



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting  
January 13, 2026

#### **DINNER SESSION - 5:00 PM Superintendent Conference Room**

PRESENT: President Jessica Zamora; Vice President Kevin Havelda; Directors Karla Baise, Conor Duffy, and Coronda Ziegler; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Lead Assistant Superintendent Dr. Traci Gile; Chief Officers Dr. Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, and Dave Montoya; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: Director Andrew Spain, Director Scott Schoenbauer

LATE: Director Duffy arrived at 5:13 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:06 p.m.

#### **1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics**

- Board members discussed committee assignments.
- Chief Technology Officer Bud Hunt provided an update on PSD K-12 Pupil Distribution 2016/17 to 2024/25.

Dinner session ended at 5:32 p.m.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM**

PRESENT: President Jessica Zamora; Vice President Kevin Havelda; Directors Karla Baise, Conor Duffy, Scott Schoenbauer, and Coronda Ziegler; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Lead Assistant Superintendent Dr. Traci Gile; Assistant Superintendents Julie Chaplain and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Dr. Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, and Dave Montoya; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: Director Andrew Spain

REMOTE: Director Scott Schoenbauer

LATE: Director Scott Schoenbauer arrived at 6:41 p.m.

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Zamora called the regular business meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

#### **2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Zamora led the Board of Education, staff, and community members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

### **4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS**

#### **4.1 United Way of Larimer County**

Melissa Schaeffer, TOSA and Leader of the Teen Parent Program, spoke about the program and introduced representatives from the United Way of Larimer County; Director of Community Impact Cecilia Reynolds and CEO Kelsey DiAstra.

Vice President Havelda thanked the United Way of Larimer County on behalf of the Board of Education.

#### **4.2 Wellington Middle-High School 2A State Football Champions**

Athletic Director Hilarie Bartling talked about the success of the Wellington football team and introduced Coach Travis Peeples, who spoke about the players and their incredible accomplishment.

Director Duffy congratulated Coach Peeples and the football team on behalf of the Board of Education.

### **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 Resolution in Support of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Director Duffy moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19, 2026.

Vice President Havelda seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- John Miller IV, CSU Director of the Black/African American Cultural Center, spoke about the resolution and informed listeners of multiple opportunities to celebrate MLK Day on Monday, January 19, 2026.
- Superintendent Kingsley thanked John for speaking to the resolution and for including him in the upcoming celebrations.

### **6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Kingsley welcomed everyone back for the second semester, said the United Way of Larimer County is performing transformational work by providing resources to aid students in the Teen Parent Program, paid respect to the memory of recently deceased Stove Prairie bus driver 'Dan Dan the Bus Driver Man', talked about the graduation rate announcement, introduced a *Quick Win* video about a new PSD podcast called "The District - Conversations with Poudre School District", spoke about the district-wide email regarding continued declining enrollment, and expressed gratitude to the Legal Department for the work involved in the policy review edits.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Amanda Kramer expressed gratitude for the amazing support her special needs son has received daily in Poudre School District.

Student Arthur Lamkin thanked Board members for continued support of the LGBTQ+ community.

Laura MacWaters said Poudre School District has done so much to support the LGBTQ community and asked the board to continue fighting for the respect and rights of vulnerable students.

Dani Lawrence spoke about proposed changes to a specific district policy and said it is evident the district is not protecting students who need it the most; but rather covering their own behind.

Sabrina Herrick spoke about the history of germ theory and compared it to community commenters who speak because something is important or matters.

Bridget Aesoph thanked the district for having a Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) composed of professionals in the field and asked SEAC to ensure charter schools are IDEA compliant.

Stephanie Watson Lewis said Liberty Common Charter School enrolled one of her children but would not accept her disabled child and asked the board to stop the discrimination and cherry-picking of students at Liberty Common.

Eric Sutherland reminded listeners of allegations made regarding the overcollection of taxes and asked the board to discuss the issue in public instead of in executive session.

Alyssa Brown played a prerecorded statement that expressed frustration with harm done to her son by the district and said her child deserves access to an education that does not cause additional trauma.

Jim Brokish thanked board members for being friends and neighbors, for volunteering to ensure the district provides an awesome education today and into the future, and thanked the community for choosing great people to serve on the board.

## **8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Vice President Havelda requested each school interested in a board member visit extend an invitation and include the date(s) and time(s) available.
- Director Duffy said the State Legislative Session will begin this week and provided an update on the PSD Legislative Subcommittee meetings.
- President Zamora reminded listeners about Upcoming Community Engagement Sessions.
- Final showing of Screenagers is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at Rocky Mountain High School.

## **9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **9.1 Personnel Action**

### **9.2 Meeting Minutes: December 2, 2025, and December 9, 2025**

### **9.3 Designation of Posting Location for Public Meetings**

Vice President Havelda moved that the board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Jessica Zamora, and Coronda Ziegler

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 5-0

## **10.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **10.1 Board Consideration of Revisions to Policies JICA, JICDD, JICDE, JICF, JICI, JLIE, and JT**

General Counsel Autumn Aspen provided the update.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to the Legal Department for taking on tedious work in a thorough manner.
- All district staff participate in Suicide protocol training annually.
- Dangerous driving could fall under several policies.
- Legal Department will allow board access to online feedback.

- Feedback Survey is available on the website until January 19, 2026; public was asked to provide feedback.

## **11.0 BOARD FORECASTING**

President Zamora explained this is a new agenda item to be included in all future board meetings and is designed to increase efficiency, while ensuring items that are important to the community are addressed.

## **12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice President Havelda moved that the Board enter executive session for the following purposes:

- 1) to confer with an attorney for the Board to receive legal advice on specific legal questions relating to C.R.S. § 39-5-128, C.R.S. § 31-25-107, Colo. Const. Art. X, § 20, and related statutes as authorized by C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), and
- 2) to develop the strategy of the school district for negotiations relating to the 2025-2026 collective bargaining agreement or employment contracts as authorized by C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e)(III).

Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief of Staff Dr. Lauren Hooten, Lead Assistant Superintendent Dr. Traci Gile, Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya, attorney Kim Crawford, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Scott Schoenbauer, Jessica Zamora, and Coronda Ziegler

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

Executive session # 1 began at 7:26 p.m.

Executive session #1 ended at 8:04 p.m.

Attorney Kim Crawford left the executive session at 8:04 p.m.

Executive session #2 began at 8:04 p.m.

Executive session #2 ended at 9:06 p.m.

## **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner  
Secretary to the Board of Education