



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
November 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; Lead Assistant Superintendent Traci Gile; Assistant Superintendents Julie Chaplain and Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, and Dwayne Schmitz

ABSENT: Director Carolyn Reed

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Director of Integrated Services Dr. Jodie Rommell, member Erin Campbell, and member Carisa Clinton provided an update on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).
- Chief Information Effectiveness Officer Dwayne Schmitz spoke about the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) and provided an update.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Students from SAC will attend a future dinner session to provide an update and offer feedback.

Dinner session ended at 6:16 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 6:30 PM

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ABSENT: Director Carolyn Reed

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Draper called the regular business meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Resolution in Support of National American Indian Heritage Month

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board approve a resolution in support of National American Indian Heritage Month, November 2024.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Delhia Mahaney introduced teacher Abby de Moya and student Meeka Badger, who spoke about American Indian Heritage Month.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to Meeka for speaking in support of her heritage.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

3.2 Resolution in Support of the Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Act

Vice President Zamora moved that the board approve a resolution in support of the anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Act.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

Teacher Jeannie Holmes introduced student Rowain Desmarais who spoke about her visual impairment, and parent Heidi Greenall spoke about her child Ellie Greenall who has Rett Syndrome and could not appear in person tonight due to health issues.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed to all for speaking on behalf of Individuals with Disabilities.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley thanked legislators for attending the meeting to speak about education, introduced a video about gratitude to the community for passing the mill levy, thanked Board members and district associations for educating the community on the importance of passing the levy, provided an update on the oversight committee, and spoke about recent school visits.

5.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gratitude was expressed to the community for passing the mill levy override.
- Director Havelda spoke about communication received from parents at a charter school who expressed significant concern with discrimination and asked the Board to consider collaboration with other boards, administration, and staff to eradicate discrimination.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Personnel Action

Director Brokish moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the 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, Kevin Havelda, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.7, Compensation and Benefits

Director Havelda moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.7 in his Internal Monitoring

Report dated November 19, 2024, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Brokish seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

8.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 2025-26 School Year Calendar (First Reading)

Calendar Committee Co-Chair Cheryl Day provided the update and recommendation.

Board discussion included:

- Gratitude was expressed for a thorough presentation.

Director Carolyn Reed arrived at 7:56 p.m.

8.2 Discussion with Legislators

Board members engaged in discussion with the following legislators in attendance:

- Sally Boccella, Regional Director, U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper
- Janice Marchman, State Senator
- Cathy Kipp, State Representative
- Andrew Boesenecker, State Representative
- Lori Garcia Sander, State Representative-elect
- Angelika Schroeder, CDE Board Chair
- Kathy Gebhardt, CDE Board Chair-elect
- Anne Barkis, Lobbyist

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

9.1 Legal Advice

Vice President Zamora moved that the board enter executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions relating to Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-02546-RMR-NRN, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Lead Assistant Superintendent Traci Gile, Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya, Andrea Leal, and attorney Gwyneth Whalen.

Director Brokish 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 9:09 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:43 p.m.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education