



MEETING MINUTES

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Minutes of Special Business Meeting
Board of Education Retreat
June 16, 2016

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING – 4:00 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 Board Secretaries Kyla Davis and Myra Freeman

ABSENT: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Kipp called the special business meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

President Kipp made a motion to add Informational Item 3.1 Choice Information Policy to the agenda and move Approval of Legislative Agenda and CASB Resolutions to Action Item 4.1.

Director Petterson 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

2.0 EARLY CHILDHOOD GRANT TRAINING (4:00-5:30)

Early Childhood Consultant Anita Sullivan, Director of Early Childhood Education Carolyn Martin and Assistant Director of Early Childhood Education Corinne Van Dyke were in attendance to provide training to the Board. They distributed Early Childhood Education Board Overview binders to each Board member.

As a consultant, Ms. Sullivan reviews early childhood programs and provides feedback to districts. Information was presented on PSD's early childhood program organization, its core values, legal/fiscal issues, roles and responsibilities, monitoring systems (governing protocols), data, assessments and standards. She reviewed the Board's responsibilities to the program.

There was discussion about a federal government change to Headstart preschool changing it from a half-day to a full day program. The new recommendation has funds to support this change at the local level. There will still be a half-day option for tuition-based kids.

The Board thanked the presenters for all of the helpful training and information.

Board recessed at 5:32 p.m.

Board reconvened at 5:46 p.m.

3.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEM

3.1 Choice Policy Information

Assistant Superintendent Todd Lambert and Executive Director Danielle Clark presented information on changes to the district's choice school policy. The changes were made based on community feedback.

There were two significant changes.

- Out-of-district students continuing through a school program (for example IB, Core) will move to a new priority ranking.
- The policy language has changed regarding reassignment of out-of-district students.

The new policy will go into effect July 1st, 2016. It will affect choices for the 2017-2018 school year. Families will be notified of placement before the first consideration deadline in January of 2017.

Board recessed at 6:16 p.m.

Board reconvened at 6:23 p.m.

4.0 ACTION ITEM

4.1 Approval of Legislative Agenda and CASB Resolutions

Director Donovan made a motion that the Board approve the June 2016 State Advocacy Agenda (as of June 16, 2016) and CASB Resolutions.

Director Petterson 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 WORK TOPICS

5.1 Coalition Discussion

Executive Director Dave Montoya gave background specifics on the current coalition between Poudre School District, Greeley-Evans School District 6 and Mendez Consulting.

A different level of service is being explored with the firm. Mr. Montoya presented information, as well as pros and cons of the potential change. Based on positive feedback from the Board, Mr. Montoya will continue work on this topic.

5.2 Board Self-Monitoring

The Board watched a video and followed it with a discussion about the importance of having legal, meaningful and effective meetings.

Consideration was given to having Balanced Governance Solutions President Thomas Alsbury consult with the Board.

5.3 Agenda Prioritization

A Board of Education Topic Prioritization document was given to and reviewed by Board members. A discussion with Superintendent Smyser adjusted certain items' priority levels.

5.4 Year in Review

The Board reviewed some of the more impactful events and decisions of the year.

5.5 Looking Forward

The Board will continue to look at those topics that have been identified as priority. They reaffirmed that their goal is to continually identify and take hold of opportunities for growth and improvement in all areas.

5.6 Calendar Meetings 2016-2017 SY

Special meeting dates were selected for the 2016-2017 school year.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Special business meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyla Davis
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education