

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2014  
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

September 11th, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on September 11th, 2014.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Joye McHenry, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Brandon Thurston, Secondary Principal, Sherri Maxwell, Elementary Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, Faith Pejisa, Student Government President, staff 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 with the additions.**  
**Votes: McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION  
No changes or corrections were made for the minutes.
- VI. FOURTH GRADE FIELD TRIP PRESENTATION (CROW CANYON) AND FUNDRAISING REQUEST - GWEN BLAKE - POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM  
Ms. Maxwell reported in Ms. Blake's absence. Crow Canyon has been a curriculum based trip the 4th grade has participated in for a long time. The cost increases each year per student. Last year the board contributed \$500; this is in the budget already for this year. This contribution helps the parents, along with the fundraising efforts. The board is okay contributing the already approved \$500 to this trip, and they would like one or two students to report on their experience after the trip.
- VII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
A. Concurrent Student Issues - Gina Kotarski - Moved to the October 9th board meeting
- VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE  
A. Strategic Plan #1: TCAP Data (Reported on after VIII. C.) - Ms. Maxwell reported that TCAP was disappointing this year. Adjustments have already been made for improvement. Results are available on the CDE website for Colorado. There were challenges in 4th grade last year with the large class sizes. Student Achievement and Academic Growth are looked at. There has been a decline in scores overall over the past three years. Highlight: End of this year, we'll be a three-track school. TCAP has been the transitional test these last few years, and PARK will be the new test on content standards.  
Ms. Maxwell would like additional teacher support. Ms. McHenry recommended they look at their needs and present those for the December budget presentation. Mr. Vaughn is doing 4th and 5th grade GT math. Gains are being made in some areas; staff is working hard. Unsatisfactory scores are showing good growth. Having two special ed teachers does help.

Ms. McHenry stated that she was disappointed in the scores, finding a three-year decline concerning. We should be able to be in line with state averages. The mitigating circumstances need to be identified and rectified. Extensive discussion was had on what needs to be done to rectify the growth and achievement at the elementary level.

Mr. Thurston gave a PowerPoint presentation on the secondary scores, which also had highlights and lowlights. Strategic choices were made, setting up for PARK. Adjustments were made last year and are continuing to be worked on to improve scores. ACT scores and reading scores are a highlight. Writing and math are a focus. Still waiting for CMAS results, which hinders planning for improvement. Peer mentoring among staff has been enhanced.

Mr. Thurston reported on Spirit Council and their work, PBIS, attendance/truancy issues and class size.

Ms. McHenry sees a positive difference in the leadership team.

- B. Strategic Plan #2:
- C. Strategic Plan #3: Construction Project Update - Mr. Cooper reported the project is going well. Extra projects have been able to be done, i.e., the front of the elementary school. Area D, Science/Math/VoAg shop is on track to be done by Christmastime. Area A will be done by the scheduled date. Call Mr. Cooper for a tour or for more information. Ms. Andrews reported that the CDE BEST Grant rep visited last week and was impressed with what has been done via our construction project.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Report in packets

X. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION-TCAP Data Presentations - Noted above

XI. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report - Ms. Pejsa reported on homecoming, the theme is Cartoon Mania; Pennies for Patients for leukemia, a possible college trip to more CO schools, seniors are brainstorming on their senior trip. She reported the Washington D.C. trip was amazing, a big thanks to all. She'll have a report with pictures in October.
- B. BOCES - Ms. McCoy reported that they met last night for a short meeting, appearing via phone. Financial and employee reports were given. They have 85 employees and four open contracted positions.
- C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported the meeting is next Tuesday at 4:00 in the PD room. He's trying to recruit new members and more involvement.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - Mr. Cooper reported the Yes on 68 campaign, taxing horse race gaming for K-12 revenue.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - Ms. Truelsen reported in the last few weeks an article in the paper regarding performance based pay schedules based on TCAP scores. She would like more discussion on that. She also asked about in-house hirings this year that were not posted. Is there a policy regarding this. These items will be put on next month's agenda for discussion.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion - The communication plan is online. Ms. McHenry would like a member of admin at Booster Club meetings.
- G. Town of Dolores Report - Ms. Truelsen reported that on September 29th, a crew will be in to start the Overlook Trail, it will take four weeks. A three-way stop will be put in at 4th Street bridge and Riverside in Dolores. The swimming hole at the end of 8th Street will be closed off, there were too many problems with parties and trash. No parking allowed at either side by the water hole, year round. Mr. Cooper and Ms. Truelsen reported on the concrete sidewalks going in through town.
- H. Other - Mr. Thurston reported on sports activities and scores and Spirit Council's work, the CO student perception survey, showing a short video featuring Dolores students.

Ms. Vass asked if the temperature in the classrooms at the secondary can be remediated, it was very hot at the beginning of the year. Mr. Thurston and Mr. Cooper reported on steps taken to rectify the problem in the long-term maintenance plan.

**XII. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of September bills and financial statements for period ending August 31st, 2014
- B. Approval of minutes for the July 31st, 2014, Policy and Regular Meeting and August 14th, 2014, regular Board meeting
- D. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teachers:* Sam Carter, Sandy Valencia, Amy Lichliter, Linda Germaine, Shelly (Vincent) Birtcher; *Business Manager:* Tammy Hooten; *Custodian:* Rena Morris; *Special Needs Para:* Denise Milliken; *Substitute Paraprofessional:* Rosa Francisco; *Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach:* Larry Schwartz; *Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach:* Tiffany Hill; *Girls C Team Volleyball Coach:* Kaitlynn Powell; *Middle School Girls Basketball Head Coach:* James Biard
- D. Approval of the Elementary Parking Lot Rental Agreement
- E. Approval of Teacher Evaluation Handbook
- F. Ute Mountain Rodeo Team Donation
- G. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
DJE♦	Bidding Procedures	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
EEAFB♦	Use of School Vehicles by Community	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
EEAFB-R	“ “ “ “ - reg.	review
GBGF	Fed.-Mandated Family & Medical Leave	review
GBGF-R	“ “ “ “ -regulation	review
GBGG	Annual Leave	review
IHA-R♦†	Basic Instruction Program – regulation	review
JFBB	Inter-District Choice / Open Enrollment	review
JFBB-R	“ “ “ “ “ – regulation	review
KDB-R	Public Right to Know – Freedom of Info.	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
KDE♦♥	Crisis Management	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
KFA♦♥	Public Conduct on District Property	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
♥Revisions in both March and November		
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		

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

Discussion: The rental agreement for the elementary parking lot was discussed and all agreed that it sounds like a good deal.

The board has agreed in the past to donate \$200/student, not to exceed \$1,000, for the Ute Mountain Rodeo Team. This year, the number of students is eight. It is in the budget.

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

XIII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

A. Board linkage dates (possible Action items)

**After discussion a motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Linnea Vass to set the following tentative board/staff linkage meeting date: October 8th, 2014, at 3:45 p.m., on the secondary stage.**

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

B. Update on Journalism Class/Club - Mr. Thurston reported two student staff members are dropping to a quarterly release on the paper. Discussion ensued on how to include more articles in the paper.

C. Discussion and review of policies related to transcripts, credits and accreditation with the school - Ms. McHenry reported that there is a need to be sure students are getting qualified credits for sports. In the clearinghouse requirements, eSchool was not an accredited institution. Our Roman numerals don't match state standards. Ms. McHenry wants to be sure this is addressed and fixed for future students. Mr. Thurston consulted with NCAA on the discrepancies to be fixed. Ms. McHenry would like to see something in the handbook putting responsibility on the student to know NCAA requirements, so those students can be on the right track.

D. Book study - Moved to the next meeting.


E. Planning for the celebration/completion of the building projects - Moved to the next meeting.

F. CASB Conferences: Fall Regional Meeting (October 1st, Durango) and Fall Conference & Delegate Assembly (September 26th-27th, Pueblo) - Several board members would like to attend the Fall Regional Meeting, Ms. Andrews will make the arrangements.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT was at 9:03 p.m. The next Board/linkage meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 3:45 p.m.

  
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