



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Retreat
December 6, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Traci Gile and Scott Nielsen; Chief Officers Matt Bryant, Marlena Gross-Taylor, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Noblett, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

REMOTE: Director Anderson attended remotely

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Petterson called the retreat to order at 5:43 p.m.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1 Student Fees Update

Director of Special Projects and Initiatives Brett Larsen provided an update on student fees.

Board discussion included:

- Elimination of student fees would be ideal.
- Free/reduced lunch application provides information used for assessment of ability to pay student fees; may be difficult to assess without application information.
- Various interpretations of 'optional fee' were discussed.
- Request was made to clarify language in the future.
- Examples of fee requirements were reviewed.
- Goal to ensure all students have aligned experiences was shared.
- Vision for each experience must be reconciled prior to establishing material list and prices.
- Intent is to eliminate course fees next year; extracurricular fees to be removed in coming years.
- Board indicated staff are on the right track and look forward to continued updates.

2.2 Graduation Requirements Discussion

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools Scott Nielsen and Chief Academic Equity Office Marlena Gross-Taylor facilitated the graduation requirements discussion.

Board discussion included:

- District will not lower expectations for graduation.
- Equity is required to ensure all students have an equal opportunity for success.
- Micro-root problems should be resolved; inconsistencies and inequities must be addressed.
- Students should have a fundamental grounding in skills and knowledge to ensure they are functioning citizens upon graduation.
- State of Colorado recently upgraded Social Studies requirements.
- Term 'graduating with options' was explained.
- Key components of financial literacy and other content areas should become consistent across the district.
- Graduation Waiver Request process was discussed.
- 54 out of 2,000 graduates received waivers last year.
- Strategy teams will reconvene after winter break.
- Board members requested a current list of required classes.
- New performance framework measures may be included in the process.
- ROTC is not currently an option in the district; Poudre High School has applied and is awaiting approval.
- Mental health and development should be incorporated into readiness procedures.
- Appreciation was expressed for a strong and long-awaited presentation.

2.3 Principles of Community Update

Director of Language, Culture and Equity David Autenreith and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Delhia Mahaney presented the update.

Board discussion included:

- Board members were invited to participate in an exercise.
- Continued visualization and refreshers will be necessary to make the Principles an embraced practice.
- Opportunities to use the Principles were discussed.
- Roll out/implementation timeline was reviewed.

2.4 Board Norming

Board discussion included:

- Superintendent Kingsley reminded Directors to communicate with his office before and after school visits.
- May be beneficial to set school visits as a norm during 1:1's.
- Superintendent performance feedback is in February.
- Request was made to utilize the Principles of Community training at the next Board retreat.
- Negotiations process will begin 12.7.22; any members interested in attending should inform the Superintendent's office to ensure compliance with meeting rules.
- Negotiations process was discussed.

- Recent tragedy in the school community may have ripple effects; Board members were invited to check in on staff with compassion and support.

3.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Draper moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on real estate transactions relating to the proposed Montava development, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, Chief Operations Officer Matt Bryant, Attorney Darryl Farrington, and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Director Donovan seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Nate Donovan, Kristen Draper, Rob Petterson, Carolyn Reed, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed: 7-0

Executive session began at 8:43 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:19 p.m.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education