



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Work Session
September 8, 2026

DINNER SESSION – 5:00 PM ITC Pikes Peak Conference Room

PRESENT: President Jessica Zamora; Vice President Kevin Havelda, Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Dr. Coronda Ziegler, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief of Staff Dr. Lauren Hooten; Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya, Chief Technology Officer Bud Hunt; Lead Assistant Superintendent Dr. Traci Gile; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Insoon Olson; Assistant Superintendent Tobey Bassoff; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Julie Chaplain; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

REMOTE: None

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:00 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Board members discussed schedules for committee meetings and community engagement sessions.
- Dr. Spain shared an update from the CASB regional workshop held during the week of August 31, 2026.

Dinner session ended at 5:28 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Jessica Zamora; Vice President Kevin Havelda, Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Dr. Coronda Ziegler, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief of Staff Dr. Lauren Hooten; Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya, Chief Technology Officer Bud Hunt; Lead Assistant Superintendent Dr. Traci Gile; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Insoon Olson; Assistant Superintendent Tobey Bassoff; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Julie Chaplain; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

REMOTE: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Zamora called the regular business meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Zamora 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 Statewide Philanthropy Award

Lopez Elementary School was recognized with the Statewide Philanthropy Award.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS (Resolutions)

5.1 Resolution in Support of Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month

Director Baise moved that the board approve the resolution in support of Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month, September 15, 2026 through October 15, 2026.

Director Ziegler seconded the motion.

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelde, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Jessica Zamora, and Dr. Coronda Ziegler
Those voting NO: None
Motion passed: 7-0

5.2 Resolution in Support of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Director Gurkan moved that the board approve the resolution in support of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Director Spain seconded the motion.

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelde, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Jessica Zamora, and Dr. Coronda Ziegler
Those voting NO: None
Motion passed: 7-0

5.3 Resolution in Support of Attendance Awareness Month

Director Spain moved that the board approve the resolution in support of Attendance Awareness Month.

Director Ziegler seconded the motion.

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelda, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Jessica Zamora, and Dr. Coronda Ziegler

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley provided an update on topics of interest in the district.

7.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

- Charles Stone shared concerns about the shorter length of the Fall semester in the 2026-27 school year calendar.
- Jamie Ridgeway spoke about support for transgender students.
- Grace Turnbull shared concerns about communications regarding school closure/consolidation.
- Tory Pappas shared concerns about the district's comprehensive planning process and messaging.
- M.L. Johnson shared information about possible industry growth in Fort Collins and suggested this could increase enrollment.
- Dani Lawrence shared concerns about open meetings laws, possible policy violations, and alleged retaliation.
- Sabrina Herrick shared concerns about alleged retaliation.
- Tom Griggs shared concerns about school closure/consolidation and asked the Board to support a resolution on Initiative 195.

8.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Director Spain shared an update on recent community engagement sessions hosted by the board and reminded the public of upcoming sessions on September 14 and 15, 2026.
- Director Spain shared an update on CASB resolutions and the upcoming statewide delegate assembly.
- Director Baise thanked the educators and families who came to community engagement sessions and expressed hope that the community will continue to attend.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Action

9.2 Meeting Minutes: August 11, 2026 and August 25, 2026

9.3 Board Consideration of Request from North Park School District R-1

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

Director Spain seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelda, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Jessica Zamora, and Dr. Coronda Ziegler

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Approval of the 2025-26 Head Start and Early Head Start Annual Report

Director Baise moved that the Board approve the 2025-26 Head Start and Early Head Start Annual Report.

Director Spain seconded the motion.

Rebecca Benedict, Director of Early Childhood, shared the report with the Board.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelda, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Jessica Zamora, and Dr. Coronda Ziegler

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

10.2 Poudre School District Unified Improvement Plan and Strategic Plan 2026-27 School Year

Director Spain moved that the Board approve the 2026-27 District Unified Improvement Plan as presented.

Director Ziegler seconded the motion.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Insoon Olson and Lead Assistant Superintendent Dr. Traci Gile presented the district's Unified Improvement Plan and Strategic Plan for the 2026-27 school year.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelda, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Jessica Zamora, and Dr. Coronda Ziegler
Those voting NO: None
Motion passed: 7-0

11.0 BOARD FORECASTING

11.1 Board Forecasting

Board Directors discussed topics of interest for future board meetings. These included: student fee structures; use of technology, including artificial intelligence (AI), in classrooms and use of 2010 mill levy funding for technology purchases; process/criteria for the Board to determine whether to weigh in on ballot measures; and compensation in the context of the overall district budget.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. on September 8, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Phelps
Assistant Board Secretary