



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
May 9, 2023

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

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; Director of Student Services Liz Davis; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Nate Donovan arrived at 5:49 p.m.; Director Jessica Zamora arrived at 5:56 p.m.

REMOTE: General Counsel Autumn Aspen attended via Teams

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Board members volunteered to present meeting recognitions.
- Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten presented an update on Student Fees.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Student Fee Update will be communicated to staff throughout the month of May.

Dinner session ended at 6:06 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 Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; Director of Student Services Liz Davis; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

REMOTE: General Counsel Autumn Aspen attended via Zoom

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Petterson called the 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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

4.1 CMEA 2023 Colorado Music Educators Association Hall of Fame Inductees

Teaching and Learning Facilitator Melissa Flail spoke about the CMEA Hall of Fame conference and introduced inductees Sharon Darland and Sheri McKelfresh.

Director Brokish congratulated the inductees on behalf of the Board of Education.

4.2 State of our Youth Coordinators

Chief Information Officer Madeline Noblett expressed gratitude for partnerships on behalf of students and introduced the following State of the Youth Coordinators:

- Cheryl Zimlich, Bohemian Foundation
- Laurie Stolen, Larimer County Behavioral Health
- Dr. Erica Michalski, Community Member
- Laura Valdez, Museum of Discovery
- Emily Seems, CSU
- Tegan Camden, SummitStone
- Lisa Youngblade, CSU
- Rachel Olsen, Imagine Zero
- Liz Davis, PSD Director of Student Services
- Dwayne Schmitz, PSD Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer
- Sarah Mowder-Wilkens, PSD Mental Health and Prevention Coordinator

Director Reed thanked the group on behalf of the Board of Education.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution in Support of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2023

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education support a resolution in support of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month, May 2023.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

- Director Donovan read the resolution aloud.
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Delhia Mahaney introduced student Griffey Caro, who spoke about growing up Asian in Fort Collins.

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

5.2 Resolution in Support of Mental Health Awareness Month

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2023.

Director Anderson seconded the motion.

- Vice President Draper read the resolution aloud.
- Mental Health and Prevention Coordinator Sarah Mowder-Wilkens provided an example of a typical school day supporting a student with mental health challenges and introduced student Tayia Evans who spoke about her experience with mental health in school.

Board discussion included:

- Reminder was issued to community members that mental health struggles are often invisible, and kindness should be shared with everyone.

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

5.3 Resolution in Support of National Teacher Appreciation Week

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8-12, 2023.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

- Director Zamora read the resolution aloud.
- PEA President John Robinson spoke about the important role of teachers and introduced PEA Board Members Alison Coatman, Jacque Kinnick and Alex McAnally.

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

5.4 Resolution in Support of National School Nurse Day

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of National School Nurse Day, May 10, 2023.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

- Director Brokish read the resolution aloud.
- Health Services Coordinator Kim Granger introduced School Nurse Barb Gomez who spoke about her experience as a PSD Health Technician and a School Nurse.

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

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley spoke about good things happening in the district including the CMEA Hall of Fame inductees, mental health work, Principals and nurses and teachers who give everything they have to students every day, recent school visits, and stated mental health work is the right work and building support for students is the right thing to do.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Jeff Aufderheide expressed concern about biometric scanners in cafeterias and requested the district provide a public forum to discuss concerns.

Leta Behrens spoke in favor of PSD policies that affirm and protect LGBTQIA students.

John Meyer voiced respect for Board members as volunteers and student advocates, and requested the district make sure parents are partners in the process.

Pieter Tolsma reminded listeners that many children do not have support at home, and affirmation from teachers and staff at school is critical for students.

Mary Beth Swanson said children need to know they are loved unconditionally and need safe spaces that provide support and freedom to be themselves.

MJ Jorgenson thanked the district for building capacity for student safety, recounted a personal experience coming out to parents, and stated a safe relationship with a teacher saved their life.

Ruth Huffbauer spoke in favor of using student names and pronouns as requested by children and asked the district to stay strong despite lawsuits and haters.

Andi Brunson-Williams stated her transgender child found respite with teachers during difficult times and thanked the district for gender inclusive policies, even while under attack by frivolous lawsuits, prejudice, and propaganda.

Ryan Kelley thanked the district for creating a safe and inclusive space for students and asked the Board to expand policies and education.

Melissa Campbell expressed appreciation to the district for being an ally for students and said hate, ignorance and panic is leading some toward oppression.

Andie Cobb thanked Board members for listening to student voices and making positive impacts.

Rogena Johnson said the district is creating a caring, just and affirming world for marginalized children, and stated education includes teaching skills to become a better person.

Richard Johnston spoke about being the proud father of a gay son and said GSAs build empathy and provide a safe space for students who are often bullied and mistreated.

Jim Winebrenner appreciated one-on-one dialogue with two Board members and requested continued communication.

Dani Lawrence said trusted adults do not tell children to lie to parents and she is ashamed of leadership decisions that led to a lawsuit.

8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gratitude was shared for teachers and for PTOs/PTAs who constantly express gratitude for teachers.
- Student Advisory Council is finished for this school year; all students are invited to participate next year.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Action

9.2 Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2023, and April 18, 2023

9.3 School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) Contract

9.4 Recommendation for External Audit Services Engagement Letter for FY23

9.5 Contractor Selection for the Wellington Middle-High School & Timnath Middle-High School Ball Field Improvement Projects

9.6 Colorado Department of Education Concurrent Enrollment Grant Application

9.7 Addition of New Audit Committee Member

9.8 Appointment of Board Assistant Secretary

9.9 Concurrent Enrollment and Dual Enrollment Program Expenditures

Vice President Draper requested Consent Agenda Item 9.5 be pulled from the agenda and be brought back at a future meeting.

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, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora
Those voting NO: None
Motion passed: 7-0

10.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Board of Education's Budget (GP 3.7.3)

Chief Financial Officer Dave Montoya presented the Board of Education Budget.

10.2 Elementary Literacy Adoption Implementation Update

Director of Curriculum John Passantino presented the Elementary Literacy Adoption Implementation update.

Board discussion included:

- Accelerated Reader (AR) is not a District adopted or supported system.
- 'Clever' will utilize a single sign-on for access to all applications.
- 'Required educator training' pertains to those staff who work instructionally with students.
- Appreciation was conveyed for maintaining inclusion of science and social studies.
- Gratitude was expressed to the hard-working team who organized the process and created a plan to implement literacy adoption throughout the system.
- Leadership from John Passantino has been exceptional.

10.3 Preliminary Budget FY 2023-24

Budget Director Brian Gustafson presented the Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-24.

Board discussion included:

- Anticipate elimination of funded pupil count averaging in the future.
- Request was made for future presentation to include numbers on bar graphs.

10.4 Revisions to Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies (First Reading)

General Counsel Autumn Aspen presented the first reading of the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

Board discussion included:

- Intent of JCLDC-R is to clarify expectations of health care professionals to school staff.
- Policies make good sense.
- Appreciation was expressed for the hard work involved with creating policies.
- Second reading will occur at the May 23 meeting.

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 Kitchel Land Acquisition Negotiations **11.2 Negotiations**

Director Donovan moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing potential real estate transactions relating to the Kitchel Estates development, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a), and 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 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

Executive Session 11.1 attendance:

Board of Education; Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Jeff Connell, and Lauren Hooten; General Counsel Autumn Aspen appeared remotely via Teams.

Executive Session 11.1 began at 9:22 p.m.

Executive Session 11.1 ended at 9:25 p.m.

Executive Session 11.2 attendance:

Board of Education; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Madeline Noblett, Dave Montoya, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen appeared remotely via Teams.

Executive Session 11.2 began at 9:26 p.m.

Executive Session 11.2 ended at 11:21 p.m.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education