



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting/Work Session
September 27, 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; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Chief Officers Matt Bryant, Marlena Gross-Taylor, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:51 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Chief Financial Officer Dave Montoya introduced Controller/Director Kera Badalamenti and Budget Director Brian Gustafson who spoke about their respective department and role.
- Board Document software update was provided.
- President Petterson reminded members of the BOE meeting schedule for the upcoming school year.
- Middle school football teams recently played under the lights at the new high school stadiums.
- Canvas Community Classic is this Friday; all are invited to attend.
- Superintendent Kingsley spoke about his recent attendance at the SAVA fundraiser.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Retreat next Tuesday for Superintendent informal feedback.
- Crossroads event is upcoming.
- Deadline for Legislative Subcommittee input is this week.
- Student participation at dinner session will begin at the next meeting.
- More Community Engagement sessions are scheduled.

Dinner session ended at 5:58 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

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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 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Resolution in Support of LGBTQIA+ History Month

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve the Resolution in support of LGBTQIA+ History Month.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

- Vice President Draper read the resolution aloud.

LGBTQ+ Coordinator Shayna Seitchik and Poudre High School student Kaj Morris spoke in support of the Resolution and LGBTQIA+ History Month.

Board discussion included:

- Appreciation was expressed to Kaj for speaking with vulnerability, courage, humanity, trust, affirmation and more.
- Questions about LGBTQIA+ can be addressed to Vice President Draper via email.

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

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley wished members of the Jewish community a Happy New Year, spoke about recent school visits, celebrated preliminary graduation rate data, and thanked voters for helping the district succeed. Feedback from the Community Engagement sessions has been invaluable, and all are welcome to attend future sessions.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Coach Kirk Witulski spoke in favor of a PSD/City of Fort Collins partnership to build a pool and presented data to support the need for more lanes for athletes across the district.

Jeff Aufderheide referenced board policy involving disclosure of conflicts of interest and provided examples of perceived conflict for some Board members.

Parent Sandi Rinker shared her support for partnering with the City of Fort Collins for pool use and asked the district to collaborate so students can more easily practice their sport.

Parent Brenda Bickerton stated current swim facilities are overcrowded and PSD desperately needs more space, especially with the addition of two new high schools.

Cain Young expressed concern that his research team discovered several pornographic books in the district and invited parents to email him for a list of books.

Penny Sue said three of her grandchildren experienced bullying and/or unsafe behaviors while in PSD and asked the district to take responsibility for it, and stated the thunder of God would come down on all Board members.

Wendy Smith asked the district to keep inappropriate books hidden and locked up and focus on educating children on the basics.

Fred Kirsch conveyed support for solar in schools and provided signatures from fellow advocates.

Aaron Green said October is Blind and Visual Impairment month and stated students with disabilities are inequitably treated within the district.

Dani Lawrence thanked the Board for visual and hearing-impaired accommodations at the meeting and stated the proposed strategic plan does not include students with disabilities.

6.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- PSD Foundation established a Classified Staff Partnership Assistance Fund; twenty-three requests received within the first 30 minutes and funds were depleted.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Personnel Action

7.2 Student Fee Schedules

7.3 Early Head Start Contract Approval

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

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

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Internal Monitoring and Policy Review: EL 2.7, Compensation and Benefits

Vice President Draper moved the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education policy EL 2.7 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated September 27, 2022, 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

8.2 Board Consideration of New Policy JT – Youth Suicide Prevention

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve and adopt Policy JT – Youth Suicide Prevention.

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

8.3 Head Start Annual Report 2021-2022 SY

Director Donovan moved that the Board of Education approve and adopt the 2021-2022 Annual Report to be included in the Continuation Application of our Head Start Grant.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

Director of Early Childhood Becca Benedict presented the Head Start Annual Report.

Board discussion included:

- Grants for Circle and Stabilization are for one year only and provided thirty openings.
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library information was distributed to all families.
- Appreciation was expressed for continued work with parents in addition to students.
- Difficult to assess student readiness for kindergarten.
- Gratitude was conveyed to Director Benedict for continued inclusivity and enthusiasm for the position.

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

8.4 Poudre School District Unified Improvement Plan 2022-2023 SY

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve the 2022-2023 Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) as presented.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- District Accountability Committee (DAC) Co-Chair Mike Warner spoke in favor of approval and detailed the process involved with the committee decision.
- Target data is inclusive of all students and subgroups.
- Disaggregate numbers include students with IEPs.
- Staff will research number of IEPs versus 504s and report back to the Board.
- Methods for measuring benchmarks were discussed.
- Question was raised if a shift from site-based to system-based would be helpful.
- Observable Practice Rubric is being refined and link will go public when finished.
- Gratitude was expressed for a thorough and digestible presentation.

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

Board recessed at 9:15 p.m.

Board recessed at 9:20 p.m.

9.0 WORK SESSION TOPICS

9.1 Capital Projects Update

Chief Operations Officer Matt Bryant and Director of Facility and Construction Services Earl Smith presented the Capital Projects Update.

Board discussion included:

- Bamford Elementary construction closeout is complete.
- Audit will be forthcoming for construction costs on two new high schools.
- Supply chain issues and employee shortages will affect timeline and completion.
- Diligence and care with finances for the benefit of students is appreciated.
- Gratitude was expressed for hard work getting new schools built and projects completed.

9.2 Board Consideration of Revisions to Policy GP 3.5

General Counsel Autumn Aspen presented a first reading to revisions to Policy GP 3.5.

Board discussion included:

- Form allows for increased transparency.
- Difficult for members to know if affiliations will be a conflict of interest in advance.
- New language details the appropriate procedure if conflict of interest occurs.
- Policy as revised is good.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education