



MEETING MINUTES

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Minutes of Business Meeting
March 8, 2016

DINNER SESSION – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Cathy Kipp and Vice President David Trask; Directors Nate Donovan, Christophe Febvre, Susan Gutowsky, and Rob Petterson; 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: Director Carolyn Reed

1. District Topics / Board Member Updates

- Ron Alexander, PSD's Athletics Director, was in attendance to speak to the participation cap that is being considered for the boy's ice hockey team. The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) gave PSD input. PSD will not cap participation for the boy's ice hockey team for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Information was given to Board members about the considerations that have been discussed around aquatic facilities. A Board member would be in support of entering into a collaborative endeavor with the City of Fort Collins on a facility in the future (i.e., 5-7 years from now).
- The Community Facility Accountability Committee's (CFAC) recent mailer was shown to Board members.
- The possible funding of an executive director for the PSD Foundation was discussed. PSD budget constraints prohibit the district from funding this position completely. Another scenario would be to have an almost full-time position wherein the benefits and PERA would be covered by the district and the salary would be shared between PSD, the PSD Foundation, and select cornerstone partners.
- Executive Director Begin explained to the Board what occurred during a cyber attack at the end of January, 2016. There was no breach of PSD data and the hackers were stopped prior to them getting to the firewall.
- A Board member's school choice concerns will be addressed in Dr. Smyser's Friday update.

2. Executive Session

Director Gutowsky moved that the Board go into executive session to receive information regarding a teacher resignation and separation agreement, as authorized under CR.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session were Legal and Policy Counsel Crabb; Assistant Superintendent Lambert; Executive Director Thompson; and Assistant Board Secretary Freeman.

Director Kipp seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting No: None

Absent: Director Reed

Motion passed 6-0

Executive Session began at 6:10 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:21 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – 6:30 PM

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ABSENT: Director Carolyn Reed

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Kipp called the regular business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Kipp led the Board of Education and audience members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as presented.

4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

4.1 2016 Regional Science Bowl Winners

Preston Middle School Principal Scott Nielsen and Science Bowl Coach Logan Burke introduced students who participated in this year's Regional Science Bowl.

Ridgeview Classical Charter School's Science Bowl Coaches Paula Petterson and David Morse introduced students who participated in this year's Regional Science Bowl.

Director Trask presented the students with a certificate on behalf of the Board and PSD.

4.2 Project Smile

Representatives from Project Smile gave an overview of the dental services provided to students within PSD.

Director Gutowsky presented these individuals with certificates on behalf of the Board and PSD.

4.3 Lion's Club Kidsight

Representatives from Lion's Club Kidsight gave an overview of the vision services provided to students within PSD.

Director Febvre presented these individuals with certificates on behalf of the Board and PSD.

4.4 2016 Healthy School Champions

This year Beattie and Shepardson Elementary Schools were recognized as Healthy School Champions.

On behalf of the Board and PSD, Director Donovan presented certificates to Beattie Principal Dave Patterson and Shepardson Principal Alissa Poduska.

4.5 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smyser gave the Board a brief presentation on the work she has been involved in.

4.6 Board Reports

President Kipp attended the Winter Legislative Conference of the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB). Several Board members attended Great Education Colorado's Great Futures Action Summit on March 4, 2016, where discussions revolved around working to improve funding for schools.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

There was no community comment.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1 Personnel Action**
- 6.2 Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2016 and February 23, 2016**
- 6.3 Fifth Addendum to Superintendent Contract**
- 6.4 URA Appointment**
- 6.5 Tuition Increase for Full-Day Kindergarten Students**
- 6.6 Tuition Increase for Early Childhood Students**
- 6.7 District Time Collection Software**
- 6.8 Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for the Lincoln Middle School Major Renovation Project**
- 6.9 2016 Long Range Planning Modular Project**
- 6.10 Colorado Department of Education (CDE) School Counselor Corps Grant Program**

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

Director Petterson seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Absent: Director Reed

Motion passed 6-0

7.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 SRO Presentation: Inappropriate Digital Interactions

School Resource Officer Keith Maynard spoke to the Board about social media and inappropriate digital interactions, specifically sexting, as it relates to students within PSD.

Board discussion included the various resources made available to parents, including presentations, software, and application tips. There was also discussion on pending House Bill 16-1058.

7.2 Budget Update

Executive Director Montoya gave the Board a budget update in the areas of restoring unassigned reserves to the required 3%, making possible adjustments to align revenues to expenditures, and budget assumptions for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Detailed information was made available to Board members in their agenda packet and PowerPoint presentation notes were given to Board members at the meeting.

Board discussion included clarification on the projected \$1.6 million dollar variance and the Employee Self Insurance Fund (ESIF) (i.e., Premium Holiday), and the substantial student based budgeting shifts made last year.

Board recessed at 8:16 p.m.

Board reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Social and Emotional Supports Within PSD

Assistant Superintendent Haberer introduced Kate Canine, Professional Development Director; Darcie Votipka, Director of Student Services; and Sarah Belleau, Director of Integrated Services. Each director presented a section of a PowerPoint presentation about the social and emotional supports in PSD. Detailed information was made available to Board members in their agenda packet.

Board discussion included if there is a variable or minimum expectation about programs and intervention strategies (e.g., suicide prevention) among PSD schools. The various training, mentoring, and professional development opportunities made available to staff were addressed. The level of curriculum and potential policy was discussed. The relationship between mental health and the social and emotional skills that are included in the district ends was addressed.

8.2 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.6, Asset Protection

Executive Director presented the monitoring report on EL 2.6, Asset Protection. Detailed information was made available to Board members in their agenda packet and PowerPoint presentation notes were given to Board members at the meeting.

The Board indicated their approval of this monitoring report.

Policy Review:

There was no discussion.

8.3 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board

Dr. Smyser presented the monitoring report on EL 2.8, Communication and Support to the Board. Detailed information was made available to Board members in their agenda packet and PowerPoint presentation notes were given to Board members at the meeting.

The Board indicated their approval of this monitoring report.

Policy Review:

There was no discussion.

8.4 Legislative Discussion

The Board legislative subcommittee met today. Notes from that meeting will be sent to Board members by President Kipp. There was discussion on an initiative that may be on the November ballot that would ask to remove the TABOR cap for ten years. Funding would go toward education, transportation, mental health, and senior services.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Regular business meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Freeman
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education