



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting  
September 26, 2023

#### **DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM Information Technology Training Room**

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 Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Nate Donovan arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

##### **1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics**

- Chief of Operations Jeff Connell and Energy and Sustainability Manager Trudy Trimbath provided a report on the State of Sustainability in PSD.
- Heat issues and potential solutions were discussed.
- Members were reminded to respond to the Integrated Services invitations.

Dinner session ended at 6:26 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 Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, 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 6:36 p.m.

##### **2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

##### **3.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Kingsley talked about recent school visits, spoke about declining enrollment trends locally and nation-wide and the need to take bold steps system-wide to ensure full and

equitable student participation throughout the district, discussed heat issues, and informed listeners of an upcoming community survey regarding future school calendars.

#### **4.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Jeff Aufderheide stated communication with the district is non-existent and the foundation of trust is broken.

Teacher Shelly Wells expressed frustration with the new district reading curriculum and asked the district to offer teachers more time to learn it with improved training.

Sabrina Herrick spoke about a recent Facebook post that implied communication with the PSD transportation department is still problematic.

Dani Lawrence recounted her experience running for a school board in a previous district and said the district is denying her child's educational rights.

#### **5.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Director Anderson attended the recent PSD Foundation meeting.
- Community Engagement sessions are an opportunity for the public to meet with and speak to Board members and Administration; must sign up online prior to attendance.

#### **6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **6.1 Personnel Action**

##### **6.2 FAFS Grant Application**

##### **6.3 Contractor Selection for the CLP MS Tennis Court Construction Project**

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

Motion passed: 7-0

#### **7.0 ACTION ITEMS**

##### **7.1 Internal Monitoring Report, EL 2.7, Compensation and Benefits**

Director Donovan moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education policy EL 2.7 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated September 19, 2023, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

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

## **7.2 Internal Monitoring Report EL 2.9, Dealings with Members of the Community of Poudre School District**

Director Donovan moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education policy EL 2.9 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated September 26, 2023, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Policy title will be changed to replace word 'Interactions' with 'Dealings' at a future meeting.
- Gratitude was expressed to the Superintendent for his large volume of community engagement.
- Community members can engage with the Superintendent at upcoming Community Engagement Sessions.

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

## **7.3 Early Childhood Head Start Annual Report and Early Childhood Update**

Director Donovan moved that the Board approve the 2022-2023 Annual Report to be included in the continuation application of the Head Start Grant.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director of Early Childhood Becca Benedict provided the report and update.
- Definition of 'Family Specialists' was explained and discussed.
- Gratitude was expressed for the hard work performed and out-of-the-box thinking to help families achieve placement.
- Board will advocate with State partners to improve the process.

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

## **8.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Air Conditioning Feasibility Study**

Chief Operations Officer Jeff Connell introduced McKinstry Project Director Lauren Bridgers and Lead Engineer John Reynolds, who provided the results of the study.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was requested regarding turnaround time for heated water.
- Historically 3% inflation rate is enough to cover changes that occur.
- Multiple contingencies were anticipated to ensure final amount provided is sufficient; may increase inflation percentage if requested.
- Renovation of five schools per year may be optimistic.
- Gratitude was expressed to McKinstry for the detailed and thorough information.

Board recessed at 8:16 p.m.  
Board reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

## **9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **9.1 Intergovernmental Agreement**

Director Draper moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators relating to a possible amendment to the School Resource Officer Contracts, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(i). Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, and Madeline Noblett; Director of Safety and Security Frederick Smith; 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 8:24 p.m.  
Executive Session ended at 8:55 p.m.

## **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner  
Secretary to the Board of Education