



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
September 9, 2025

DINNER SESSION - 5:00 PM Superintendent Conference Room

PRESENT: President Kristen Draper; Vice President Jessica Zamora; Directors Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelde, Andrew Spain, and Scott Schoenbauer; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Lead Assistant Superintendent Dr. Traci Gile; Chief Officers Dr. Lauren Hooten and Dave Montoya; General Counsel Autumnn Aspen

ABSENT: Director Jim Brokish

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:08 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Enrollment trends for neighborhood and charter schools will be discussed during the meeting tonight as well as future meetings.

2.0 Agenda Planning

- Grand opening of the Advanced Manufacturing Lab at Poudre High School is scheduled for tomorrow morning.
- Upcoming Board of Education Engagement Sessions were discussed.
- Annual Community Classic football game will be held on September 26, 2025 at the CSU Canvas Stadium; more information to come.

Dinner session ended at 5:13 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Kristen Draper; Vice President Jessica Zamora; Directors Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelde, Andrew Spain, and Scott Schoenbauer; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Lead Assistant Superintendent Dr. Traci Gile; Assistant Superintendents Dr. Julie Chaplain and Dr. Insoon Olson; Chief Officers Dr. Lauren Hooten, Bud Hunt, Dave Montoya, Dr. Dwayne Schmitz; General Counsel Autumnn Aspen

ABSENT: Director Jim Brokish

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Draper called the regular business meeting to order at 5:30 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

There were no changes to the agenda.

4.0 RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

4.1 Fossil Ridge High School Athletics

- Assistant Principal Dave Walck talked about the accomplishments of the student athletes.
- Student Lily Wale spoke about the winning soccer and track and field teams.

Director Spain congratulated the athletes on behalf of the Board of Education.

4.2 Performing Arts

- Performing Arts Curriculum Facilitator Melissa Flail spoke about the achievements and introduced Kinard Middle School teacher Lean Griffey with students Adeline and Kinley, and Rocky Mountain High School teacher Shawn Murphy with student Alliyah Doering.

Director Havelda congratulated the musicians on behalf of the Board of Education.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution in Support of Hispanic / Latinx Heritage Month

Director Duffy moved that the Board approve the resolution in support of Hispanic / Latinx Heritage month, September 15-October 15, 2025.

Director Havelda seconded the motion.

- Coordinator of Language, Culture, and Equity Jenna Altamore and Language, Culture and Equity family liaison Maria Elena Thomas spoke about the resolution.
- Bauder Elementary students Diego Romera and Rosario Rangel Gonzales talked about the importance of celebrating their heritage.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelde, Andrew Spain, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

5.2 Resolution in Support of National Suicide Prevention Month

Vice President Zamora moved that the Board approve the resolution in support of National Suicide Prevention Month.

Director Duffy seconded the motion.

- Larimer County Behavioral Health Director Amy Martonis spoke about the importance of mental health and suicide prevention.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelde, Andrew Spain, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

5.3 Resolution in Support of Attendance Awareness Month

Director Havelde moved that the Board approve the resolution in support of Attendance Awareness Month.

Director Schoenbauer seconded the motion.

Student Services Coordinator Leah Hager spoke about the resolution and the foundational importance of attendance.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Kristen Draper, Conor Duffy, Kevin Havelde, Andrew Spain, Scott Schoenbauer, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley spoke about the National Report Card information released and shared traits that successful schools have in common, discussed recent school visits, introduced a *Quick Win* video about Mental Health and Belonging, said a recent ribbon cutting ceremony at the Transitions Pathway Academy and a ribbon cutting ceremony tomorrow at the Advanced Manufacturing Lab at Poudre High School embody the

continued goals toward Graduating with Options, and said results of the enrollment survey and movement analysis data will be shared tonight.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Reggie Johnson spoke in support of LGBTQIA+ students and expressed gratitude to the district for celebrating the community and providing lifesaving space for students.

Anna Lebedda expressed concerned about low graduation rates for IEP students and asked the board to conduct a Disabilities Audit to identify where and why those students are falling behind.

Dani Lawrence asked the Superintendent to order an audit of the Integrated Services Department and provided multiple reasons for the request.

8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Havelda reminded everyone that school is back in session and asked drivers in the community to slow down in school zones.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Action

9.2 Meeting Minutes: August 12, 2025 and August 26, 2025

9.3 Mendez Barkis Lobbying Contract

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

Vice President Zamora seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

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

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 6-0

10.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Enrollment Survey and PSD Marketing Data Overview

Chief of Staff Dr. Lauren Hooten and Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer Dr. Dwayne Schmitz presented the information.

Board discussion included:

- Approximately 1,600 survey respondents.
- Information indicates community is aligned with district goals and the focus should remain literacy, mental health and belonging, and graduating with options.
- District is committed to a continuous cycle of listening and engaging.
- Surveys are one method of communicating with the community; other options include engagement sessions, Equity Coalition, committees such as DAB and DAC, Student Advisory Committee, and more.
- Important to share good news with the community; current marketing campaign is extensive, impactful, and successful.
- Can Triangulate data and information to gain more consistent themes.
- Recommendation was made to consider exit surveys for senior parents as well as students.

10.2 2024-2025 Movement Analysis and 5-Year Projections Overview

Chief Technology Officer Bud Hunt provided an overview.

Board discussion included:

- Request was made for specific data sets and reports not covered in overview.
- District does not track 'immigration' status.
- 'Migration status' refers to coming into and out of Colorado and Poudre School District.
- Some board members requested data regarding the number of children that live in district boundaries versus the number of children who attend district schools.
- CDE website includes information about all student enrollment including pre-K, ASCENT, charters schools, etc.
- Negative projection for Fossil Ridge was discussed.
- Request was made to share data from Larimer County for community transparency and trust building.
- Difficult to predict student enrollment when birth rates are declining in Larimer County yet migrating families in secondary education are increasing.
- Comprehensive Planning Committee is focused on data sets and information requested and will share information by the end of the school year.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brunner
Secretary to the Board of Education