



## Poudre School District Board of Education

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### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting  
October 8, 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, Carolyn Reed, and Scott Schoenbauer; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant Superintendents Julie Chaplain, Traci Gile, and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, and Dwayne Schmitz; General Counsel Autumnn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

#### **1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics**

- Superintendent Kingsley introduced John Cope, Executive Director of Communications, who spoke about his background and new role in Poudre School District.
- Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten presented an overview of a Comprehensive Planning Committee Charter.
- Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya provided an overview of the current lobbying contract and discussed historical work performed for the district.

#### **2.0 Agenda Planning**

- Parameters of Comprehensive Planning Committee Charter will continue to be discussed.

Dinner session ended at 6:28 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 Julie Chaplain, Traci Gile, and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, and Dwayne Schmitz; General Counsel Autumnn Aspen

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

## **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Draper called the regular business meeting to order at 6:38 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**

Vice President Zamora moved the Board amend the agenda to remove Consent Agenda Item 9.1 and place it on the October 22, 2024 Board agenda.

Director Brokish 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

## **4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS**

### **4.1 President's Environmental Youth Award**

Rocky Mountain High School teacher Dr. Yajaira Fuentes-Tauber (aka Dr. T) spoke about the award and introduced student Sadie Gudmestad.

Board members congratulated Sadie for the award.

### **4.2 Outstanding Student Safety**

Transportation Operations Manager Laura Chandler described a recent event on a school bus and congratulated Bus Operators Destinea Amenta and Dory Pickering for quick thinking and courage displayed to protect students.

Board members expressed gratitude to Destinea and Dory for keeping children safe.

## **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **5.1 Resolution in Support of LGBTQIA+ History Month**

Vice President Draper moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of LGBTQ+ History Month, October 2024.

Director Reed seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- LGBTQ+ Coordinator Shayna Seitchik introduced student Leilani Shrinski who spoke about the resolution.
- Gratitude was expressed to Leilani for speaking her truth.

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 National Bullying Prevention Month**

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of LGBTQ+ History Month, October 2024.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to Behavior Prevention and Intervention Coordinator Leah Hager and LGBTQ+ Coordinator Shayna Seitchik for presenting the resolution.
- Important to be mindful of all forms of abuse and bullying.
- Up to all of us to ensure our actions live up to the words in the resolution and become a beacon of hope to children who are targeted.

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 talked about recent school visits, reminded community members of upcoming opportunities to engage with staff regarding the election, presented the video "We @ PSD" that introduced new Director of Curriculum and Instruction Amanda Kreiger, and conveyed words of celebration in support of National Principals Month.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Principal Kristin Stolte spoke in support of National Principals month.

Anna Lebedda shared information about dyslexia and expressed frustration with the district.

Dani Lawrence stated the bullying resolution is pretend justice and the district actively practices bullying.

Sabrina Herrick expressed frustration the district promoted employees involved with hiring a child abuser.

Fred Kirsch spoke in support of solar on schools and educational opportunities for students.

Charles Fitzpatrick read letters of support for implementation of solar on behalf of others.

Janet Wright spoke in support of the LGBTQ+ resolution, thanked the Board for supporting all students and said affirmation saves lives.

Taylor Unwin said the district is not responding to feedback about the transportation policy regarding student safety and cited specific examples.

## **8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- PSD Foundation *Ignite the Impact* event will be held Wednesday, October 23.
- Upcoming mill levy override discussion opportunities were detailed.

## **9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **9.1 Personnel Action**

### **9.2 Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2024**

### **9.3 Livermore Elementary School Easement to Move Overhead Powerline**

### **9.4 Livermore Elementary School Easement to Add Microgrid**

### **9.5 Temporary Construction Easement on LaPorte Avenue**

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

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

## 10.0 ACTION ITEMS

### 10.1 Approval of the 2023-2024 Head Start and Early Head Start Annual Report

Director Havelda moved that the Board approve the 2023-2024 Head Start and Early Head Start Annual Report.

Vice President Zamora seconded the motion.

Board discussion included:

- Director of Early Childhood Becca Benedict presented the report.
- Gratitude was expressed for outstanding leadership, hard work performed, and exceptional care for children.
- Projection data was discussed.

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

Board recessed at 8:06 p.m.  
Board reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

## 11.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 11.1 Budget Informational Item: Student-Based Budgeting and Program Support, Part 1

Board discussion included:

- Budget Director Brian Gustafson presented the information.
- Student instruction accounts for 70% of district-managed expenditures.
- Facilities department expenses were defined.
- Medicaid funds are used for unmet health needs of students (nursing support, screenings, staffing, etc.).
- Data was requested on the cost of free/reduced lunch to the district; information to be provided at an upcoming meeting.

## **12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **12.1 Legal Advice**

Director Brokish moved that the Board enter executive session to receive legal advice on specific legal questions relating to pending civil litigation against the District regarding former bus paraprofessional attendant Tyler Zanella, 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 Officers Traci Gile, Lauren Hooten, and Dave Montoya; General Counsel Autumn Aspen; and attorneys Michael Drews and Gwyneth Whalen.

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

Executive session began at 8:58 p.m.  
Executive session ended at 11:01 p.m.

## **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner  
Secretary to the Board of Education