

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27TH, 2014
BOARD MEETING

Special Board (Policy) Meeting
Professional Development Room

February 27th, 2014
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. on February 27th, 2014.
- II. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Jon Kelly, Vangi McCoy, Joye McHenry, Deanna Truelsen, and Linnea Vass. Sherri Maxwell, Elementary Principal, Brandon Thurston, Secondary Principal, Jimmie Lankford, Assistant Principal, and Karen Andrews, Business Manager, were also in attendance. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, was not present due to a death in the family.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Linnea Vass and seconded by Joye McHenry to approve the Agenda and Additions as presented.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

IV. POLICIES:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
ADD♦	Safe Schools	review
AED♦	Accreditation	review
BDFD	Safe & Drug –Free Schools	review
BEDB	Agenda	review
BEDF	Voting Method	review
BEDG	Minutes	review
GBGF	Federally-Mandated Family & Medical Leave	review
GBGF-R	Federally-Mandated Family & Medical Leave –regulation	review
GCE/GCF♦	Professional Staff Recruiting / Hiring	review
GCQF	Discipline, Suspension & Dismissal of Professional Staff	review
GDE/GDF♦	Support Staff Recruiting / Hiring	review
GDQD	Discipline, Suspension & Dismissal of Support Staff	review
IHBIB	Primary/Preprimary Education	review
JFAB	Continued. Enrollment of Non-Resident Students	review
JFABD-R	Homeless Students – regulation	review
JRCA♦	Sharing of Student Records	review
KDB	Public's Right to Know – Freedom of Information	review
KF-R	Community Use of School Facilities	review
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		

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

ADD – Safe Schools – The Safe Schools and Crisis Management policies were revised by CASB due to changes in state statute. In this policy, CASB has eliminated the list of people / agencies the Superintendent must consult in developing and implementing the safety plan. The list of those to be consulted is now contained in a note, and has been updated to reflect the new statute by including a School Resource Officer. The Board will accept the changes to the CASB revised policy.

AED – Accreditation - CASB revised this policy to reflect changes in state statute. They also added a note about the new requirements concerning improvement plans and strategies to increase parent engagement. The CASB updates to this policy will be adopted by the Board.

BDFD – Safe & Drug-Free Schools – The district does not currently have this policy. The Board reviewed the CASB sample and the recommendations in the Policy Parameters. It appears that the federal government is no longer providing grants through the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. This policy would apply only if districts received these grants. Also, school districts would be required to form a Safe and Drug-Free Schools Advisory Council if they accepted these monies. Since these funds are no longer available, the Board sees no need to adopt this policy.

BEDB – Agenda – CASB revised this policy in order to provide clarity to the process of amending the agenda, and to meet new statutory requirements. The Board will adopt the CASB revisions; however, the Board would like to use the current policy's agenda format.

BEDF – Voting Method – New state legislation requires that the result of a vote by secret ballot be “contemporaneously” recorded in the minutes. CASB's revised policy has been updated with this language, and the required legal reference. The Board will adopt the CASB changes.

BEDG – Minutes – This is the other policy CASB updated to comply with the new state statute requirement of contemporaneously recording in the minutes, the result of a vote cast by secret ballot. The Board will adopt the CASB revised policy.

GBGF – Federally-Mandated Family and Medical Leave; GBGF-R – Federally-Mandated Family and Medical Leave, regulation – Because of the complexity of this policy and regulation, differing requirement with state and federal law, and the fact the Board has not had a chance to review recommendations from legal counsel (just received today), the Board would like to table these policies until the next policy meeting.

GCE/GCF – Professional Staff Recruiting / Hiring; GCQF – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff; GDE/GDF – Support Staff Recruiting / Hiring; GDQD – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff – CASB made a couple of minor changes in grammar to these policies to comply with a new state statute that sets limits on an employer's use of consumer credit information. The Board will adopt the CASB version of all of these policies.

IHBIB – Primary / Preprimary Education – The CASB revisions to this policy were changes to the notes (to reflect current law changes), and changing the word “disabled” to “children with disabilities”. The Board will adopt all changes.

JFAB – Continuing Enrollment of Student Who Become Non-Residents – The only change CASB made to their revised policy was to use “pupil enrollment” rather than “October” count date. However, after the Board and principals reviewed this policy, Sherri Maxwell, (Elementary Principal) recommended repealing it, as the information was covered more fully in policy JFBB - Inter-District Choice / Open Enrollment. The Board concurs with Mrs. Maxwell's recommendation and will repeal the policy.

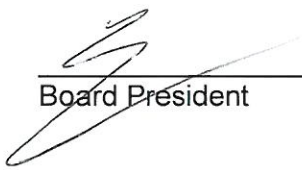
JFABD-R – Homeless Students – regulation – CASB has made a minor change in wording to the CASB revised regulation, which provides clarity to the October count date. Rather than using “October 1”, CASB is recommending the use of “pupil enrollment count day”, as the count day varies depending on what day of the week October 1st in on. The Board will accept the CASB revisions.

JRCA – Sharing of Student Records / Information between School District and State Agencies – The CASB revised policy had only minor changes in wording, and the addition of a new state statute that involves the Safe2Tell Program. The Board would also like to add “or designee” after superintendent, in the sentence: The superintendent is directed to develop procedures and a training program for staff consistent with this policy. It was mentioned that this is not currently being done, but the district will need to start providing training for the staff members that work with the student records. The Board will adopt the CASB revised version with the change stated above.

KDB – Public’s Right to Know – Freedom of Information – A couple of minor changes in grammar were made to the CASB revised sample providing clarity so that the “district will not disclose records when such disclosure is prohibited by law”. Also, districts are not longer required to “make every effort”, but only “reasonable efforts” to disseminate information to the public. The Board will accept the CASB revisions.

KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities – CASB has revised the “Prohibited Activities on District Property” section of this policy in order to comply with new state statutes regarding marijuana and controlled substances. The Board reviewed this policy in depth and has made multiple changes, mostly for clarity. The Board will accept the CASB revisions; however, they will also add some language from the current district policy, and make some minor changes in wording (adding “or designee” to areas where principal and superintendent responsibilities are listed).


V. ADJOURNMENT WAS AT 7:35 p.m.



Board President

3-20-14

Date



Board Secretary

3-20-14

Date