

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR APRIL 10th, 2014  
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

April 10th, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- 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, Sherri Maxwell, Elementary Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, Faith Pejsa, Student Government President, staff, students and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Linnea Vass to approve the agenda. Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION  
The January 24, 2014, special 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, the Business Manager and the District's attorney (telephonically). Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**  

The Board broke into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. and returned at 6:42 p.m. with no votes taken and no decisions made.
- VII. MONTEZUMA SCHOOL TO FARM PRESENTATION - SARAH SYVERSON  
Ms. Syverson and Ms. Tallmadge presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Montezuma School To Farm Project, the improvements that are seen by this program. They run three garden programs, Cortez, Mancos and Dolores. The projected budget to continue this program is approximately \$80,000/year. They are asking the Dolores School District to contribute 12% or \$10,000 towards this; MSTFP will commit 88%. The board reported that a decision will be made during their upcoming budget discussion April 24, and they're welcome to attend that meeting.
- VIII. LITERACY DESIGN COLLABORATIVE (LDC) SHOWCASE - CLAY TALLMADGE & MIRIAM BARBER - This will be put on for discussion at the next regular board meeting.

IX. GRADUATION REPORT & SENIOR TRIP - DAVE HOPCIA

Mr. Hopcia reported that May 19th is senior awards night in the commons at 5:00 p.m. Grad night is the following Saturday. May 20th is the senior trip to Disneyland. They'll be taking the train from Gallup. They are hope to visit the ocean. Contracts for parents and students to sign have gone out. There are four sponsors for the trip. They are still doing some fundraising so the cost to each student is minimal.

X. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Missy Valdez handed out correspondence to each board member for them to read.

**After discussion, a motion was made to set a special meeting to convene in Executive Session on the issue Ms. Valdez has brought forth, for April 24, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. Kelly-nay; McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**

XI. TECHNOLOGY UPDATE - MARK BAXTER

Mr. Baxter reported that the fiber optics is still not in place; hopeful it will be in maybe two weeks. A private donor donated \$10,000 to Dolores for a giant screen and projector for the main gym. There may also be funds left over to upgrade the sound system. The plan is to have it in place by graduation. The MAC lab will be replaced this summer and the library lab will be replaced this year. Technology needs in the future: updated phone system, hire an additional tech staff.

XII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

A. Strategic Plan #1: CMAS starts next week.

B. Strategic Plan #2: A report was given on the lockdown. Everything went smoothly, the lockdown was in effect in less than a minute. There was good communication with the new radios. Many different agencies were involved, the DOW, BLM, state troopers and law enforcement. One problem were students not taking the lockdown seriously, texting parents and others from their cell phones, giving incorrect information and possibly breaching the safety of students. In the future, students will be required to turn off their cell phones and give them to staff present during a lockdown. A debrief has been done with law enforcement on what improvements can be made.

All are encouraged to sign up with Nixel, which keeps the community informed of anything happening locally.

C. Strategic Plan #3: The construction project is still ahead of schedule and within budget.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Located in the board packets.

XIV. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Mr. Thurston summarized his report included in the board packets. The ACT average has gone down just a bit but is still very good in comparison to other schools. Ms. McHenry recommended looking into reinstating the ACT prep course.

Ms. Maxwell reported a parent meeting concerning the sixth grade move on April 17, 5:00 p.m. in the elementary, at which time Kinder registration will finish, being that it was interrupted by the lockdown. Ms. Maxwell also reported on the trip she and her accountability committee took to Moab to visit their K-6 elementary school. This summer more staff will be attending the Orton Gillingham training.

(Break taken.)

XV. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report (done before XII) - Ms. Pejsa reported that they are working on building up their Christmas fund and developing a Constitution. Spirit Council is working on drug/alcohol free theme nights, movie night, bowling night. They received \$250 for their Honorable Mention award for the "If You Can Play, You Can Play" video. They are looking at purchasing good cameras to make quality videos, and they are exploring the option of having a guest speaker come and talk to the students. They're also making shirts for 6-12 graders, with a list of activities that they participate in that students can check off.  
 Ms. Andrews surveyed the Student Government members on improvements they'd like to see in Dolores, and the results are in the board packets.
- B. BOCES - Ms. McCoy reported voting on a resolution to support the extension of the Colorado school counselor grant for a year. Discussion also took place about CDE assurances for the evaluation systems.
- C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported there has been no meeting.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - Mr. Kelly reported \$110 million of a paydown on the negative factor. Ms. Andrews said this would translate to us getting an approximate \$380/student increase in funding if the funding was voted on today, but it still has other readings to go through. Our negative factor will drop to around 14% from 16% plus. We could possibly get an additional \$100,000 back. This is all potential good news. Ms. McCoy reported testifying at the request of the CO Children's Campaign before the House in favor of HB 1288.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - Ms. McHenry wants to invite Ms. Valdez to the upcoming Executive Session on April 24. Personnel will also be involved and invited. All were in agreement.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion - None
- G. Other - None

XVI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of April bills and financial statements for period ending March 31st, 2014
- B. Approval of minutes for the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, special board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teachers:* Ryan Spittler  
**Resignation of:** *High School Math Teacher:* Candie Rielley; *Middle School Science Teacher:* Meg O'Neill; *Middle School Math Teacher:* Cathy Cullicott; *Bus Monitor:* Vikki Britton; *First Grade Teacher:* Crystal Livingston; *Payroll Clerk:* Diane LaChapelle
- D. Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendations for Expulsion
- E. Approval of donation to Operation Graduation
- F. Approval of anonymous donation for High School Gym Projector and Projection Screen
- G. Approval of FY 2014-2015 Licensed Staff
- H. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
ADD♦	Safe Schools	1st reading
AED♦	Accreditation	1st reading
BEDB	Agenda	1st reading
BEDF	Voting Method	1st reading
BEDG	Minutes	1st reading
GBGF	Fed.-Mandated Family & Medical Leave	HOLD
GBGF-R	" " " " -regulation	HOLD
GCE/GCF♦	Professional Staff Recruiting / Hiring	1st reading
GCQF	Discipline, Susp. & Dismissal of Prof. Staff	1st reading
GDE/GDF♦	Support Staff Recruiting / Hiring	1st reading
GDQD	Discipline, Susp. & Dismissal of Support St.	1st reading
IHBIB	Primary/Preprimary Education	1st reading
JFAB	Contin. Enrollm of Non-Resident Students	REPEAL

JFABD-R	Homeless Students – regulation	1st reading
JRCA♦	Sharing of Student Records	1st reading
KDB	Public’s Right to Know – Freedom of Info.	1st reading
KF-R	Community Use of School Facilities	1st reading

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

Discussion: \$550 has been budgeted for Operation Graduation, that will stand. Discussion ensued on the expulsion recommendation and reentry requirements that will be instituted, how to best provide help that's needed.

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

XVII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

A. Report on long range planning from Admin. - Mr. Cooper reported the work done on a three-year look ahead on the needs and wants of each department. Ms. Andrews wanted to show the board what needs are necessary for next year, will be approximately 500- to \$600,000. A spreadsheet was given to the board breaking down the results of the above; more discussion at the upcoming budget meeting.

Ms. Andrews also reported the meeting with the Student Government was very beneficial, they were very respectful and appreciative. Discussion ensued on the wants of a student hangout area, brighter paint in classrooms, improve technology, newer books and textbooks, increasing areas for students to congregate.

Step in equity discussion, some ideas: The district will be giving a step, rewarding people from this day forward. Ms. Andrews will work up several different salary increase options and present them to the board, to include the increases for long-term staff, one step versus two, etc. There can be further discussion on this at the budget meeting.

B. Set board meeting dates for May - Action Item

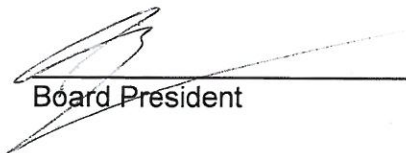
**After discussion, a motion was made by Joye McHenry and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to set the board meeting for May 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.**


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

C. Parking lot follow-up report from Admin.

Mr. Cooper reported finding someone to buy the lot and rent it to the elementary school. The rental fee will be \$100/month; we also have first right of refusal; the district has 30 days from notification in writing to make an offer if/when it goes up for sale.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT was at 9:52 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, beginning with an executive session at 5 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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