



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
September 13, 2016

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Superintendent Sandra Smyser and Executive Director Pete Hall

1.0 District Issues / Board Member Updates

Director Reed moved that the Board go into executive session as authorized under C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(e) to determine the District's position on matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing District negotiators regarding a municipal land dedication and fee-in-lieu of land dedication intergovernmental agreement proposal. Individuals invited to join the Board and Superintendent in executive session are Legal and Policy Counsel Crabb; Executive Director Montoya; Planning, Design & Construction Director Knauer; Planning Manager Willits; Planner on Special Assignment Holder; and Assistant Board Secretary Davis.

Vice President 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.

Executive Session began at 5:33 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:22 p.m.

Executive Director Victoria Thompson addressed questions regarding salary steps for administrative/classified staff for the last year.

The dinner session ended at 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING - (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

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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

There were no changes to the agenda.

4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

Executive Director Danielle Clark introduced the recognitions for the evening.

4.1 National High School Boys Swimming Coach of the Year

Mark Morehouse received the National High School Boys Swimming Coach of the Year award. Morehouse is the coach for Fossil Ridge High School's swim team. He received the award from the National High School Coaches Association.

Director Donovan presented a certificate of recognition to Mr. Morehouse on behalf of the Board and PSD.

4.2 Supply Our Students

Recognition was given to PSD's Supply Our Students program. The program partners with Colorado State University, OtterCares Foundation, Realities for Children, Volunteers of America,

Intel Corporation and The Partnership Center. Together with donations and time, they ensure every PSD child in need receives school supplies.

Director Gutowsky presented a certificate of recognition to the group on behalf of the Board and PSD.

4.3 Excellence in Financial Reporting

PSD's Finance Department received two excellence awards for the fiscal year ending 2015. One award from the Association of School Business Officials International and one from the Government Finance Officers Association. Both awards were received for excellence in financial reporting.

Director Febvre presented a certificate of recognition to Executive Director Montoya for the entire finance staff on behalf of the Board and PSD.

4.4 Superintendent's Report

Executive Director Danielle Clark reviewed the Superintendent's Report.

Included in the report was a video highlighting PSD Promises website. The newly launched website (www.PSDPromises.com) gives the community information on how money is spent and details all projects associated with the 2010 bond and mill levy.

4.5 Board Report

Director Petterson presented the Board report. He noted their active involvement in school visits and attendance at several committee and sub-committee meetings.

Petterson also reported on recent community meetings, including meetings with the Timnath Mayor and City Manager and other surrounding communities.

There was discussion on the Board's development and training opportunities and activities.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Mike Pruznick: Noted concerns and had suggestions for informal and subcommittee meetings (more information posted online, more transparency), but also said he is pleased with changes that have been made. He would like to see a continuation of admitting mistakes and fixing them. Does not want to be negative; wants to see long-term improvement in our school district.

Ben Barnhart: PSD parent addressed overcrowding in the district. His family was able to choose into the school they wanted within district boundaries and loves the diversity of the educational opportunities offered, but is concerned that if we don't reinvest in our schools, we will lose valuable options. He supports the bond and mill levy on the November ballot.

Jo Buckley: Student employee at Colorado State University spoke about the Public Achievement program at Colorado State. College coaches go into the school district and help students research a community improvement service project and then lead them through that project. This opportunity exists in our district; if it is of interest to any educators, please let them know of the program.

ML Johnson: Community member discussed the four points of public policy and how it pertains to the bond and mill levy proposal on the ballot this November. In one way or another funding for public education addresses all of these public policy themes. There are details of the proposal that not everyone will agree on, but after looking at the issue from all four of these points, he will support the bond and mill levy.

Eric Sutherland: Supports the students of the school district even though he feels like no one else does. He does not agree with using money on a consulting firm to affect legislation. He voiced major concerns on tax increment financing laws and would like to see the Supreme Court rule on that piece of legislation.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Personnel Action

6.2 Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2016 (Special Meeting), August 9, 2016 and August 23, 2016

6.3 Legislative and Lobbying Services

President Kipp requested that the August 23, 2016 meeting minutes be removed from the consent agenda. Minor modifications will be made to the minutes.

Director Petterson moved to adopt and approve the modified consent agenda.

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.

Legal Counsel Crabb noted that another vote was needed to move the meeting minutes from this evening's consent agenda to September 27, 2016 meeting's consent agenda.

President Kipp moved that approval of the meeting minutes from August 23, 2016 be postponed to the September 27, 2016 Board meeting.

Vice President 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.

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.7, Compensation and Benefits

Executive Director Victoria Thompson defined changes to compensation and benefits for employees and reviewed current employee agreements and district policies.

Board members had questions for Thompson.

There was discussion on compensation for staff, the rising cost of benefits, and the new wellness survey for 2017.

7.2 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.9, Dealings with Citizens of PSD

Executive Director Danielle Clark presented this policy review. Questions will need to be recorded, sent to Superintendent Smyser and addressed at a later date.

Evidence provided proves that the Superintendent met certain requirements for this policy and the details are located online.

The Board has reviewed the policy and does not have any changes for it.

7.3 Legislative Discussion

There was discussion about several upcoming deadlines, the need to schedule various meetings and a note about the CASB revised legislative booklet.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting ended at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyla Davis
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education