



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
October 22, 2024

DINNER SESSION - 5:00 PM Superintendent Conference Room

PRESENT: President Kristen Draper; Vice President Jessica Zamora; Directors Jim Brokish, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelda, Carolyn Reed, and Scott Schoenbauer; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:09 p.m.

1.0 Executive Session – Legal Performance Feedback

Director Reed moved that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters related to feedback on the General Counsel's job performance as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f).

Individuals invited to join the Board in the executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, General Counsel Autumn Aspen, and Board Secretary Jill Brunner.

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

Executive Session began at 5:12 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:22 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Comprehensive Planning Committee information will be forthcoming at the December 13, 2024 meeting.
- Staff are gathering information from the Boulder Valley School District Universal Screener and will provide an update at a future meeting.

Dinner session ended at 6:27 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 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 Traci Gile and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, and Dwayne Schmitz; General Counsel Autumn Aspen

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 Homeless Youth Awareness Month

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of Homeless Youth Awareness Month, November 2024.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- David Autenrieth, Director of Language, Culture and Equity, spoke about the resolution and introduced Matthew’s House representatives Aaron Brown and Heather Raffelson.
- Community partnerships were pivotal in opening the youth shelter.
- Grand Opening open house will be December 18, 2024.
- Board members look forward to a tour and are excited to serve students in need.

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 recent school visits and expressed excitement about attendance from Governor Polis at two schools, introduced a video that highlighted the Canvas Community Classic football games recently held at CSU, said the youth shelter opening in December is exceptional and celebratory, and explained that two future resolutions will recognize all students with differing abilities.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Anna Lebedda spoke in support of dyslexia and expressed frustration with under identified students in the district.

Tory Pappas thanked the Board for the Resolution to Oppose Amendment 80, conveyed gratitude to Superintendent Kingsley for accepting an invitation to tour Beattie Elementary School, and asked for help with Beattie's boundary.

Sabrina Herrick expressed frustration with a recent email from PSD that addressed a new law requiring free feminine products in bathrooms for menstruating students, and said the products should be available in men's bathrooms to include all students.

Dani Lawrence conveyed dissatisfaction about a recent email to staff regarding community engagement norms and said the norms create a policy to reinforce retaliation against parents.

6.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- PSD Foundation *Ignite the Impact* event is tomorrow night; attendance is encouraged.
- President Draper and Director Schoenbauer spoke about recent school visits.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Personnel Action

7.2 District Accountability Committee Recommendation for 2024-25 New Membership

7.3 Timnath 50 Annexation

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: Director Kevin Havelda

Motion passed: 6-1

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Resolution Authorizing Sale of Property and Designating Authorized Signatories to Sign Documents

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board approve the Authorizing resolution, delegating signatory authority through the adoption of the Resolution designating Authorized Signatories to Sign Documents, which provides authority to the Board Vice President, Superintendent, or Chief Finance Officer to sign all required documents necessary and appropriate, subject to the advice of legal counsel, for conveying the identified property to the City, per the terms of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale of Real Property.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- President Draper recused herself from the vote.

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

8.2 Resolution in Opposition of Amendment 80

Director Duffy moved that the Board approve the resolution in opposition to Amendment 80.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director Havelda read the resolution aloud.
- Would be irresponsible to amend the constitution without defining what the future education options would mean.
- Would divert money from public schools who are already struggling.
- Tremendous amount of school choice options are currently available.
- Thirty-five percent of PSD students currently utilize school of choice.
- Board is in favor of school choice, and not in diverting funds.
- Constitutional Amendments bear permanence.
- Recommendation was made to explore moving school choice open enrollment deadline before October count next year.

- Community members were alerted to a series of texts falsely claiming the CEA President supports Amendment 80; video was manipulated.

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

8.3 Career Tech Center GMP

Director Reed moved that the Board approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amendment with GH Phipps in the amount of \$1,906,678 for the Poudre High School Career Tech Center.

Vice President Zamora seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya presented the information.
- Gratitude was expressed to the Bohemian Foundation and Larimer County for providing \$2 million in funding for the project.
- Clarification was requested about 1.9 million and 2.4 million dollars listed in presentation.
- Board members requested an opportunity for students to be involved in building/renovation process.
- Project has been in the system a long time; community has expressed a big need for students to be experience-ready after high school.
- Targeted completion date is April 2025.

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 Budget Informational Item: Expenditures and Student-Based Budgeting, Part 2

Budget Director Brian Gustafson presented the information.

Board discussion included:

- Site-based knowledge of need is useful.
- Question was raised about the impact of free and reduced lunch state benefits.
- *Levels of Support* concept was discussed and explained.
- Schools have a plan in place in the event student count numbers fall the following school year.
- Method used to determine Size Factor was explained.
- Gratitude was expressed for presenting the four-part series so Board members and community can better understand Poudre School District funding.
- Director Reed asked members to review the Board Self Evaluation policy and consider hiring an outside company to assist with a baseline self-evaluation; important to know how the board is doing.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education