

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13th, 2015
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

August 13th, 2015
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. on August 13th, 2015.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Joye McHenry, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Shawna Wark, Accounting, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Dee Prock and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the agenda with the additions and the following change: The approval of John McHenry under XIV. C. will be made a separate action item, so as Joye McHenry can recuse herself from voting, due to their affiliation. Votes: McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION
Minutes for the June 18th, 2015, policy meeting, the June 24th, 2015, regular Board meeting and the July 14th, 2015, special Board meetings were approved as presented.
- VI. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - None.
- VII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
 - A. Strategic Plan #1: Professional Development Update - Mr. Cooper reported that training of staff is ongoing, coaching will continue throughout the year. Writing standards are being focused on.
 - B. Strategic Plan #2: Ms. Vass reported Ms. Huffman has been well received. She is very supportive of staff and has already contacted everyone to let them know if they need anything, she can be reached any time. Everyone was pleased with the positive energy at the convocation.
 - C. Strategic Plan #3: Mr. Cooper reported it's going well, however, there doesn't seem to be much interest. The weekly meetings aren't well attended; they've been heavily advertised to the public. "Strong Schools Strong Community" is the slogan. Pamphlets/information flyers are being copied and will be sent to the community. The ballot question will be approved tonight. A/C is being installed in the secondary.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Mr. Cooper sent out an updated report to the board today. Discussion ensued on funding, TABOR and the negative factor; the impacts will be known later in the year. Mr. Cooper feels student enrollment will break 800 this year.
- IX. ACADEMIC REPORT
 - A. Elementary - Ms. McCoy reported that all kindergarten home visits are done; half have come to preregistration.
 - B. Middle School - Science scores for this year's incoming freshmen were well above standards; the curriculum is being looked at for what worked so well for this group.
 - C. High School
- X. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS
 - A. Student Government Report - None.
 - B. BOCES - They don't meet until next week.

- C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported wanting to build a diverse team. He will solicit from Booster and PTO.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - Ms. McCoy reported the Children's Campaign will be here September 25th to share data. Invites will go out when the information is firmed up.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - None.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion - None.
- G. Town Board Report - Parking in town will be discussed at the next meeting. Some board members and admin will attend the next Town Board meeting.
- H. Other

XI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of August bills and financial statements for period ending July 31st, 2015
- B. Approval of minutes for the June 18th, 2015, policy meeting, the June 24th, 2015, regular meeting and the July 14th, 2015, special Board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teacher:* Diana Hastings; *Substitute Nurse:* Diana Hastings; *High School Math Teacher:* Brian Kelley; *Elementary Special Ed. Teacher:* Helen Reynolds; *Middle School Math Teacher:* Karen Ragland; *Secondary Counselor:* Ian Lennox; *Secondary P.E. Teacher:* Forrest Grosh; *High School Math Teacher:* Rob Mellott; *Middle School Language Arts Teacher:* Ryan Hoover; *Elementary Dean of Students:* Alesa Reed; *Fourth Grade Teacher:* Jay Loschert; *Fourth Grade Teacher:* Brooke Rabinovitch; *Special contract for Business Manager:* Karen Andrews; *Half-Time Title I Teacher:* Lorri Harris
Resignation of: *Fourth Grade Teacher:* Micah Owen; *Transportation Director:* Bernadette McClain
- D. Approval of Secondary Student Handbook
- E. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
BEAA	Electronic Participation in School Board Mtgs.	2 nd reading
GCQC/GCQD	Resignation of Instructional/Admin. Staff	2 nd reading
GCQC/GCQD-R	Resignation of Instructional/Admin. Staff - reg	2 nd reading
GCQF-R	Discip./Suspen./Dismissal of Prof. Staff	2 nd reading
IHCDA	Concurrent Enrollment	2 nd reading
◆ Required by law		
† New Policy		

- F. approval of ballot language for 2015 mill levy voter approval

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

Discussion: Ballot question changes were discussed and minor changes made to reflect that taxes aren't being increased, they are remaining what they have been, per voter approval in 2008.

Ms. Truelsen reported changes needed to be made on page 33 of the Secondary Student Handbook; Ms. Sauk needs to be removed for math; Ms. Sanford needs to be removed from 6th grade P.E. VoAg needs to be updated with the teacher. Other changes/updates will be made upon further review of the handbook.

The previous motion was withdrawn and a motion was made by Joye McHenry and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the Action Items as presented, with the following change: To amend the ballot language for the 2015 Mill Levy Ballot Question as follows: Take out "or increasing any current tax" and including the word "to" between "authorized" and "continue."

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

A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve *High School Special Ed. Teacher:* John McHenry.

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

XII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Board Retreat Debrief - Ms. McHenry reported attending Mr. Cooper's convocation, in which he focused on the core values, student centered, honesty, respect.
- Student-Centered - Ms. McHenry is concerned with the MS athletic schedule, feeling it's more like a HS schedule. She would also like the board members to visit classrooms throughout the year. After discussion, the staff will be asked their thoughts on board members visiting classrooms and being more of a presence at school events. The principals can include important dates in their monthly reports so board members can plan on attending if their schedules allow.
- Respect - The board would like notepads, with the district's core values on the top, message from the board, etc., that the board members can jot positive notes on and leave as feedback for others.
- Honesty - No omissions, no excuses, own your mistakes, test scores, etc. Feedback from staff on what honesty means would be helpful. Being positive while being honest is important. Some examples of honesty, positions shouldn't be promised before board approval, all interested parties in a discrepancy can get together for a meeting, instead of individualized meetings; boundaries need to be set and followed.
- Discussion ensued on building participation on the various committees needed at all levels of the schools. Each board member will recruit a person for each team.
- Recap: Mr. Cooper will notify principals and Teddy Bear that some board members will be visiting classrooms; principals need to send important dates to Mr. Cooper and the board so board members can attend; Mr. Cooper will keep track of what board members attend events and adjust as needed; Town Hall meetings and Linkages need to be scheduled, Ms. Vass and Mr. Cooper will work on this; notepads with core values and "A Note From Your Board Member" will be acquired so board members can leave notes for staff and students; renaming of the DAAC/SAAC/EAAC teams; Mr. Cooper to e-mail the principals a synopsis of this board discussion.
- The board decided that principal attendance, to include the director of Teddy Bear, is optional. If there is something that needs to be reported, Mr. Cooper can ask the interested leader to attend and report. Ms. Truelsen would like accomplishments and achievements to be added to the agenda. Ms. McHenry would like the communication plan reports and discussion removed. Further discussion ensued on the format of the agenda. The policy for agenda items will be discussed at the next board meeting, along with the goals.
- B. CASB Regional Fall Meeting - September 2nd, 2015, 4:30-8:30 p.m., at the Destination Grill in Cortez. Dinner is provided.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT was at 8:25 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.


Board President Date 9/10/15


Board Secretary Date 9-10-15