

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 22nd, 2013
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

October 22nd, 2013
7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on October 22nd, 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 Vice Principal/Athletic Director, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Linnea Vass and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the Agenda and Additions with the following change: Moving the approval of the policies to the next scheduled Board meeting.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION
The September 25th, and October 8th, 2013, regular Board meeting, and the October 8th, 2013, Policy 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 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:41 p.m. with no votes taken and no decisions made.
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - STUDENT ISSUE
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Linnea Vass to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding student matters as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h). Those present at the outset of the executive session shall be members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent and the Secondary Principal.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

The Board broke into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. and returned at 7:52 p.m. with no votes taken and no decisions made.

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Linnea Vass to accept the recommendations of the hearing officer, with the following modification: Holding the student involved in the expulsion in abeyance for the rest of the school year.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

VIII. PRESCHOOL REPORT - VALIENA ROSENKRANCE

Ms. Rosenkrance reported they are striving for a Qualistar rating of 4 this year. She passed out the accreditation packets to the Board and administration, with over 400 criteria listed in them. The site visit will be in November and they're hoping for a decision by December.

IX. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

A. Booster Club update and parking ideas - Lenetta Shull

Concession schedule is done for winter sports; teacher appreciation was done this evening for all secondary staff and administration.

Parking suggestion - paint parking stall lines right in front of the high school; also suggested making a parking area on the east side of the school in front of the art room.

X. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

A. Strategic Plan #1: PLC's - Mr. Thurston and Ms. Maxwell reported on what they're each doing in their schools. Mr. Thurston reported the completed piece is available on the web site, along with the new October '13 newsletter. Ms. Maxwell reported many members of staff attended a conference on Core VI this weekend that was beneficial.

B. Strategic Plan #2: Goal 2, Bullet 2 (Drama Club) - Discussion ensued about bringing Drama Club back to Dolores. All concerned would like to see it happen, but the facilities and storage would be an issue. More research on a program, possibly partnering with Cortez, will be done, along with a student survey, and a report/update will be given in 6-8 weeks.

C. Strategic Plan #3: BEST/Bond Project Update - The schedule is on track. Design details will be wrapped up Monday; there is an old sewer pipe in the locker room that is plugged. Tomorrow is another owner's rep/architect's meeting.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - It's included in the Board packets and there are no additional questions. Extra copies of the superintendent report will be printed and handed out at future meetings.

XII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A. Student Government Report – Bri Wallace reported that Homecoming week was a success. Thank you to Booster Club for the bonfire. The Thanksgiving food drive will be in November, food gathered will go to families in need. For Christmas, their goal is to provide 15-20 kids with \$100 each to go shopping.

B. BOCES - Ms. McCoy reported the audit report was clean with no findings. The new director search should be completed by January. IEPs will be moving from the school psychologists to the resource teachers. CASB policies are being rewritten for BOCES, and they'll be available in January.

C. District Accountability - Minutes and agendas are posted online. DAAC survey will be similar to last spring's and will go out Thursday and put online.

D. Legislative Network Reports - Not in session.

E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - Ms. Truelsen would like to be sure at-risk seniors are being tracked, so preventative measures can be done to prevent dropouts.

F. Communication plan reports and discussion - Mr. Kelly would like follow-up with the newspaper column that Mr. Mecham was working on before he left.

G. Other

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of October bills and financial statements for period ending September 30th, 2013

B. Approval of minutes for the September 25th, 2013, regular Board meeting, October 8th, 2013, policy meeting, and the October 8th, 2013, regular Board meeting

- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Middle School Boys Basketball Head Coach: Joel Balderrama; Middle School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach: Ben Tolin; Food Service Custodian: Annette Carrasco*
- D. Approval of \$300 donation from BP for the Elementary School
- E. Approval of High School Courses

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the Action Items as presented.

Discussion: Mr. Thurston reported that the high school course approval clarified titles of classes; advisory is offered at a quarter credit per year; Lit 115 has been given the approval from PCC to be a dual enrollment college credit course.

Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

XIV. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Grade level (6th) configuration - Research is ongoing and articles done on this subject will be posted on the web site, with links to each article. Both secondary and elementary have developed a time line and action plan to further research and report on the progress of this configuration. Prelim research shows support for this configuration. A recommendation will be brought in the spring.
- B. Discuss and set board meetings for November and December. Add policy meeting November 19th at 5:00 PM? - Action Item
After discussion, a motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to set the following meetings: November 12, 2013, regular Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.; November 19, 2013, special policy meeting, 5:30 p.m.; December 10, 2013, Mill Levy meeting, 7:00 p.m.; December 17, 2013, Budget meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- C. Elementary parking lot update
After discussion, a motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Linnea Vass to approve the spending of funds for an appraisal on the property.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- D. Calendar Discussion - In January/February a team will be formed to go over the calendar, with a presentation in March 2014. Requirements are 1,080 hours and 160 days of instruction.
- E. State Ag Standards follow-up - Ms. Truelsen will follow up with Mr. Michael Womochil for a possible Board presentation that can be done via Skype if he can't travel here.
- F. CASB Annual Convention - A special invitation for Community Engagement Training is being offered, all funds paid for. All previously posted departure and return times are the same.
- G. Schedule meeting to set the Mill Levy in December - Possible Action Item - Done in B.

XV. ADJOURNMENT was at 9:54 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

 Board President 11/12/13
Date

Deanna S. Truelsen
 Board Secretary 11-12-13
Date