

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 9th, 2014
BOARD MEETING

Policy Meeting
Professional Development Room

October 9th, 2014
5:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. on October 9th, 2014.
- II. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Jon Kelly, Vangi McCoy, Joye McHenry, Deanna Truelsen, and Linnea Vass. Sherri Maxwell, Elementary Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, and Scott Cooper, Superintendent, were also in attendance.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Linnea Vass to approve the Agenda and Additions as presented.
Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye, Truelsen-aye, Vass, aye.

IV. POLICIES:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
AD♦	School District Mission	review
BGA	Policy Implementation	REPEAL
GCE-GCF-R♦	Professional Staff Recruiting / Hiring	review
GCKA	Instructional Staff Assignments & Transfers	review
GDE-GDF-R♦	Support Staff Recruiting / Hiring	review
IKF	Graduation Requirements	review
JJ	Student Activities	REPEAL
JJ-R1	Student Activities – regulation	REPEAL
JJ-R2	New Sport Activity	REPEAL
JJ-E	Student Activities – application, exhibit	REPEAL
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		

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

AD – School District Mission - Mrs. Arnett wanted to update this policy in order to align it with the new changes made to the District Mission statement. She also asked the Board if they would like to add the District Vision statement to this policy since there isn't a specific policy for vision statements. The Board was in agreement to update the mission statement and include the vision statement to district policy AD.

BGA – Policy Implementation – This is one of many policies that CASB has recently repealed. Our district version of the policy hasn't been updated since 1992, and since the district used CASB for policy implementation, it is obsolete. The Board agrees to repeal this policy.


GCE/GCF-R – Professional Staff Recruiting / Hiring; GCKA – Instructional Staff Assignments & Transfers; GDE/GDF-R – Professional Staff Recruiting / Hiring – Mr. Cooper brought the hiring policies to this meeting in response to a concern about the district not advertising a couple of recent positions. Mr. Cooper apologized for not advertising the transfer of the Life Skills teacher to the District GT position. Mrs. McHenry asked if the other transfer, the Elementary Art Teacher position, was a part-time position before the transfer was made. Mr. Cooper stated that during the budget talks, it was mentioned how it would be beneficial if the position were to become full-time. Mrs. Maxwell explained the in-house transfer process, and stated that even if a current employee wants to transfer to a different position, she and the interview team still interviews that person to make sure that they would be a good fit with their peers. Mr. Cooper would like to continue to give current employees the first opportunity to apply for open positions. The Board discussed changing regulation GCE/GCF-R to include transfers and make it clear that current employees wanting to transfer would need to provide a letter of interest for an open position. Mr. Kelly stated that the Board would like to work on revising these policies and put them on hold for now. Mrs. Arnett will contact CASB and get more clarification on policies GCE/GCF-R and GCKA.

IKF – Graduation Requirements – Mr. Cooper stated that he talked to Mr. Thurston about Vo-Ag and Math in reference to the graduation policy. The policy states the “students who complete four years of vocational agriculture shall be able to waive one year of high school science or math credit after the freshman course science courses have been completed”. Mr. Cooper stated that some staff voiced concern that VoAg Math may not meet Math Standards and that those students may not score well on Math assessments. Mr. Cooper also mentioned that other districts are not allowing Vo-Ag classes to be substituted for Math. Mrs. McHenry stated that several years ago four Math, four Science, and four English were required, and wondered why those were not longer required and the number of credits required to graduate were reduced. Mrs. Maxwell brought up the fact that they District does not have a common sense Math class, and that students are graduating not knowing how to balance a checkbook, compound interest, or understand the stock market. Mrs. McCoy stated that a few years ago the district had the curriculum set up for this type of Math curriculum, and the teacher ended up leaving. Then the curriculum was going to be incorporated into the classroom. Mr. Cooper stated that he will work with Mr. Thurston on a financial literacy course and bringing back the four Math, four Science, and four English requirements. The Board would like to put this policy on hold.

JJ – Student Activities; JJ-R1 – Student Activities, regulation; JJ-R2 – New Sport / Activity; JJ-E – Student Activities – application, exhibit – All of these policies are being repealed by CASB, and the district versions have not been updated since 1995. They are being replaced by CASB policies: JJA – Student Organizations; JJD – Student Activity Fees; JJE- Student Fund-Raising Activities; JJF – Student Activities Funds; JJH – Student Travel; JJI – Student Athletics; and JJJ – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility. After much discussion on clubs vs. activities, and adding new sports / clubs, the Board would like to put a hold on the repeal of these polices and bring them back to the next policy meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT WAS AT 5:55 p.m.


Board President Date 11-13-14


Board Secretary Date 11-13-14