

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13TH, 2014
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

November 13th, 2014
5:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. on November 13th, 2014.
- II. 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, Tammy Hooten, Interim Business Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Linnea Vass to approve the agenda.
Votes: McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**

- IV. BOARD VACANCY - CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS AND DISCUSSION
Board candidate interviews were conducted of the four applicants via random draw. The following applicants were interviewed for the open Board of Director's position: Ginny Johnson, Lenetta Shull, Joe Brunner and Deanna Prock.
Discussion: The board felt all candidates were capable and will have further discussion and voting during the regular board meeting.

BREAK
6:15 p.m. - 6:31 p.m.

Policy Meeting

6:31 p.m.

CODE	TOPIC	READING
GBGG	Annual Leave	HOLD @ 2nd reading
GCBA-E2	Extracurricular Pay For coaches/Sponsors	review
GCE-GCF-R	Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring	HOLD
GCKA	Instructional Staff Assignments & Transfers	HOLD
IKF	Graduation Requirements	HOLD
IHA♦	Basic Instruction Program	REPEAL
IHA-R♦♥	Basic Instruction Program—regulation	REPEAL
IHBK♦	Preparation for Postsecondary Success	2 nd reading
IHBK-R♦	“ “ “ “ “-reg. 2 nd reading	
JFBB	Inter-District Choice / Open Enrollment	1 st reading
JFBB-R	“ “ “ “ “-regulation 1 st reading	
KDB♦	Public Right to Know-Freedom of Info.	2 nd reading
♥Replaced by IHBK & IHBK-R-Preparation for Postsecondary Success		
♦ Required by law		
†New Policy		

GBGG Annual Leave - Ms. Andrews discussed removing the one to three years on the back page; four to ten years needs to be corrected to 11 plus years. This was what was approved by the Board at the last policy meeting. Ms. Andrews clarified the accrual for annual leave, up to 60 days accrual; the policy states that the District will pay for sick days when someone leaves. Annual leave is what is available for the current year.

GCBA-E2 Extracurricular Pay For Coaches/Sponsors - Ms. Andrews gave the board comparisons for past years, including this year. Stipends have tightened up. \$15,000 was given in 2000; \$22,000 this past year. Ms. Andrews suggests leaving the discretion on stipend allocation at the principal level. Ms. Andrews suggested making the sponsor stipend a budgetary item on the budget. The coach's salary schedule will remain and will be discussed further; the sponsor schedule will be pulled.

GCE-GCF-R Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring - Suggestions of CASB were discussed. A separate policy is needed for transfers, which there is. Will remain as is.

GCKA Instructional Staff Assignments & Transfers - Will remain as is.

IKF Graduation Requirements - Mr. Thurston reported, page 2 of 6, there are concerns with general requirements under the new testing standards. Regarding Vocational credit, Math and Science teachers do not feel that taking four years of Ag. should replace a grad requirement in Math or Science, as the content is not in enough detail. Compromise: Honoring student's time outside classroom, 1/4 elective credit, not a grad requirement for Math or Science: Mr. Gordanier would like to see something similar to the following language: Students who complete four years of Vocational Agriculture shall be awarded one elective credit. After discussion: 1/4 elective credit per year after successful completion. Next asterisk - VoTech language is outdated and needs to be changed. Mr. Thurston recommended this asterisk be stricken in its entirety; the board felt only the language needed to amended. Take out "certain," insert "approved concurrent enrollment coursework," or some such language. Further discussion ensued on changes for the policy. Of the three Social Studies credits, Civics must be taken. Insert service learning project with a specific number of hours. Strike, "Juniors may take Civics ..."
A quarter credit will be given with the successful completion/participation. Ms. Hall will be consulted about the Band piece.

The rest of the policies will be discussed at the next policy meeting.

BREAK
7:28 p.m. - 7:37 p.m.

Regular Meeting

7:37 p.m.

- VI. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. on November 13th, 2014.
- VII. PLEDGE
- VIII. 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, Tammy Hooten, Interim Business Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IX. 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
- X. BOARD CANDIDATE APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER - ACTION ITEM
After voting, Candidate 4, Dee Wyman Prock, was chosen.

A motion was made by Linnea Vass and seconded by Vangi McCoy to appoint Dee Wyman as the new board member.

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

Ms. Wyman Prock was sworn in.

XI. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

After discussion, a motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to elect Linnea Vass as the President.

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

A motion was made by Joye McHenry and seconded by Vangi McCoy to elect Dee Wyman Prock as the Treasurer.

Discussion: Ms. Vass explained the treasurer duties.

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

A motion was made by Joye McHenry and seconded by Linnea Vass to leave Vice President and Secretary positions as currently filled.

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

Ms. McCoy is willing to stay on top of legislative updates as well as remain the BOCES representative.

XII. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION

The October 9th, 2014, policy minutes were approved as presented.

The October 9th, 2014, board minutes were approved with the following change - Mr. Thurston felt Breathalyzer random testing wasn't enough should be changed to reasonable suspicion testing wasn't enough.

The October 16th, 2014, special board meeting minutes were approved as presented.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL ISSUE

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Joye McHenry to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding legal issues 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 and the Business Manager.

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

The Board broke into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. and returned at 8:16 p.m. with no votes taken and no decisions made.

XIV. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - None

XV. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

- A. Strategic Plan #1: Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) - Ms. Maxwell and Mr. Thurston both presented PowerPoint presentations of the data. All schools yielded some good results, with areas needing improvement. Plans for the improvement were discussed. Participation was good.
- B. Strategic Plan #2:
- C. Strategic Plan #3: Construction Project Update - Mr. Cooper reported the project is on schedule. Remodel of locker rooms hit a snag, heaters aren't working, space heaters are being used. FCI will be down next week to fix the issue. Boulders were donated by the Forest Service. Landscaping and shrubs have also come in.

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Report in packets. Highlight: 84 school districts were deemed high need poverty, ranging from west Texas, San Luis Valley, Four Corners, northeast corner of Arizona, northern section of New Mexico; the District will be part of an Innovative Approaches to Literacy Grant. Grant is for two years and will help us with summer school and after school literacy programs.

XVII. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS - Reports in packets.

XVIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report - Mr. Thurston reported on behalf of Student Government. They're working on the Thanksgiving food drive. Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets and donation boxes. They are starting the elementary Christmas shopping fundraiser. Ms. Truelsen would like copies of the lists for the Thanksgiving food drive.
- B. BOCES - Ms. McCoy reported there was no meeting.
- C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported that at the January 20th DAAC night there will be discussion on school finance; the February 17th DAAC night will be focused on Mill Levy. January 6th, ribbon cutting. Middle of March there will be a community event, highlighting student achievement and projects at the secondary.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - Ms. McCoy reported there isn't much going on; CO Children's Campaign is working on looking at the standards and assessment task force. Recommendations for changes will be released in January. Ms. McCoy will send a link to Mr. Cooper for people to provide feedback.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - Ms. McHenry would like discussion on the Breathalyzer issue at the next meeting. It is already on for the policy portion of the meeting.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion - Ms. McHenry suggested amending the communication plan, since it's not being followed due to busy schedules.
- G. Town of Dolores Report - Ms. Truelsen reported that sidewalks are done throughout town. Lana will remain as acting Town Manager and Ryan as consultant.
- H. Other

XIX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of November bills and financial statements for period ending October 31st, 2014
- B. Approval of minutes for the October 9th, 2014, policy meeting, the October 9th, 2014, board meeting and the October 16th, 2014, special board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Fourth Grade Teacher:* Kathy Carpenter; *Bus Driver:* Richard Schmidt
Substitute Teacher: Genevieve Ashmol
Resignation of: *Elementary Special Ed:* Brad Finch
- D. Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendation for Expulsion
- E. Approval of bid for speaker system
- F. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
AD	School District Mission	review
BGA	Policy Implementation	REPEAL
BEC	Executive Sessions	1 st reading
BEDG	Minutes	1 st reading
GBGF	Fed.-Mandated Family & Medical Leave	2 nd reading
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- G. Approval of maternity leave for Kacee Russell

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

Discussion: Mr. Cooper reported the new bus driver will be receiving his CDL soon, he's now learning to drive the mini bus. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks we should be fully staffed. Ms. Vass asked for clarification about the expulsion. Mr. Cooper reported the student chose to return to their home school. They are not allowed to return to Dolores without a written behavior contract. Mr. Thurston reported this family did move back into the district boundaries, so that is something to be aware of.

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

XX. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

A. Improv & Wilderness Clubs - Possible Action Item

Discussion ensued on funding; in prior budget discussions, money was not to be allocated to new activities/clubs.

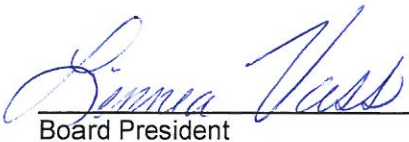
A motion was made by Joye McHenry and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the Improv and Wilderness Clubs, both as unfunded activities, and they will be required to provide their own transportation; reapproval will be revisited in the fall of 2015.

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

- B. Strategy for Magic in the Air - Throughout the day, buildings are purged of stale air, and fresh air is brought in. Our air quality is good; comfort is a struggle. Ms. Truelsen would like some cell tower monies to be allocated towards finding a solution for this issue.
- C. Mill Levy Conversation - Ms. Andrews reported assessed valuation has dropped, thereby increasing the mills, which means community contribution will have to increase. Further discussion will need to be had in the future.
- D. Board member mentorship - Ms. McHenry and Ms. Vass feel a mentor would be beneficial for new board members. A new board binder/packet would also be beneficial.
- E. Suggestions for use of Cell Tower monies - Discussed above.

Mr. Cooper announced that at least three are attending the CASB conference. The deadline is 11/18.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT was at 9:15 p.m. The next Board (policy) meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11th, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.


Board President _____ Date _____

 12-11-2014
Board Secretary _____ Date _____