



MEETING MINUTES

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Minutes of Business Meeting
March 22, 2016

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Cathy Kipp and Vice President David Trask; Directors Nate Donovan, Christophe Febvre, Susan Gutowsky, Rob Petterson, and Carolyn Reed; Superintendent Sandra Smyser; Assistant Superintendents Edie Eckles, Jinger Haberer, and Todd Lambert; Executive Directors Don Begin, Danielle Clark, Pete Hall, Dave Montoya, and Victoria Thompson; and Legal and Policy Counsel Tom Crabb.

ABSENT: None

1.0 District Topics / Board Member Updates

- The Mendez Consulting document was given to Board members.
- The Joint Budget Committee and the Joint House and Senate Education Committees have been meeting on school finance. Documents from the last meeting will be sent to Board members via e-mail.
- The correlation, if any, between the decline in graduation rate and instituting the middle school model and creating more rigorous graduation requirements was discussed. More information may be coming to the Board in April.
- Preparing eighth graders to transition into middle school needs work.

2.0 DE 1.0 Monitoring Process Update

- The Work Plan & Timeline document for the development of district ends was given to Board members.
- Director of Research and Evaluation Dwayne Schmitz, and Assessment Coordinator John Passantino gave an overview of the new format for the DE 1.0 monitoring report:
 - 2 page executive summary
 - 20 page report
 - technical appendix
- Divide monitoring of the ends into two sessions (i.e., meetings)? Devote an entire meeting to the monitoring of DE 1.0?
- The sample survey around Student Connections was given to Board members.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – 6:30 PM

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ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kipp called the regular business meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as presented.

3. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Eric Sutherland: Does not agree that a community which does not contribute financially to PSD may be receiving a new school. Does not agree with PSD requesting a tax increase.

Lauren Bontempo: Senior at Fossil Ridge High School. In support of a district swimming pool.

Ross Lannen: Senior at Fossil Ridge High School. In support of a district swimming pool.

Bill Bartel: Parent of students at Fossil Ridge High School and Preston Middle School. In support of a pool. An e-mail regarding the petition results will be sent to Board members. There are indications that Fort Collins City Council may be in support of collaborating on an appropriate pool at the new Southeast Recreation Center.

Mike Pruznick: Not in support of the bond issue, specifically, the facilities plan and the operational mill levy. He does support the aquatic facility.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Personnel Action

4.2 Colorado Department of Education (CDE) Early Literacy Grant

4.3 Minor Revisions to 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

Director Donovan moved to approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Donovan, Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Petterson, Reed, and Trask

Those voting NO: None

Absent: None

Motion passed 7-0

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2015-2016 District Unified Improvement Plan

Assistant Superintendent Haberer introduced Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Robert Beauchamp, who gave an overview of the 2015-2016 District Unified Improvement Plan. Detailed information was made available to Board members in the agenda packet.

Director Donovan moved to approve the 2015-2016 District Unified Improvement Plan.

Director Gutowsky seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Donovan, Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Petterson, Reed, and Trask

Those voting NO: None

Absent: None

Motion passed 7-0

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 ELL/Equity/Community Engagement Programs

Assistant Superintendent Haberer introduced John McKay, Director of Language, Culture, and Equity; Claudia Menendez, Family Engagement Secondary Program Specialist; and Clare Barquero, Family Engagement Elementary Program Specialist, who presented an overview of ELL/Equity/Community Engagement Programs. Detailed information was made available to Board members in the agenda packet.

Board discussion included the various ways staff communicates with students and families who speak other languages (e.g., translators, reaching out to community members), the day in the life of PSD's family liaisons, and scheduling a time when the Board can meet with the ELL staff and their community.

Board recessed at 7:44 p.m.

Board reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

6.2 Long Range Planning

Dr. Smyser introduced Executive Directors Hall and Montoya; Tammie Knauer, Director of Planning, Design & Construction Services; Brendan Willits, Planning Manager; Brian Erickson, Director of Facility Services; Ed Holder, Planning, Design & Construction Services – Special Projects; Lauren Hooten, Process and Project Manager; and Community Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) members Len Roark, Mary Kay Sommers, Mike Demma, and Yvonne Myers; and Dan O'Connell from RBC Capital. Detailed information on long range planning was provided to Board members in the agenda packet.

Board discussion included the assumptions on PSD growth and what would happen if those assumptions are inaccurate; posting the Competitive Aquatic Facility Highlights document on the PSD website; strategies for modular buildings going forward to alleviate current overcrowding (i.e., What rules should be put in place in the future to handle capacity?); scenarios in the case one or both measures fail; costs associated with the placement of modular buildings; and how future economic forecasts and future growth projections will affect this long range plan.

6.3 Legislative Discussion

The Joint Budget Committee and Joint House and Senate Budget Committees have been meeting on school finance. President Kipp has been attending the meetings held on Wednesdays (i.e., Day at the Capitol).

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Ridgeview Charter Renewal Contract and Mill Levy Override Financing

Director Petterson explained that his wife is a teacher at Ridgeview Classical Schools and, although he is under no legal obligation to do so, he will recuse himself from any discussion and action taken in this matter to avoid even the appearance of conflict of interest.

Executive Session

Director Febvre moved that the Board go into executive session to receive legal advice and determine its position in negotiations on matters concerning Ridgeview's charter renewal contract and mill levy override financing, as authorized under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) & (e). Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session were Legal and Policy Counsel Crabb; Assistant Superintendent Lambert; Executive Director Montoya; and Assistant Board Secretary Freeman.

Director Trask seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting Aye: Directors Donovan, Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Reed, and Trask

Those voting No: None

Absent: None

Recused: Director Petterson

Motion passed 6-0

Executive Session began at 9:23 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 10:20 p.m.

Director Trask moved that the Board approve and adopt the resolution responding to Ridgeview Classical Schools' request for annual payments from the district's 2000 mill levy override, as presented.

Director Febvre seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Donovan, Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Reed, and Trask

Those voting NO: None

Absent: None

Recused: Director Petterson

Motion passed 6-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

Regular business meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Freeman
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education