

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting
February 8, 2022

DINNER SESSION - 5:30 PM Information Technology Center Aspen Training Rooms

PRESENT: President Rob Petterson; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors DJ Anderson, Jim Brokish, Carolyn Reed and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, Chief Equity and Academic Officer Marlena Gross-Taylor; Executive Director of Communications Madeline Noblett

ABSENT: None

LATE: Director Donovan arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Dinner session began at 5:33 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Superintendent Kingsley introduced Malena Gross-Taylor as Poudre School District's new Chief Equity and Academic Officer.

on; Vice President Kristen Draper; Directors DJ Anderson, Jim
eed and Jessica Zamora; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Assistant
ott Nielsen; Chief of Staff Lauren Hooten, Chief Equity and Academic
utive Directors Matt Bryant, Brett Larsen, Dave Montoya, Madeline
Information Technology Sarah Siple

ABSENT: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Petterson called the regular business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Board discussion included:

- Clarification was given on why the mask recommendation has changed since the fall.
- Clarification was given on what patterns will be used to help determine the data on the COVID wave.
- Clarification on the percentage of the population with immunity to COVID, either due to exposure, immunization or having the virus.
- Five or more confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19, of which at least one case has had a positive test, among students/teachers/staff from separate households with onset within 14 days is considered on an outbreak in a school environment.
- The Staff has the choice to wear masks, except in the situations as outlined in the federal requirements.

8.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Renee Ostergren came to speak against the implementation of the Medicaid process in Poudre School District.

Sara Steen came to speak in favor of continuing mask requirements in schools.

Matt Rogers came to speak in support of mask requirements in school and working towards grace in school.

Jeff Aufderheide came to speak on the equity in the Poudre School Districts and transparency with the Poudre Education Association.

Heather Lahdenpera expressed thanks for lifting the mask requirement and working together to heal the community.

Kelly Holdridge expressed thanks for lifting the mask mandate and stated now is the time to heal and start to treat each other with kindness and grace.

Jessica Kraus expressed gratitude for the integrity and grace for the recent decision in the lifting mask policy and to begin the healing process.

Katie Cassis expressed thanks for lifting the mask mandate and would like to see PSD be more transparent in future decisions, so the community is no longer divided.

Casey Lindsey

Stephanie Matthews came to speak about the new mask policy, particularly how it was announced, and that the public was not given a chance to speak before the district made the decision.

Kimberly Woodman spoke in favor of keeping the mask policy in school. Would like to see the district make schools mask friendly and not have children feel bullied for wearing a mask.

Sarah Coleman expressed concern if individuals will really be able to decide to wear a mask or not, without fear of judgment if they choose to wear a mask.

Cassi Wedel expressed gratitude for lifting the mask mandate. Asked to PSD to support the teachers and to supply more resources.

Amber Karhoff came to speak about Putnam Elementary's accomplishments over the last three years and expressed thanks to the district for keeping the students in person so the school can continue to support achieving those goals.

Al Armonda spoke his thoughts of "Do No Harm" to the stakeholders and students in the district.

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- Clarification was given on what the next steps are and what the timeline would be once the TNTP report comes back in July.

12.2 Board-Superintendent Relationship Review

There were no changes to the BSR policies.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexcia Donnelly
Secretary to the Board of Education