

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 17th, 2013
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

December 17th, 2013
7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on December 17th, 2013.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Jon Kelly, Vangi McCoy, Joye McHenry, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Brandon Thurston, Secondary Principal, Jimmie Lankford, Secondary VP/AD, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, Rachel Sparks, Student Government Representative, Faith Pejsa, Student Government President, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Linnea Vass and seconded by Joye McHenry to approve the agenda with the additions and deletion.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION
The November 12th, 2013, regular board meeting, November 19th, 2013, policy meeting and December 11th, 2013, special board meeting (Mill Levy), were approved as presented.
- VI. PRESENTATION - MONTELORES CLF INTEGRATION LIAISONS, CATHY EPPS, JIM PARR - SB 191 MSL's
Ms. Epps and Mr. Parr provided the board with handouts. Mr. Parr reported on the liaison program throughout Colorado. An action plan has been developed that is unique to our area. Goals and the progress made were presented. Student data survey results will be presented after the first of the year.
- VII. PRESENTATION - JIMMIE LANKFORD
 - A. Drama Club - Mr. Thurston introduced Mr. Sandner, drama teacher at MCHS. Mr. Sandner congratulated the board on the donation for the drama club and discussed some benefits of a drama program. Collaboration between our districts is ongoing, with talk of a spring production with Dolores students only, a comedy with a smaller cast. Interest in the program needs to be evaluated further.
- VIII. FOLLOW-UP ON FINANCIAL QUESTIONS - DEA
Ms. Pacheco would like the conversation with staff re financial information to continue; the DEA is awaiting further feedback from the board.
- IX. D.C. TRIP FOLLOW-UP - CLAY TALLMADGE
Mr. Tallmadge presented a PowerPoint; 26 MS and HS students and two staff are signed up; the travel dates remain the same currently, but departure may change to June 9th. They would like financial assistance with transportation to and from the ABQ airport. Close to \$2,000 in

fundraising has been done. The itinerary is unchanged. Some policies related to travel and trips need to be revisited, direction from the board and administration is needed. Further follow-up again in April '14. Ms. Andrews reported transportation has already been budgeted for this trip, she needs to know the final dates.

X. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

(Break taken.)

XI. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

- A. Strategic Plan #1: PD - Mr. Cooper reported positive feedback from staff around PD days. Mr. Thurston reported team training from CEA was beneficial; they did a culture survey, addressed areas of concern, and are prepped for the 1/6/14 PD day. Focus will be on curriculum and culture.
Ms. Maxwell reported working on Core 6, teaching skills leading to application skills. Math will be a focus in the a.m.; k-3rd grade will work on the READ Act and DIBELS in the p.m., with 4th-5th grade remaining focused on math. The elementary is also revamping their spelling program.
PD days will be built into the new calendar with the hope of adding a couple more.
- B. Strategic Plan #2: Input from Student Reps - Ms. Pejsa reported the food drive and Christmas shopping went well. Spirit Council met and they're building off of last year's intolerance issue. This year a CO Legacy Foundation speaker will come and present a discussion on moving forward, as well as working on other pertinent issues. Student perception surveys have been looked at and compared to state. Some issues to highlight - safety - parking lot, parking; drugs/alcohol - safe alternatives for Fri/Sat nights for students, i.e., movie night, bowling, rec center, etc., socializing in a safe environment; respect for teachers/students - peer led conversations, PBIS rewards; diversity/acceptance - student led conversations.
MR. Thurston reported the CLF donated \$10,000 to Dolores for work our students have done in our schools.
The board would like a MS rep to come and report at board meetings also.
- C. Strategic Plan #3: Final Budget Presentation; BEST/Bond Project Update
Ms. Andrews presented the final budget. A prelim budget was presented in May; the budget was adopted in June; December is another budget opportunity to see what the October count is, Mill Levy monies, state changes for adjustments, etc.
Clarification was made about the \$3 million being bond fund money. There was some concern that this money which was in the Capital Reserve Capital Project Fund was reserve funds and there was a question as to why the District was putting this much into reserves.
Ms. Andrews would like to have a Finance 101 workshop with staff, DEA, the public, etc., need to be done after the first of the year to further educate on school finance.
BEST/Bond Update - Mr. Cooper reported that FCI is onsite; the calendar remains the same, with February '14 starting the demo/foundation work, weather permitting.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND DISCUSSION - The reports are in the board packets.

Ms. McHenry would like the secondary report to follow the same format as the elementary and superintendent reports, listing goals and accomplishments.

XIII. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS AND DISCUSSION - Ms. Maxwell discussed READ Act concerns, CDE will be coming to address this issue on 1/14/14, 7:30, contact Ms. Maxwell if interested. The Pinon Project and Healthy Kids Colorado are coming to Dolores in January '14. The Christmas program is on 12/19/13, at 7:00 p.m.

XIV. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report - Done above
- B. BOCES - Ms. McCoy was elected the VP of the BOCES Board; Mr. Cooper reported the search for a new ED for SJ BOCES will be advertised this winter.
- C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported a summary is on the website.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - Mr. Kelly reported they're not in session; the rural caucus at the CASB conference was informative. A legislative state rep from Salida will be sponsoring a bill seeking exemptions from things, such as the READ Act, for small, rural districts. This would be a good thing for us to support and will be discussed further in the future.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - A procedure checklist for emergencies for field trips will be put on for further discussion on February's agenda.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion
 - 1. Communication plan building project - Mr. Kelly would like a weekly email sent to staff on the progress of construction.
- G. Other - none

XV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of December bills and financial statements for period ending November 30th, 2013
- B. Approval of minutes for the November 12th, 2013, regular board meeting, November 19th, 2013, policy meeting, and the December 11th, 2013, special meeting (Mill Levy)
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teacher:* Laurie Larricq, Ben Hahn; *Elementary SPED Para/MS/HS Rtl Para:* Melissa Hackett; *Sub Bus Driver:* Russell Loftus;
Resignation of: *Preschool Teacher:* Trisha Halencak;
Retirement of: *K-12 Librarian:* Jonnie Ryan
- D. Approval of Expulsion Hearing Officer's Recommendations
- E. Approval of Election results
- F. Approval of Early Retirement Stipend and 110-day contract for FY 2014-2015 for Jonnie Ryan
- G. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
BE	Board Meetings	review
EBCA	Disaster Plans	REPEAL
EBCC	Bomb Threats	REPEAL
GCBA-R	Instruct. Staff Contracts / Salary Schedules	review
GCQEA	Voluntary Early Retirement of Staff Members	review
IHBG	Home Schooling	2 nd reading
IKE*	Ensuring All Students Meet Standards	2 nd reading
ILBC*♦	Third Grade Literacy	2 nd reading
ILBC-R*♦	Third Grade Literacy – regulation	2 nd reading
JEA	Compulsory Attendance Ages	2 nd reading
JFBB♦	Inter-District Open Enrollment	2 nd reading
JFBB-R♦	Inter-District Open Enrollment – regulation	2 nd reading
JFC♦	Student Withdrawal from School / Dropouts	2 nd reading
JH♦	Student Absences and Excuses	2 nd reading
JHB♦	Truancy	2 nd reading
JIC♦	Student Conduct	2 nd reading
JICA♦	Student Dress Code	2 nd reading
JICC	Student Conduct in School Vehicles	2 nd reading
JICDA♦	Code of Conduct	2 nd reading
JICDD	Violent and Aggressive Behavior	2 nd reading
JICH♦	Drug & Alcohol Involvement by Students	2 nd reading

JICH-R	" " " " - reg.	HOLD
JICI♦	Weapons in School	2 nd reading
JIH♦	Student Interrogations, Searches, Arrests	2 nd reading
JJJ	Extracurricular Activity Eligibility	2 nd reading
JK♦	Student Discipline	2 nd reading
JK-R♦	" " - regulation	2 nd reading
JKBA♦	Disciplinary Removal from Classroom	2 nd reading
JKBA-R♦	" " " " - regulation	2 nd reading
JKD/JKE♦	Suspension / Expulsion	2 nd reading
JKF	Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students	2 nd reading
JKG♦	Expulsion Prevention	2 nd reading
JRA/JRC♦	Student Records / Release of Information	2 nd reading
JS♦	Student Use of the Internet	2 nd reading
* READ Act Policy Update		
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Dolores RE-4A School District/BOCES in Montezuma County, that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the Adopted Budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014.

Fund	APPROPRIATION AMOUNT	
1. General Fund	1	\$ 9,029,320
1b. Insurance Reserve Fund	1b	\$ 39,872
Bond Redemption Fund		
9a. Bond Redemption Fund	9a	\$ 1,068,779
Capital Projects Fund		
12. Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	12	\$ 6,475,595
Enterprise Fund		
13. Food Service Fund	13	\$ 271,480
Trust/Agency Fund		
17. Pupil Activity Agency Fund	17	\$ 272,253
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	21	\$17,157,299

H. Approval of FY2014 Final Budget

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

Discussion: The new board meeting policy will go into effect in February 2014, after review and readings.

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

XVI. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Ground Breaking Ceremony - After discussion it was decided to keep staff and public informed of construction progress, also putting an article in the paper that ground has been broken.
- B. Student Athletic Handbook - possible Action Item
Mr. Cooper reported wanting to tighten up consequences of poor conduct for athletes. A suggested code of conduct agreement was handed out to the board; Mr. Kelly suggested putting it on the agenda for the next meeting.
Mr. Thurston and Mr. Lankford have worked on this together and the model presented is from Littleton, CO. It includes the violations that are written out and specific; suspension across seasons, accountable if in the presence of illegal activity, any activity, any sport has the same consequences.
Ms. McHenry feels the following need to be considered further: four violations is too high; she does not support the guilty by association; all coaches should be held to the same standards on the drug/alcohol code of conduct; she feels MS and HS should be separated, students should get a fresh start in HS.
Mr. Kelly suggested the board submit suggestions/changes to Mr. Cooper, who will disseminate them to the administration; this will be put on the agenda for January's meeting for further discussion.
Ms. Truelsen feels parent input and support is needed.
- C. Discussion and possible scheduling of workshop on issues around:
i. step correction
ii. impact of design changes on building project
iii. sixth grade realignment with Board walkthrough-possible Action Item
- D. Schedule budget workshop for spring 2014 with expectations of the Board - possible Action Item
Mr. Kelly would like to set a budget workshop to discuss the above C and D items, being they're all interrelated, and do some long-term planning.
- E. Administration and Department Head Linkage Meeting - Discussion and possible Action Item
The board supports the administration's decision to postpone sixth grade realignment for a year.
- F. Discussion on Board's expectations on Admin's and Department Head's reports
- G. Calendar reports from key persons and Board discussion on:
i. school lunch program and budget - discussed earlier
ii. academic calendar in 2014 regular meetings - discussed earlier
- H. DAC survey results - Postponed to the January '14 meeting.
Discussion on parking - Ms. Andrews reported an appraisal on the parking lot came in at \$43,000; things are shifting, increases are expected. Further discussion at the January '14 meeting.
- I. January 2014 meeting dates - Discussion and possible Action Item

**After extensive discussion on C through I, a motion was made by Linnea Vass and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to schedule the following meetings: Budget workshop April 24th, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.; administration/department head linkage meeting February 18th, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.; board meeting January 14th, 2014, 6:00 p.m., town hall meeting January 14th, 2014, 7:00 p.m., all meetings to be held in the professional development room; the January 28th, 2014, board meeting is canceled.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**

XVII. ADJOURNMENT was at 10:40 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14th, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.



Board President

1/14/14

Date

Desma Juelser

Board Secretary

Date