



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
March 10, 2026

DINNER SESSION - 5:00 PM Superintendent Conference Room

PRESENT: President Jessica Zamora; Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, Andrew Spain, and Coronda Ziegler; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Lead Assistant Superintendent Dr. Traci Gile; Chief Officers Dr. Lauren Hooten and Dave Montoya; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: Vice President Kevin Havelda and Director Conor Duffy

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:03 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- President Zamora spoke about upcoming Community Engagement Sessions and requested input from members on potential criteria and new meeting procedures.
- Recommendation was made to offer one or two sessions over the summer, as well as morning and afternoon sessions.
- Customer Support can provide an overview of available space in high schools; need to be cognizant of any schools involved with construction over the summer.
- Important to avoid doubling up with staff engagement sessions and other meetings.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Potential to hold meetings on April 2, 7, and 21; staff will try to find available location.

Dinner session ended at 5:33 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM

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

ABSENT: None

LATE: Vice President Havelda arrived at 6:18 p.m.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Zamora called the regular business meeting to order at 5:38 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 Poudre Fire Authority

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Julie Chaplain introduced the following representatives of the Poudre Fire Authority:

- Sean McGaffin, Division Chief and Fire Marshall
- Kaitlyn Truelove, Education Manager
- Kevin Sullivan, Assistant Fire Marshall
- Annie Bierbaur, Public Information Officer

Director Spain congratulated those in attendance on behalf of the Board of Education.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution in Support of Women’s History Month

Director Ziegler moved that the board approve a resolution in support of Women’s History Month, March 2026.

Director Baise seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Fossil Ridge High School teacher Leslie Smyser introduced student Addisyn Bean, who spoke about the resolution.
- Gratitude was expressed to Addisyn for speaking eloquently on behalf of the resolution, her family, school, entire district, community, and all women.

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

Those voting NO: None
Motion passed: 6-0

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley drew attention to the new student art in the boardroom, invited board members and the community to attend the student art show in April as well as the elementary and middle school honor-choir concert at the Lincoln Center tomorrow night, talked about recent school visits, addressed topics being discussed during the meeting, spoke about upcoming staff-only engagement sessions, and introduced a video from the Comprehensive Planning committee.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Dani Lawrence expressed frustration with the Integrated Services Department and cited multiple examples, adding that the presentation tonight proves board members are not getting the whole story.

Kevin Hughes discussed the current student driver education laws and said new laws beginning in January 2027 will require any student under the age of 18 to take a 30-hour drivers education course.

Grace Turnbull said PSD lied about the spending of 4A funds by telling the public that school consolidations would be reconsidered in 3-5 years if 4A passed and asked the district to create plans for empty buildings, transportation, and restructuring for sustainability.

Aaron Green stated the community deserves comparative data for students with IEPs, asked the superintendent for data reform in the Integrated Services department, requested civil rights compliance when budgeting, and asked listeners to support SB 26-125.

Janet Wright thanked the district for keeping LGBTQ students safe day-to-day and said it is important to continue to stand with them, show up, and keep them safe.

Anna Lebedda asked the board to take disrupting disproportionality and equity into consideration when creating the consolidation criteria and requested the district strategically keep a handful of schools for students who need a smaller and different environment to thrive.

Eric Sutherland expressed frustration that the State of Colorado is broke and cited specific areas of concern.

8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Director Duffy provided an update on the recent Legislative Subcommittee meeting and said the next meeting will be this coming Friday.
- Director Schoenbauer reminded everyone that several high schools have sports teams in playoff standings.
- Vice President Havelda talked about a recent community engagement session attended by approximately 30 people and shared areas of discussion.
- President Zamora provided an update on the recent Comprehensive Planning Committee and District Advisory Board meetings she attended.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Action

9.2 Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2026 and February 24, 2026

9.3 Approval of 10 Year Contracts for K-5 Mathematics, Spanish, and German Curriculum

9.4 IFB 26-680-002 Front of Classroom Technology Refresh

9.5 IFB 26-680-003 District Firewall Services Renewal

Director Schoenbauer asked that Consent Items 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5 be removed from Consent and placed on Action Items.

President Zamora assigned the items as Action Items 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3.

Director Duffy moved that the board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items remaining on the Consent Agenda.

Director Spain seconded the motion.

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Approval of 10 Year Contracts for K-5 Mathematics, Spanish, and German Curriculum

Director Ziegler moved that the board approve 1) K-5 Mathematics Curriculum 10-year print and digital purchase from Curriculum Associates for \$3,440,029.46; 2) Spanish Curriculum 10-year digital purchase from Comprehensive Classroom for \$201,000.00, and 3) German Curriculum 10-year digital and classroom set of print materials from Wayside for \$47,658.65 for a grand total of \$3,688,688.11.

Director Spain seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director Spain pulled the item in the interest of fiscal transparency.
- Over 2,000 hours of teacher time went into evaluation of proposed curriculum.
- New curriculum will provide district-wide consistency and cost less than the price to keep the current outdated curriculum.
- Important to clarify why the district is spending money in a time of Reduction in Force for staff.

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

10.2 IFB 26-580-002 Front of Classroom Technology Refresh

Director Schoenbauer moved that the board approve expenditures in excess of \$250,000, authorizing staff to issue purchase orders to the vendors and work noted in the cover sheet of this item.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Technology refresh represents approximately 380 classrooms.
- Refresh is in the second year of a two-year rollout; approximately 380 classrooms are still waiting for upgrade.
- Degradation of service in some classrooms may occur if rollout is paused.
- Concern was expressed about putting new televisions and technology into classrooms that may end up being consolidated and unused next year.
- New equipment is portable and can be sent to other sites in the event of consolidation or closure.
- Important to maintain standards and update all classrooms to same equitable level.
- Refresh cycle is typically 25% of the district each year; postponing one year will add to the expenditure for next year.

Those voting AYE: Directors Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Andrew Spain, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, and Coronda Ziegler

Motion passed: 4-3

10.3 IFB 26-580-003 District Firewall Services Renewal

Director Spain moved that the board approve expenditures in excess of \$250,000, authorizing staff to execute an agreement with the vendor noted in this item.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Service is valuable and necessary for students, and cost is appropriate.
- Vice President Havelda expressed concern about wording within the contract that selects a Choice of Law in a state other than Colorado.
- Vendor has a long-standing history with Poudre School District with no litigation issues.
- Current district firewall intercepts millions of interactions per day, and ensures threats do not make it to staff and students.
- E-rate Reimbursement was discussed.
- Expenditure is a primary cybersecurity investment for the district.

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

Those voting NO: Director Kevin Havelda

Motion passed: 6-1

10.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Child Find

Board discussion included:

- Director of Integrated Services Jodie Rommel provided the update.
- Percentage of special-need students is going up due to increased identification.
- District has robust resources for integrated services and has the capacity to serve more students.
- Identification disparity between schools is significant.
- Dibels testing is a State mandated assessment and begins in kindergarten.
- Dyslexia is considered a Specific Learning Disability and requires mandated testing and services.
- Intense staff dyslexia training has been provided for the past 3 years; important to ensure all schools are trained and supported.
- State of Colorado does not provide enough funding for students with IEPs; district has to allocate funds to complete financial needs.
- Data from the implementation of the screener will be available at end of May.
- Speech/language students have a tendency to grow out of the program.

- Gratitude was expressed for the information and the work involved with the presentation.
- Consistent identification is a core tenant of the board and members are grateful work is being done.

10.2 PSD Marketing Update

Board discussion included:

- Executive Director of Communications John Cope provided the update.
- Best form of communication, marketing, and advertising comes from current families.
- *Choose PSD 1.0* was explained.
- Recommendations were made to market team sports, alumni stories, and success in the arts.
- Difficult to measure quantitative results from marketing.
- Google search engines are a good indicator of individuals looking for 'best schools in Fort Collins'; shows people are looking for us.
- PSD has a great product and should market heavily.
- Recommendation was made to include data presented by Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dr. Dwayne Schmitz on the front page of the PSD website so parents know the district is great.
- Gratitude was expressed for the thorough presentation.

11.0 BOARD FORECASTING

- Curriculum packet was presented January 27, 2026; can be reviewed on the meeting website.
- Recommendation was made to provide a Frequently Asked Questions tab on the website.
- Request was issued for a fall update from Integrated Services with information about assessment of students with disabilities, alignment across all schools, resource allocation, and other data.
- Graduation rates are reported by the State in January.
- Important to celebrate accomplishments during board meetings.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner

Secretary to the Board of Education