

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 8TH, 2013  
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board (Policy) Meeting  
Professional Development Room

October 8th, 2013  
5:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. on October 8th, 2013.
- II. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Jon Kelly, Vangi McCoy, and Linnea Vass. Deanne Truelsen was not in attendance. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Sherri Maxwell, Elementary Principal, Brandon Thurston, Secondary Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**A motion was made by Linnea Vass and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the Agenda with the Additions.**  
**Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Vass-aye**

IV. POLICIES:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
GCQEA	Voluntary Early Retirement of Staff Members	review
IHBG	Home Schooling	review
IKE *	Promotion, Retention of Students	review
ILBC*	Third Grade Literacy	review
ILBC-R*	" " " - regulation	review
JEA	Compulsory Attendance Ages	review
JFBB♦	Inter-District Open Enrollment	review
JFBB-R♦	" " " " - regulation	review
JFC♦	Student Withdrawal from School / Dropouts	review
JH♦	Student Absences and Excuses	review
JHB♦	Truancy	review
JIC♦	Student Conduct	review
JICA♦	Student Dress Code	review
JICC	Student Conduct in School Vehicles	review
JICDA♦	Code of Conduct	review
JICDD	Violent and Aggressive Behavior	review
JICH♦	Drug & Alcohol Involvement by Students	review
JICH-R	" " " " " - reg.	review
JICI♦	Weapons in School	review
JIH♦	Student Interrogations, Searches, Arrests	review
JJJ	Extracurricular Activity Eligibility	review
JK♦	Student Discipline	review
JK-R♦	" " - regulation	review
JKBA♦	Disciplinary Removal from Classroom	review
JKBA-R♦	" " " " - regulation	review
JKD/JKE♦	Suspension / Expulsion	review
JKF	Educational Alternatives for Expelled	review
JKG♦	Expulsion Prevention	review

JLDBG	Peer Mediation	review
JRA/JRC♦	Student Records / Release of Information	review
JS♦	Student Use of the Internet...	review
*READ Act Policy Update		
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		

Mrs. Arnett mentioned to the Board that in order to ensure consistent enforcement of the student conduct and discipline codes, and to comply with HB-12-1345, CASB has made significant revisions to the policies beginning with JIC and JK. Therefore, it is important to adopt the above highlighted policies as soon as possible to meet state deadlines. District policy, BG – School Board Policy Process, allows Boards to waive the standard three reading requirement if there are “revisions mandated by changes in law”. The revisions may be “adopted upon final vote at the second meeting”. The Board would like to address the above mentioned policies first.

The policy revisions from CASB were discussed in detail for each policy.

**JIC – Student Conduct** – The main changes suggested by CASB to this policy were made to add consistency in policy language and to add wording from the new state law that allows district accountability committees to give input to the creation and enforcement of the discipline and conduct codes. The Board will accept the CASB changes. The Board also would like to clarify how the conduct and discipline codes will be given to each student, by adding “online or a paper copy upon request”.

**JICA – Student Dress Code** – The only revision made by CASB to this policy was to add the statement, “in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions”. The changes will be adopted by the Board.

**JICC – Student Conduct in School Vehicles** – This policy, like JICA, has the same referral to the suspension, and expulsion policy, as well as a minor change in grammar.

**JICDA – Code of Conduct** – The Code of Conduct policy has undergone a significant amount of revising in order to bring it into compliance with HB 12-1345, and to create consistency in policy language. The Board will accept all the changes to this policy. Other changes by the Board were to add language to clarify: 1. that verbal abuse can also happen by electronic media, and 2. other areas besides school where weapons are banned.

**JICDD – Violent and Aggressive Behavior** – This is one of the many policies that CASB has added the referral to the board policy on suspensions, expulsions, and other disciplinary interventions. In addition to that change, CASB has made a few other language revisions for clarification. The Board will adopt the changes, and as in JICDA, the Board would like to add “including electronic media” to the verbal abuse definition.

**JICH – Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students** – Other than some minor grammatical changes for clarity, CASB has added a statement about discipline violations (for this policy) being handled in accordance with the policy’s regulation.

**JICH-R – Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students – regulation** – This policy has undergone major revisions. In addition to the CASB changes, the Board would like to add the following under



"Use": "c. The building principal or designee may refer a student known to have driven a motor vehicle to district property or district events, and who is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, to law enforcement to determine whether the student is fit to operate a motor vehicle". Another change the Board would like to make is to clarify that the plan developed by the principal or designee would be made prior to re-admittance for the first offense. Much discussion was given to the idea of using a breathalyzer for students suspected of drinking. The Board would like to consult legal counsel on this topic and table this regulation until they receive said counsel and discuss it further.

**JICI – Weapons in School** – The Weapons policy is another policy that underwent many changes by CASB. It too references the suspension/expulsion policy, and has several revisions to the Dangerous Weapons and Local Restrictions sections, all of which provide clarity to the definitions or consequences. The Board will accept all changes.

**JIH – Student Interviews, Interrogations, Searches and Arrests** – Only minor changes in grammar and the deletion of a paragraph on appeals were made by CASB to this policy. The Board will adopt the changes.

**JK – Student Discipline** – The majority of the CASB revisions to this policy, like the above policies, were in reference to: 1. the suspension / expulsion policy, 2. the involvement of staff / community in development / review of conduct and discipline codes, 3. adding a statement that the discipline code should be enforced uniformly, fairly and consistently, and 4. adding "on the website or a paper copy is available by request" to how the conduct and discipline code will be available to all students. All changes will be accepted by the Board.

**JK-R – Student Discipline** – CASB made only a few minor changes to clarify the definition of habitually disruptive students and reference the suspension / expulsion policy. The Board will adopt the changes.

**JKBA – Disciplinary Removal from Classroom** – The only changes recommended by CASB for this policy were to add a statement referencing the suspension / expulsion policy and to add a consequence for the third formal removal from the classroom.

**JKBA-R – Disciplinary Removal from Classroom – regulation** – Only a few minor changes in wording were made to this regulation by CASB, and the Board will accept all of them.

**GCQEA – Voluntary Early Retirement of Staff Members** – Mrs. Andrews asked the Board to review this policy before the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. All staff members are eligible for early retirement if they meet the requirements, but the policy reads that the post retirement 110 contract is available only for licensed staff. Since the general policy applies to all staff members, Mrs. Andrews would like to Board to revise the wording so that it is clearer that classified staff are also able to take advantage of this opportunity. Mrs. Ackles currently has a post retirement contract. The Board agreed to the change in order to fair and consistent.

Due to lack of time to review all of the policies that were of a more urgent matter, and the need for the rest of the board meeting to start, the Board would like to address the remainder of the policies at the next board meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

