

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2015
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

September 10th, 2015
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on September 10th, 2015.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Joye McHenry, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Gary Livick, Elementary Principal, Jenifer Huffman, Secondary Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to approve the agenda with the additions, adding XV., H., Assistant Director of Transportation (Possible Action Item).

Discussion: Mr. Cooper reported the assistant director of transportation would be no increase in pay; the current person in mind, Dominic Petrose, has been helping; he's also the mechanic. Mr. Cooper would like his title changed to assistant director/mechanic. The job description will need to be looked at and updated/changed. He'll be certified to do bus inspections; he already does mechanic work and already drives buses. There is no rush. Ms. Andrews would like to hear Larry's input. Before it's voted on the board would like to see a job description. It will be up for discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Andrews reported that she needs a vote on the dance team as a team sport for insurance purposes. There are no issues on the program. They are getting ready to travel, though, and they need to be covered under insurance.

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

- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION
Minutes for the August 4th, 2015, board retreat and the August 13th, 2015, regular board meeting were approved as presented.
- VI. 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 matters 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, the Business Manager and the School District Attorney.
Votes: McHenry-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

The Board broke into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. and returned at 6:45 p.m. with no votes taken and no decisions made.

- VII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
KAREN WEBSTER - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TRIP APPROVAL - Ms. Webster and Ms. Strunce reported on the NHS trip to Boulder, CO, to tour colleges. Ms. Webster and Ms. Garlick are the sponsors. They do have money to pay for the trip; they're asking the district to pay travel expenses. A driver is not needed. Substitute teachers will be needed for both sponsors for two days worth of classes. Discussion ensued on if this was in the budget; it was not. It can be budgeted for in the future. They did present to the previous principal and received approval, but were not told they had to also present to the board.

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Joye McHenry to approve up to \$500 in expenditures, to include substitutes, for the NHS travel, and to add this request to the budget for next year.

Discussion: Ms. McHenry would like them to continue their fundraising efforts this year and next.

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

VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

A. Strategic Plan #1: CMAS results for 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th Grades; Professional Development (PD), Professional Learning Communities (PLC), and Walk-throughs

Mr. Livick handed out the current data and test results and reported on the elementary CMAS results. The cut scores have not been put together yet; they will be released in November. Strong and distinguished replace proficient and advanced. The percentages in the top two categories will be lower under the new terminology and test if the proposed cut scores remain. Testing is more rigorous to align with national standards and college prep curriculum. There were areas in social studies and science identified for improvement on standards.

There is no historical data with these tests, therefore teacher effectiveness is not being measured from this. Class sizes are good and peer evaluations are ongoing.

The data showed some of the following: Last year we could have covered CO history and conservation and mass better, anatomy; 4th grade can do better in some social studies areas.

NWEA - 3rd grade, drop between spring and fall; Mr. Livick will research on how much is regression versus students that left the district.

PLC - Kindergarten is collaborating with preschool; schedules are being set up to observe each other.

PD - Write Tools are being provided; staff input is being sought to see where they need PD.

***** The board wanted some citizens to address them, without having to wait through the meeting. *****

Mr. Funk introduced himself and spoke about his plan to evaluate the transportation system and the new systems he plans to implement.

Ms. Josie Snow introduced herself and passed out the minutes from the last Wildly Important Student-Centered Advisory Team (WISCAT). This team is replacing DAAC, focusing more on problem solving student centered issues. There will be some data and accountability discussion, but that won't be the focus. The library will be open to students at all times at the secondary; they want to assist the new librarian and build a volunteer base to help within the library. They also looked at some of the elementary technology issues. They will be having meetings every other week. This new energy and focus is encouraging.

(After break.)

A. Strategic Plan #1 (Continued):

Ms. Huffman showed the CMAS data on the social studies grade 7 - 60% in limited range; 36% are moderate; 2% strong; 2% distinguished - work needs to be done to catch up to state. The test will be the same assessment this year; however, frequency of administration is changing. Indicators - do a good job of teaching history and geography; we struggle with the economics and civics. We need to make sure what we do is standards based, and the quality of work that needs to be done will take some time.

Science 8th - Did very well.

They are finishing NWEA testing and those results will be available at the next board meeting. The secondary tested 7th-11th.

PD is being evaluated among all staff; how can each staff member meet the goals they set for themselves; who do they aspire to be?

Communication is being worked on.

The board participated in an activity, "Clickers," with Ms. Huffman; an innovative tool being used with students, after interviewing staff and reviewing the TELL survey results, to increase good feedback

and instructional strategies. This helps with PLCs and content teams to see the progress being made and if long-term goals are being met. Curriculum alignment is a focus.

Walkthroughs are being done in classrooms to get a feel for bell to bell learning.

- B. Strategic Plan #2:
- C. Strategic Plan #3: Mill Levy (ML) - Mr. Cooper handed out flyers to be circulated re the Mill Levy; the DEA is helping with printing costs. Current ML sunsets in 2016; we're asking voters to approve it this year in order to build next year's budget. The negative factor started the second year of the ML. Some local thought is that the district should be fiscally sound by the time this ML sunsetted, so some are skeptical. We are not asking for an increase so a new tax is not created. If approved this ML will sunset in 2024. Mr. Cooper has been meeting and educating many local groups in the hopes of gaining their support. Mr. Cooper is always planning more newspaper publications. October 8th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., some teachers will be walking around town disseminating information on the ML.

(Break taken and then Ms. Huffman reported on CMAS, noted above.)

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Reports are in board packets.

X. ACADEMIC REPORT - See above.

- A. Elementary
- B. Middle School
- C. High School

XI. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report - None.
- B. BOCES - None.
- C. District Accountability - Refer to the WISCAT report above.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - None.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - Ms. McHenry feels we are short coaches; advertising is not being done for the positions to get good people in place and we're spreading coaches too thin, HS coaches also coaching MS, etc. Ms. McHenry would like citizens that come to address the board to be moved to the top of the agenda; then they can choose to stay for the rest of the meeting. Ms. Prock would like that determination to be made at the meeting. Future discussion will take place.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion - None.
- G. Town of Dolores Report - Mr. Cooper reported that the meeting was a workshop regarding parallel parking in town. Ms. Vass reported the decision hasn't been made yet. The HS parking will remain as is.
- H. Other - None.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of September bills and financial statements for period ending August 31st, 2015
- B. Approval of minutes for the August 4th, 2015, board retreat and the August 13th, 2015, regular board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Preschool Substitute Teachers: Sandy Greene; Transportation Director: Larry Funk; HS Asst. Football Coach: Forrest Grosh; HS Head Wrestling Coach: Dane Gallaher; MS Asst. Volleyball Coach: Stacy Ervien; Sub Bus Driver: Gerald (Gary) Unrein; Elementary SPED Para: Denise Clinger-Arruda; Substitute Teacher: Jonnie Ryan*

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

XIII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Policy BEDB - Agenda
 - Ms. Vass suggested that this be visited at the next board meeting. All present were in agreement.
- B. School Board Member Walk-Throughs
 - Mr. Cooper researched the Post-it notes from board members discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Cooper has discussed this subject with staff; the feedback is that veteran teachers

