for the betterment of the district, and making continued academic progress across the district despite the unstable and often contentious environment post-covid. The district should continue to focus on improvement while modeling vulnerability, realizing hard conversations and hard work will be forthcoming.

4.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Jim Winebrener said PSD is driving a wedge between parents, students, and teachers by advocating LGBTQ viewpoints throughout the district and creating an environment of secrecy in contradiction to biblical values taught by parents at home.

Parent John Fields recounted a recent incident of bullying his daughter experienced at a school bus stop and conveyed dissatisfaction with a lack of incident reporting and lack of accountability by the school and transportation department.

Teacher Becky Woodcox expressed concern about a projected decrease in enrollment at her school next year with inevitable staff cuts and asked the board to consider the importance of student outcomes before increasing an already top-heavy administration.

Student swimmer Jaden Putnam said local pool facilities have not been improved for years and investment in a competition pool would be a positive impact for countless generations to come.

Kurt Kastein stated the primary responsibility for the health and wellness of children lies with parents, said the school district should not try to assume control of mental health, and requested the district consider inclusion of parents in mental health plans for children.

Jeff Aufderheide stated Summit Stone contributed documentation for a recent PSD grant application which resulted in a grant award of over a million dollars, and asked if Summit Stone would financially benefit from the collaboration.

5.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- March and April BOE meetings will occur on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- Will return to the the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in May.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Personnel Action

6.2 Transport Natural Gas Contract Extension

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

Vice President 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

7.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Budget Update

Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya provided the budget update.

Board discussion included:

- Economy is rebounding; State of Colorado indicated Tabor refunds will be forthcoming and is reprioritizing where money will be spent.
- Question was raised about Federal funds promised at 40% for special education funding.
- Funding from State of Colorado has declined 7%.
- Important to fund public education correctly to take care of students and community.
- Gratitude was expressed for a clear presentation explaining how funds come into the district and how they are spent.

7.2 Monitoring Report/Policy Review: DE 1.0, General District Ends (Part 1)

Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dwayne Schmitz provided Part 1 of the District Ends Monitoring Report. Staff attending in support of the item were:

- Julie Chaplain, Fossil Ridge High School Principal
- Kathy Mackay, Poudre High School Principal
- Penny Stires, Fort Collins High School Principal
- Craig Woodall, Rocky Mountain High School Principal

Board discussion included:

- PSD targets were established by a collective group.
- Monitoring targets is more significant than establishing targets.
- High School Principals addressed steps taken to increase graduation rates.
- Closing of gaps is encouraging; next step is to close all sub-gaps.
- Moving students in sub-gaps to high support is important.
- Mental health support and improved attendance are needed to improve or close some gaps.
- Principals continue to share best practices and reach out for support and collaboration.
- Gratitude was expressed for the detailed and informative presentation, and to principals for the hard work completed.
- Monitoring report demonstrates difficult work being done by principals is working.
- Graduation rates are a community celebration; the future is bright.

- PSD homeless student numbers are like other districts; housing stability is key to student success.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Draper 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 Zamora 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

Executive session began at 8:57 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:33 p.m.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education