

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2013
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

September 25th, 2013
7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on September 25th, 2013.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Jon Kelly, Vangi McCoy, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Sherri Maxwell, Elementary Principal, Brandon Thurston, Secondary Principal, Jimmie Lankford, Secondary Activities Director/Vice Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Linnea Vass to approve the Agenda with the Additions.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION
The August 5th, 2013, Board Retreat, August 20th, 2013, regular Board meeting, September 10th, 2013, a.m., special Board meeting, and the September 10th, 2013, p.m., regular Board meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL ISSUE
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Linnea Vass to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding legal matters as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). Those present at the outset of the executive session shall be members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent and the District's attorney (telephonically).
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

The Board broke into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. and returned at 7:50 p.m. with no votes taken and no decisions made.
- VII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
A. Megan Tallmadge - Donation thank you
Ms. Tallmadge thanked the Board for their irrigation donation.
- VIII. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FOURTH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO CROW CANYON OCTOBER 16TH AND 17TH, 2013 - SHERRI MAXWELL
Ms. Maxwell asked the Board to help with the cost of the 4th grade Crow Canyon trip this year.
After discussion a motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Linnea Vass to approve the 4th grade Crow Canyon field trip and to contribute \$1,000 towards it from the cell phone tower monies.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- IX. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF WASHINGTON, D.C., TRIP ON JUNE 6TH, 2013 - CLAY TALLMADGE

Mr. Tallmadge reported this trip was approved previously. There are 26 7th-12th grade students signed up so far. They may need help with the cost of transportation to and from Albuquerque. Mr. Tallmadge will provide another update in the winter months.

X. SOUTHWEST COLORADO e-SCHOOL PRESENTATION - TOD LOKEY

Mr. Lokey presented a PowerPoint presentation on the CO e-School, reporting that Dolores District is the largest supplemental user of all districts.

Mr. Kelly read Mr. Mecham's letter of resignation from his Board position. The Board will not fill his position, as elections are in November.

XI. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

A. Strategic Plan #1: PLCs - Professional Learning Communities & Response to September 19th Dolores Star article on TCAP scores

Mr. Thurston and Ms. Maxwell reported that PLC time in each department has been beneficial and the teachers utilize it.

Discussion ensued about clarification of the TCAP scores that were printed in the Dolores Star. There is a rebuttal article going in the next edition of the Star; it's included in the Board packets as well as on the web site.

Members of the HS Student Body are in attendance tonight, the President, Secretary and Treasurer. They gave the schedule for Homecoming week next week, and all information is included on the web site. There will be Breathalyzers at the Homecoming dance, a decision coming from the student body.

(Break taken.)

B. Strategic Plan #2: PBIS - Mr. Thurston reported the work done has been good.

C. Strategic Plan #3: Brief update BEST/Bond project

(Superintendent - what to expect at October 8th meeting) & Payment in full of Administration Complex (report by Karen Andrews)

Mr. Cooper reported everything is on track. The fire flow estimates have been corrected and reassessed. The Town will help with the cost of two or three more hydrants. All target dates are on the web site. On October 8th, the Board will see an updated architect report.

Ms. Andrews reported the payments on the new District Office building are complete. There are some unexpected bus expenses that have come up; one is an engine rebuild and the other has transmission problems.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Included in Board packets

XIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A. BOCES - Ms. McCoy reported Mary Rubadeau has been appointed the Interim Director. The CO Legacy Foundation will be touring all campuses in the region on October 1st.

B. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported the meeting went well; discussion included the Unified Improvement Plan as well as safety during the recent lockdown.

C. Legislative Network Reports - Not in session.

D. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - The breathalyzer decision at the Homecoming dance was a grass roots decision from the students, not from the administration. There is staff support. Students felt very safe at prom, felt things ran smoothly, and they'd like that to continue.

E. Communication plan reports and discussion - Things are going well here. Mr. Kelly will have to get a report from Mr. Mecham on what he's done for his piece, and Mr. Kelly will finish that up.

F. Other

XIV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of September bills and financial statements for period ending August 31st, 2013
- B. Approval of minutes for the August 5th, 2013, Board Retreat, the August 20th, 2013, regular Board meeting, the September 10th, 2013, a.m., special Board meeting, and the September 10th, 2013, p.m., regular Board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teachers:* Casey Simpson, Clint Schurr; *GT Para:* Shade Weygandt
- D. Approval of report of hearing officer re: confidential student issue
- E. Approval of football donations: Dolores Rotary Club - \$100; James Phillips, Jr. - \$500; Beacon Wellness Group - \$200
- F. Approval of resignation of Matt Mecham

XV. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS


- A. Defibrillator policies: KDE - Crisis Management, JLCE - First Aid and Emergency Medical Care
After research, it was concluded Dolores has a defib policy. Ms. Ackles can proceed with grant writing. The policies will be put on the review list.
- B. Follow-up discussion on September 10th, Town Hall meeting with public, and September 25th, Board Linkage Meeting with staff
All community concerns have been addressed to date. The February 12, 2013, Board minutes are still being looked into. Posting draft minutes is also being looked at. Handbooks will be worked on throughout the year. The visitor policy, K1, will be put up for review. Drug testing of staff was addressed at the July meeting.
- C. Schedule policy review session and identify priority policies to review
Ms. Arnett emailed dozens of policies for review per CASB's recommendation; these will be discussed, as well as those that need updating.
- D. Board's expectations of Superintendent's and Principals' monthly reports relative to revised strategic plan goals and communication plan
These are lined out on the left side of each agenda so goals can be kept in mind, and they will be addressed in administration reports.
- E. December CASB retreat dates and discussion
Those attending will depart on December 4th, about 4:00 p.m., attend the conference on the 5th, 6th and 7th; home by 10:00 p.m. on December 7th. Mr. Cooper will make reservations for seven spots.
October 8th, 2013, 5:00 p.m., policy review; 7:00 p.m., regular Board meeting
October 22nd, 2013, 7:00 p.m., regular Board meeting - this is the same night as Parent/Teacher Conferences, so the principals will be a bit late.
- F. Elementary parking lot
The lot across from the elementary school is for sale. Dolores has been given the first option to buy. Ms. Andrews will get an appraisal and the District will proceed from there.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT was at 10:16 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.



Board President

Date



Board Secretary

Date