

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR MAY 14TH, 2015
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

May 14th, 2015
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 14th, 2015.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Joye McHenry, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Jimmie Lankford, Secondary VP/AD, Sherri Maxwell, Elementary Principal, Tammy Hooten, Business Manager, Faith Pejsa, Student Government Representative, staff and community members were also in attendance. Members absent were: Vangi McCoy
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Joye McHenry to approve the agenda with the additions.
Votes: McHenry-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION
Minutes for the April 9th, 2015, policy meeting and regular board meeting were approved as presented.
- VI. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - None.
- VII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
 - A. Strategic Plan #1: PARCC/CMAS/ACT/NWEA - Mr. Cooper reported that the various testings started in March and wrapped up yesterday. All of the data will help Dolores understand instructional changes needed, where students are, and where to go in the future. NWEA data is immediate, which is helpful for next year's planning; PARCC/CMAS data won't be in until the fall. Mr. Lankford reported PARCC went well, but it is time consuming. Several opted out for this reason. CMAS had technical difficulties, more so in the elementary. The Chrome books have been helpful. 95% participation was needed for students to take the PARCC testing for the baseline data to be valid; there was approximately between 75-80% participation at the secondary. This won't affect us now, but it might in the future.
 - B. Strategic Plan #2: Middle School needs - Mr. Cooper reported the issues at the MS are being worked on and in progress to be met. Quite a bit falls under the maintenance plan, and those projects can be taken care of over the summer. Some seal leaks have been done for the roof leaks, but it's still leaking in spots. A roofing contractor may need to be brought in to fix the issues. The MS will be painted in June, the paint's been purchased.
 - C. Strategic Plan #3: a) Mill Levy - Mr. Cooper reported the meeting is June 4th, 6:00 p.m., in the commons. A mailing list has been generated of voters in the district for future use. A letter will also be sent home again to parents.
b) Budget Presentation - Ms. Hooten presented the prelim budget. Discussion among the board and all present about the budget numbers. A few corrections/amendments need to be made, which Ms. Hooten will do before finalization. A full-time math position is being proposed at the MS. The math program in the MS is being restructured; if kids don't pass, they have to retake the course and attend

interventions. Discussion ensued on the new math program and how it will develop going into the future. Gaps do exist in the GT program as well as the interventions. Those have been identified and improvements are being made.

Discussion: The Mill Levy is important to get back for future salaries; if it's not approved, layoffs could be an option or other cuts in the budget will have to take place. A full-time fourth grade teacher and a 1/2 math as well as another full math at MS is needed; these are recommended tonight. We have 35% out of district students K-12, down from 38% last year. The necessities need to be approved, i.e., the new teaching positions, insurance, bus, etc.

The small rural schools grant money, a one-time windfall can be used for a one-time need, i.e., the payment for the bus, the phone system, etc.

A motion was made by Joye McHenry and seconded by Dee Prock to approve a fourth grade elementary teacher and an FTE MS math teacher.

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

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Report in packets.

- IX. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS - Mr. Lankford reported the senior breakfast is on May 21st, 8:30, at the Ponderosa; HS awards to follow in the gym. Graduation practice is on Friday, May 22nd, 10:00 a.m. Senior awards night is May 22nd, 5:00 p.m. for food, the presentation from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Graduation is May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. 8th Grade Continuation is May 26th, 6:00 p.m. Mr. Lankford reported on the athletic accomplishments at the secondary. NWEA data is being evaluated along with other testing options, one being the STAR, as Mr. Lankford feels it aligns to common core better and also tracks SpEd students better. Discussion ensued on what testing to use, but more research and discussion is needed among stakeholders.

Ms. Maxwell demoed the Dolores elementary curriculum Google website.

X. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report - Ms. Pejsa reported the registration spaghetti dinner was a success; new officers have been elected. She thanked the school board on behalf of the senior class for everything they've done. The board and admin also thanked Ms. Pejsa for taking her leadership role.
- B. BOCES - Mr. Cooper reported the meeting was last night that he and Ms. McCoy attended via phone; the budget was approved, with no significant changes. Midwinter the executive director position will be advertised. eSchool principal interviews are on calendar. There are quite a few OT and PT openings, visit their website for more information.
- C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported the main track is the Mill Levy override, presentation on June 4th.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - Mr. Cooper reported the amount of testing was reduced, along with the negative factor; parents can opt out of testing again next year if they choose.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - None.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion - Mr. Cooper reported this is ongoing; he would like to revisit this at the retreat in August.
- G. Town of Dolores Report - Ms. Truelsen reported the Dolores annual cleanup days are next week, May 18 and 19.
- H. Other - Ms. Vass reminded the board of the various events at the elementary, the dates are posted.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of May bills and financial statements for period ending April 30th, 2015
- B. Approval of minutes for the April 9th, 2015, regular board meeting and policy meeting

C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Secondary Counselor:* Jessica Gennari; *First Grade Teacher:* Amanda Hill; *Fifth Grade Teacher:* Dawn Asbjorn; *Fifth Grade Teacher:* Alison Bjerke; *Third Grade Teacher:* Angela Lowe; *Fourth Grade Teacher:* Alyssa Kaufman; *Agriculture Teacher:* Kady Meyer; *MS/HS Principal:* Jenifer Huffman; *MS Cheer Coach:* Mariah Ragland; *Substitute Teacher:* Carol Anderson

Leave of Absence for: *Preschool Teacher:* Casey Russell

Resignation of: *High School Math Teacher:* Dana Petersen; *Preschool Teacher:* Brittney Bryan

D. The elementary teaching contract of Eden Zillioux be nonrenewal for the 2015-'16 school year in compliance with CRS 22-63203

E. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
GCBA-E3	Administrative Staff Salary/Compensation	1st reading
BEAA	Electronic Participation in School Board Mtgs.	review
GCQC/GCQD	Resignation of Instructional/Admin. Staff	review
GCQC/GCQD-R	" " " " -regulation	review
GCQF-R	Discip/Suspen/Dismissal of Prof. Staff	review
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		

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

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

XII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

A. Athletic fee increase - possible Action Item - Mr. Lankford reported the increase in student injuries has prompted the need for the possible contracting of athletic trainers out of Durango to attend our games. An athletic trainer would be on campus every Tuesday for injured students if needed; baseline impact testing prior to playing sports can be done, so if injury occurs, retesting can be done to determine damage. Proper taping techniques will be given. AED training, required by law, will also be provided. The cost is about \$3,000/year. Ms. McHenry is against this, concerned about liability issues. Ms. Vass feels the opposite is true. Mr. Lankford would like an athletic fee increase to cover this cost. Several board members would like further investigation and consultation with the District's attorney. At minimum, Mr. Lankford would like to offer the impact testing. Extensive discussion ensued on injuries, the responsibility of all parties, what the school should and shouldn't provide the tests available and what's involved. Mr. Cooper will consult with the District's attorney and report at the next meeting.

All board members are in favor of the athletic fee increase, regardless of what the money is ultimately used for. Mr. Lankford recommended \$10 at the HS and \$5 at the MS; with the family maximum being \$135 at both the HS and MS.

A motion was made by Dee Prock and seconded by Joye McHenry to approve the athletic fee increase of \$10 at the HS and \$5 at the MS, with a family maximum of \$135 at both, starting with the 2015-'16 school year.

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

B. Concurrent Enrollment policy IHEDA - Mr. Cooper reported that this policy needs to be updated, in part because of SCCC's tuition increase. A draft was supplied to the board. Payment for tuition suggestions, adjust to pay up to 90% of the current PPOR for the current year; it will no longer say unlimited. Discussion ensued on the policy and the changes that will be discussed at the upcoming policy meeting in June.

C. TELL survey results - The results are online; gains have been made over the past couple years overall, with some decreases.

D. Retirement party report - It was a great success and a lot of fun.

E. July board meeting? (Action Item)

After discussion a motion was made by Joye McHenry and seconded by Dee Prock to cancel the July 16, 2015, board meeting.

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

- F. Teddy Bear NAEYC celebration - Mr. Cooper reported the celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 29th, 2:00 p.m., at Teddy Bear preschool. Everyone is invited.
- G. End of Year Celebration - Linda Yellowman, a past Dolores County School Board member, requested that she be allowed to hand her niece her diploma; she wants it to be a surprise. The board approves this request.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT was at 9:50 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18th, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly R. Vass 6/24/15
Board President Date

Deanna E. Truelsen 6-24-15
Board Secretary Date