



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting/Work Session
May 23, 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, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; Director of Student Services Liz Davis; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: Director Nate Donovan

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:31 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Superintendent Kingsley thanked cabinet members for continuing the hard work of educating children and supporting staff.
- Director of Early Childhood Becca Benedict provided an update on the implementation of universal PreK.
- Chief Information Office Madeline Noblett and Communications Coordinator Emily Shockley provided an update on the mental health awareness campaign and the general awareness campaign.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Various mental health marketing campaigns will be implemented in the fall.

Dinner session ended at 6:27 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

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ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Nate Donovan arrived at 7:07 p.m.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Petterson called the regular business meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Draper moved that the Board remove Consent Agenda Item 7.12, Colorado Department of Education Comprehensive Health Education Grant Application.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Nate Donovan

Motion passed: 6-0

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Resolution in Support of Jewish American Heritage Month

Vice President Draper moved that the Board of Education pass a resolution in support of Jewish American Heritage month 2023.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

Vice President Draper read the resolution aloud.

- Students Isaac Rosenberg and Madeline Bass spoke about their pride in Jewish culture and what it is like to be Jewish in school.
- Rabbi Yerachmiel Gorelik expressed gratitude for the resolution and requested more education on moral character in the district.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to all for speaking with inspiration and courage.
- Superintendent Kingsley conveyed appreciation for partnership with Rabbi Gorelik and Dr. Renee Cohn Jones.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: Director Nate Donovan

Motion passed: 6-0

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley invited listeners to reflect on the words shared by those who spoke on behalf of the Jewish American Heritage Resolution, talked about recent high school graduations, thanked families for trusting the district with educating their children, thanked all volunteers for instrumental work moving the system forward, and expressed gratitude for anyone who contributed in any way to the successes of students.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Parent Joseph Moore spoke about the importance of a welcome and inclusive environment for students and thanked the Board for providing policies that ensure safety and security for marginalized students.

Jeff Aufderheide talked about George Orwell's book *Animal Farm* and said the content directly relates to how the Board uses a superiority complex to manipulate language and destroy the community.

Parent Erin Rose expressed concern that special education students are not getting educational needs met at a specific PSD school and requested an external investigator be hired.

Teacher Heather Testa thanked the district for out-of-the-box thinking about building usage at Eyestone and said the new project has turned into a mess that requires the attention of the district before school starts next year.

Mike Houtz shared his belief that members of PEA participate in membership with CEA and other outside progressive teacher unions, and said those unions hold political power and provide significant campaign contributions that help with Board member elections.

Jim Winebrenner said PEA gives cash to CEA and NEA and asked the district to reallocate financial support this fall to ensure a level playing field for those running for the Board of Education.

John Meyer spoke about the divisive issue of gender identity in the school district and asked the Board to honor all views through neutrality.

Teacher Amy Healy said the strategic plan goals are admirable, but students need to be present to be educated and asked the Board to consider how extreme attendance issues have become.

Lorrie Maggio-Huber expressed concern about the lack of funds and staff available to help set up and implement the new Eyestone campus.

Margie Wagner spoke in support of LGBTQ students and thanked the Board for standing up for the most vulnerable.

Dani Lawrence demanded oversight for the Integrated Services department and said PSD has a moral obligation to protect the most vulnerable students.

6.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Director Anderson spoke about the recent graduation ceremonies and thanked staff who educated students through 13 years despite low funding.
- Parents were invited to reconnect and engage with students over the summer.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Personnel Action

7.2 Proposed Budget for FY 2023-24

7.3 District and School-based Student Fees and Other Selected Charges for FY 2023-24

- 7.4 Approval of Compass Community Collaborative Charter School Renewal Contract**
- 7.5 Approval of Mountain Sage Second Charter School Renewal Contract**
- 7.6 Addendum to Fort Collins Montessori School Charter School Renewal Contract**
- 7.7 Addendum to Liberty Common School Second Amended Charter School Contract**
- 7.8 Approval of the First Amendment to the Construction Management/General Contractor Agreement establishing the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Eyestone Campus Conversion Project**
- 7.9 Bulk Fuel Contract**
- 7.10 Annual Head Start Grant Approval**
- 7.11 Child Nutrition Commodity Agreements**
- 7.12 Colorado Department of Education Comprehensive Health Education Grant Application**
- 7.13 Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement**
- 7.14 Third Amendment to Real Estate Exchange Agreement for the Montava/Mountain Vista Land Exchange**
- 7.15 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of Infant & Toddler Child Care Services at Poudre School District Global Academy**
- 7.16 Colorado Department of Education High Performing Schools Grant Application**

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items remaining 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, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: Director Carolyn Reed

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 6-1

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Revisions to Student Rights & Code of Conduct Policies (Second Reading)

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt District Policy JICDD and Policy JLCDC.

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

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

8.2 Resolution Designating Election Official 2023 Election

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve and adopt the resolution to designate Autumn Aspen, General Counsel, as the designated election official for the November 2023 election, and wished her well on a thankless job.

Vice President Draper seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- State of Colorado requires designation of an official every voting season.

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 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 DAB Annual Report

DAB Chair Scott Schoenbauer presented the annual report.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed for Scott's strong leadership on the committee.

9.2 Title I Funds Overview

Director of Language, Culture and Equity David Autenreith provided an overview of Title I Funding and Strategy.

Board discussion included:

- Proposition FF is a State proposition.
- Free and Reduced Lunch applications can be challenging to fill out; may need to consider other proxies.
- Over 60 families attended an event regarding participation in CPAC.
- Transportation for after-school programs can be difficult for some families.
- Small group activities give students an opportunity to speak up and are highly valued by parents.

9.3 Student Outcomes

Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dwayne Schmitz provided an update on Student Outcomes.

Board discussion included:

- Achievement gains and gaps both exist.
- Transition years historically show low numbers.
- Mental health and belonging, college career readiness and graduation completion are important to keep in mind.
- Gratitude was expressed for the hard work put into the report.
- Data informed leadership requires us to celebrate and learn from outliers; principals are strong identifiers for building connections.
- Improved adult practice creates improved student outcomes.
- Systems are being developed to improve teams and results; using data to expose expertise.
- Belonging and achievement are intertwined and important.
- PSD is outperforming peers across the State.
- Appreciation was expressed for work done to move the district forward.

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 Legal Advice

10.2 Negotiations Relating to Intergovernmental Agreement

10.3 Negotiations

Director Donovan moved that the Board enter executive session for the following purposes:

1. To receive specific legal advice regarding contract renewal process, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b),
2. To determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators relating to a possible intergovernmental agreement relating to the southeast community recreation center, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e), and
3. To develop 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 Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, and Erich WonSavage; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Director Anderson 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

Vice President Draper recused herself from Executive Session 10.2, Negotiations Relating to Intergovernmental Agreement

Those in attendance for Executive Session #1: Montava were Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Jeff Connell and Lauren Hooten, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Executive session #1 began at 9:41 p.m.
Executive session #1 ended at 9:58 p.m.

Those in attendance for Executive Session #2: Negotiations were Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Erich WonSavage, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Executive session #2 began at 9:58 p.m.
Executive session #2 ended at 10:18 p.m.

Those in attendance for Executive Session #3: Negotiations were Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Erich WonSavage, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Executive session #3 began at 10:19 p.m.
Executive session #3 ended at 10:34 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education