



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
June 11, 2024

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Kristen Draper; Vice President Jessica Zamora; Directors Jim Brokish, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, 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, Dwayne Schmitz, and Erich WonSavage; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Draper called the regular business meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Havelda moved that the Board amend the agenda to include another informational reports/discussion items section after the consent agenda and move item 11.3 Transportation CESO Findings to the new informational reports/discussion items section.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

4.1 Lifetime Achievement Award and SWAACtastic Award

- Executive Director of Student Services Dennis Rastatter introduced Occupational Therapist Trish Atherly and congratulated her for winning the SWAAC Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Director of Student Services Jodie Rommell introduced SWAAC Coordinator Kerry Alexander and congratulated her for winning the SWAACtastic award.

4.2 Orchestra Performances

Performing Arts Curriculum Facilitator Melissa Flail introduced the following programs:

- Leshler Middle School Advanced Chamber Orchestra, Director Loni Obluda; recognized for an invitation to perform at the Music for All National Festival in Indiana.
- Fort Collins High School Symphony Orchestra, Director John Hermanson; recognized for an invitation to perform at the Music for All National Festival in Indiana.
- Boltz Middle School Chamber Orchestra, Director Melissa Claeys; recognized for an invitation to perform at the Festival of Gold in San Francisco.

4.3 Preston MS Science Olympiad Team

Head Science Olympiad Coach Elizabeth Lloyd spoke about the year of competition and the accomplishment of winning 1st place at Regionals and 1st place at State.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution in Support of Juneteenth

Director Havelda moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of Juneteenth.

Vice President Zamora seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Delhia Mahaney introduced students Mya Hollingshead and Talyiah Whittaker, who spoke about the history of Juneteenth.
- Gratitude was expressed to the students for speaking on behalf of the resolution.

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

5.2 Resolution in Support of Pride Month

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of Pride Month, June 2024.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to the students for speaking on behalf of the resolution and teaching adults about important issues.

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

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley spoke about student celebrations, contributions from community and staff that will make the district stronger, important informational topics from instructional leaders and administrative staff, partnership with School Resource Officers, robust dialogue surrounding boundary changes, and gratitude to the Board of Education for clear staff directives moving forward.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Taylor Unwin expressed concern about a lack of consideration for students in the Integrated services department and asked the Board to acknowledge the current inequities in the program.

Dani Lawrence referenced information gleaned from participation in the June 4 listening session and asked the district to create a subcommittee for students with disabilities.

Jeff Aufderheide said candidates running for the Board of Education who are sponsored by PEA have a 90% chance of winning their election and stated directors operate within a system lacking accountability and transparency.

Anna Lebedda stated families of students with severe reading disabilities are encouraged to seek support outside of the district and CDE reading specialist endorsements for teachers in the district are low.

Sabrina Herrick indicated real change to the transportation department requires ability and desire and questioned the desire of the district.

Kate Green read a letter on behalf of another person.

8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Equity and Diversity Council has been in existence for some time.
 - Council is composed of employees, community members and families in collaboration with Integrated Services (IS), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Language, Culture and Equity (LCE) and LGBTQIA+.
 - Board members are not part of the committee.
 - Attendance opportunities are flexed between in-person and on-line at varying times to increase availability.
- Integrated Services committee is called SEAC.
 - Parents/district staff/community members on committee offer input on topics provided ahead of time.
 - Meetings are not public.
 - SEAC committee follows State mandates and have specific rules.
- Suggestion was made to compile information on all committees and educate community and Board at an upcoming meeting.
- Community feedback to committees is important.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Action

9.2 Resolution of the Board of Education 6-11-2024

9.3 Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2024, May 20, 2024, May 28, 2024, and May 29, 2024

9.4 Employee Self Insurance Expenditures (in excess of \$250,000)

9.5 Interfund Borrowing

9.6 Investment and Wire Transfer Authorization

9.7 Check Issuance and Facsimile Signature Resolution

9.8 2024-2025 ASEA Grant Assurances

9.9 District Accountability Committee Member Recommendation

Director Brokish 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 Havelda, Carolyn Reed, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

10.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Transportation CESO Findings

Chief Operations Officer Jeff Connell provided the presentation.

Board discussion included:

- Bus video will be retained for seven (7) days.
- Review of video on non-verbal student busses and new driver busses will be prioritized.
- Potential legal barriers exist for parent review of video; staff will investigate and report back.
- Board members requested an update in December.

11.0 ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Monitoring and Policy Review: EL 2.1 Treatment of Students, Parents/Guardians and General Public

Director Brokish moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.1 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated June 11, 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

11.2 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.2 Treatment of Staff

Director Brokish moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.2 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated June 11, 2024 and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Reed 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

11.3 Approval of Liberty Common Third Amended Charter School Renewal Contract

Director Schoenbauer moved that the Board approve the Third Amended Charter School Renewal Contract, including the Exhibits attached thereto, and authorize the Renewal Contract to be signed by the Board President attested by the Board Secretary.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Liberty Common Charter School academic results speak for themselves.
- Poudre School District and charter schools are not adversaries.
- Request from any charter school to receive special treatment above another charter school is inappropriate.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Jim Brokish, Kristen Draper, Carolyn Reed, and Scott Schoenbauer

Those voting NO: Directors Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, and Jessica Zamora

Motion passed: 4-3

11.4 Approval of Cumulative Expenditures of \$250,000 or more for FY24-25

Director Brokish moved that the Board approve the estimated cumulative expenditures in excess of \$250,000 for the 2024-2025 school year as presented in the agenda item and authorize the appropriate District staff to execute the agreements and any associated amendments to make the authorized expenditures.

Vice President Zamora seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Feminine supplies will be provided through the Custodial budget.

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

11.5 Final Intercom Authorization

Director Duffy moved that the Board approve expenditures in excess of \$250,000 and reauthorize staff to complete the intercom project.

Vice President Zamora 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

11.6 2024-2025 School Resource Officer (SRO) Contracts with Fort Collins Police Services, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, and Timnath Police Department

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board approve the agreement between the Poudre School District R-1 and Larimer County Sheriff's Office for the School Resource Officer Program and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement attested by the Board Secretary.

Director Reed 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

12.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

12.1 Transitions Programs, PCA and Timnath Boundaries/Bamford Feeder Update

The following staff were in attendance to speak:

- Dr. Julie Chaplain, Assistant Superintendent
- Dr. Traci Gile, Assistant Superintendent
- Dr. Insoon Olson, Assistant Superintendent
- Amy Kirby, Principal, Preston Middle School
- Mark Barry, Principal, Fossil Ridge High School
- Lucas Riojas, Co-Principal, Poudre Community Academy
- Danielle Hir, Co-Principal, Poudre Community Academy
- Jesse Morrill, Principal, Timnath Middle/High School
- Jill Barela, Principal, Timnath Elementary School
- Alissa Poduska, Principal, Bamford Elementary School
- Aaron Vogt, Assistant Director of Integrated Services

Board discussion included:

- Proposals/decisions may be forthcoming August 13, 2024.
- Clear direction to families and staff will be required.
- Clarification of school choice process was provided.
- Potential for community outreach during summer months was discussed.
- Request was made for recommendations and consensus from Principals of affected schools.
- Current Poudre Community Academy (PCA) building is substantially below par; not cost effective to renovate due to extensive work needed.
- New locations for PCA were discussed.
- Competing needs exist within the district; funds are finite.
- Funding opportunities were discussed.
- Transition Program/Pathway Academy has limited space for young adults; one-third are being served on location due to space constraints.
- Poudre Global Academy (PGA) renovation costs were discussed; update will be provided at the August 13, 2024, meeting.

Board recessed at 10:45 p.m.

Board reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

12.2 PSD Foundation Update

PSD Foundation Executive Director Summer Shaffer provided the update.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed for the update.
- Some grants go to district staff and are indicative of the community environment.
- Foundation collaborates with CTE frequently to build robust community relationships.
- Board members were invited to share the mission of the Foundation with the community.

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 Safety and Security

Director Brokish moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing specialized details of security arrangements relating to the School Resource Officer program, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(d).

Individuals invited to join the Board in the executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt and Jeff Connell, Director of Security Frederick Smith, 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 11:32 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 11:43 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education