



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
March 19, 2024

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM Information Technology Center Training Room

PRESENT: President Kristen Draper; Vice President Jessica Zamora; Directors Jim Brokish, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, and Scott Schoenbauer; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Julie Chaplain, Traci Gile and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Madeline Novey, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Carolyn Reed arrived at 5:33 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Chief Information Officer Madeline Novey provided information about the district weather matrix and explained the general process.
- Director of Language, Culture and Equity David Autenreith presented an overview of the department.
- Senior Executive Director of Student Services provided an overview of the department and introduced Student Services Assistant Directors Whitney Bennett-Clear and James Dipilato.
- Potential changes in the district may prompt strong reactions from some community members.

2.0 Agenda Planning

Dinner session ended at 6:28 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

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ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Draper called the regular business meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Resolution in Support of Transgender Day of Visibility

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board approve the Resolution in Support of Transgender Day of Visibility, March 31, 2024.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to Arthur for sharing his story on behalf of the transgender community.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley spoke about recharging over spring break, issued an invitation to listeners to find ways to experience joy and capture connection in community, talked about recent school visits and extracurricular events, stated last year PSD had the highest graduation rates in the past 16 years, and thanked everyone involved with the Facilities Planning Steering Committee for stepping up to the plate and accepting a huge challenge for the best interest of students.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Anna Lebedda expressed frustration with a lack of support or changes for dyslexic students.

Judy Papenfuss asked why scores are down in PSD and said it is due to indoctrination of kids in schools through government teaching.

Steve Papenfuss said there are several books in school libraries that have no literary value and contain pornography and asked the district to require special check out procedures.

Scott Horak read an excerpt from *The Bluest Eye* to support his claim that students have access to pornography in school libraries.

Jeff Aufderheide expressed dissatisfaction in multiple areas of the district.

Janet Wright conveyed gratitude to PSD for being inclusive and welcoming to all students.

Sabrina Herrick said PSD Listening Sessions are edited for positive comments and claimed the Integrated Services department is rotting.

Anna VandenEnde described symptoms of dyslexia and asked the district to improve identification and intervention.

6.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- President Kristen Draper and Vice President Jessica Zamora participated in Read Across America Day and spoke about the experience.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Personnel Action

7.2 Designated Career and Technical School Renewal

7.3 Schedule of District-Wide Student Fees – Summer Programming 2024

7.4 Employee Self Insurance Contracting Change

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

Vice President Zamora seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelde, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Executive Limitation Policy 2.8

Director Havelda moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.8 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated March 19, 2024 and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

9.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Facilities Planning Steering Committee Update

Josie Plaut from the CSU Institute for the Built Environment and Steering Committee members Rebecca Everette and Jessie Morrill provided the update.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to all committee members for answering the call to leadership in service to community.
- First community feedback session will be tomorrow morning.
- Committee had access to some Timnath growth and building data but did not solicit developers in this preliminary stage.
- Request was made to research a 'boundary changes only' scenario.
- Transportation to Linton Elementary was discussed.
- Committee provided an option for a second dual language location as a scenario.
- Outreach to Title I schools is important.
- Questionnaire will be translated into Spanish and Arabic.
- Student Engagement tool kit will be available to encourage student participation in the process.
- Misperception of data exists; committee chose to trust data being provided to guide the work.
- District architect reviewed building utilization calculations and made some modifications.
- Housing turnover in Fort Collins is low and expensive; families want to move in but often cannot.
- Polaris Expeditionary Learning School could maintain integrity of the program while in SBB model.
- Procedures and process for listening sessions were explained.

- Board members thanked the committee for work that has been thoughtful, professional, creative, and clear.

Board recessed at 9:13 p.m.

Board reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

9.2 Policy IKF Revisions (First Reading)

Assistant Superintendent Julie Chaplain and Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dwayne Schmitz presented the policy revisions.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed for hard work completed and for inclusion of community feedback.
- Students can earn up to 320 credits in four years; 240 credits are required to graduate.
- Feedback indicated student-wellness is a high priority.
- Wellness requirements were explained.
- Off-ramps/pathways for students are highly valued.
- Appreciation was conveyed for problem-solving through humility and engaging in an iterative process.
- Multiple meetings with a variety of groups will ensure equity occurs.
- Request was made to provide world language in elementary school.
- Comprehensive list of interactions is excellent and could be used as a guide for others.

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 Legal Advice

Director Brokish moved that the Board enter executive session to receive legal advice on specific legal questions relating to human resources procedures, specifically including procedures on hiring practices, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Individuals invited to join the Board in the executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Jeff Connell, Lauren Hooten, Madelyn Novey, and Erich WonSavage; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

Executive Session began at 10:26 p.m.
Executive Session ended at 11:42 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education