



# MEETING MINUTES

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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Minutes of Business Meeting  
April 26, 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 Danielle Clark, Pete Hall, Dave Montoya, and Victoria Thompson; Interim Executive Director Dustin Reintsma; and Legal and Policy Counsel Tom Crabb.

LATE ARRIVAL: Executive Director Clark

ABSENT: None

### **1. District Topics / Board Member Updates**

- Legal and Policy Counsel Crabb explained the legal rationale and explained the need for a resolution (which he shared with the Board) for the Adoption of the Long Range Facilities Plan.
- Mr. Crabb explained the legal rationale and recommended that the Board not act on the Adoption of the Long Range Facilities Plan.

### **2. Achievement / Opportunity Gap Plan**

- The work plan was handed out to Board members.
- The Board will receive updates as this plan progresses.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – 6:30 PM**

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

ABSENT: None

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved as presented.

**3.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Michael Pruznick spoke about PSD concerns as well as the Board's December retreat.

**4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.1 Personnel Action**

**4.2 Non-Renewal of Employment Contracts**

**4.3 Colorado Department of Education School Health Professionals Grant**

**4.4 Colorado Department of Education Comprehensive Health Education Grant**

**4.5 2016-2017 Renewal Application for Alternative Education Campus Designation for CHS and PCA**

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

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

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 2016-2017 Technology Device Refresh**

Dustin Reintsma, Interim Executive Director of Information Technology; Crystal Boyd, Technical Services Manager; and former Executive Director Don Begin gave an overview of the 2016-2017 Technology Device Refresh. Detailed information was made available to Board members in their agenda packet.

Board discussion included the criteria used when deciding which technology vendor to use and which devices to use based on the age of the students who will be utilizing these devices.

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Director Gutowsky moved to approve the 2016-2017 Technology Device Refresh.

Director Trask 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

## **5.2 Adoption of Long Range Facilities Plan**

Dr. Smyser gave an overview of the process used to develop the Long Range Facilities Plan. Detailed information was made available to Board members in their agenda packet.

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### Community Comment:

Patrick Albright, Liberty Common representative, spoke to equality in educational opportunities. A broad coalition across the community was encouraged.

Mike Pruznick urged the Board to reject the plan. Believes this is a short-term plan instead of a long term plan. Gave an overview of a plan he would propose.

Linda Levy, parent of a charter school student, spoke to the demand for charter schools and the lack of space. Requested an equitable share of the bond.

Eric Sutherland believes there are gaps in the plan and that it is deficient in its present form.

Marc Siegfried, a parent of a Liberty Common student, asked for a fair share of the bond money. He was surprised when the allocation numbers were announced.

Krista Nero asked the district to set aside money to contribute to a competitive pool. Would ask the district to reconsider their decision to not include a pool in the plan and that the district reschedule a meeting with the City of Fort Collins.

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Director Donovan read a resolution concerning the long range plan and the document entitled, *Poudre School District Statement of Prioritized Facilities Needs*, and moved for its approval.

Director Gutowsky seconded the motion.

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Board discussion included the question of equity among charter schools, the process for determining funding for charter schools (not on a per-pupil basis), how the allocations were determined (critical needs, year schools were built, etc.), and how to maintain and improve the district's relationship with charter schools in the future (co-op, bulk purchases, etc.).

A Board member indicated they were open to hearing more about increasing allocations to charter schools with caveats around capital improvements and building ownership.

An overview of the laws around charter schools was given and examples were given to the Board and audience members. The overall lack of funding for public education was addressed.

The concept of "seed money" for charter schools that would come from the overall allocated funds was discussed. The amount and source of those funds would need to be determined by the district administration.

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Director Donovan made a motion to amend the resolution to add another bullet on Page Two that would read: "Set aside \$200,000 for district charter school capital facilities improvements as determined by need and with the agreement of charter schools in the district."

Director Petterson seconded the motion.

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Board discussion included refining the language at a later time and ownership shares of charter schools.

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The voting on Director Donovan's amendment was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Donovan and Petterson

Those voting NO: Directors Febvre, Gutowsky, Kipp, Reed, and Trask

Absent: None

Motion failed 2-5

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Board discussion included issues around the request for the inclusion of a pool in this plan. There was consensus among the Board that a pool should not be included in this plan. However, there was broad acknowledgment of the significant need for more swimming facilities in the community and general support of the Board for partnership discussions with the City in the future; and the Board assured the audience that the conversation around the building of a pool is ongoing.

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Director Reed made a motion to call the question.

Director Donovan 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

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The voting on Director Donovan's original motion 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

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Board recessed at 8:41 p.m.  
Board reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

## **6.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 New High School Graduation Requirements Update**

Dr. Smyser introduced this agenda item. Assistant Superintendents Eckles and Haberer, and Principals Craig Woodall (Rocky Mountain High School), Mike Roberts (Centennial High School), Kathy Mackay (Poudre High School), Troy Krotz (Poudre Community Academy), Heather Hiebsch (PSD Global Academy), and Joe Gawronski (Polaris) were in attendance to give input on this topic and answer questions. Detailed information was made available to Board members in their agenda packet.

Robert Beauchamp, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave an update on the personal finance literacy curriculum and standards.

Board discussion included grading scores versus performance and having consistent dialogue between the different levels of education. The current use of one-size-fits all graduation requirements, as well as competency and proficiency based education was addressed. Fulfilling the needs of students who may go into the trades was discussed. The Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP) being a conduit for communication with parents was encouraged. There was discussion on the correlation between the additional 20 credits and the decrease in graduation or on-time graduation rates.

## **6.2 Preliminary Budget FY 2016-17**

Executive Director Montoya gave an overview of the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2016-17. Detailed information was made available to Board members in their agenda packet.

## **6.3 Legislative Discussion**

President Kipp gave an update on current legislation and she will send Board members the updated legislative spreadsheet.

Board discussion included that the state legislature isn't interested in changing testing requirements during this legislative session. They are waiting for next year once they see how the changes to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) - now the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) - pan out.

## **7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Regular business meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Freeman  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education