

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

Regular Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

December 10th, 2015  
5:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. on December 10th, 2015.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Joye McHenry, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Jimmie Lankford, Vice Principal/Athletic Director, Gary Livick, Elementary Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, Doreen Jones, Business Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the agenda with the additions.**  
**Votes: McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION – The December 2, 2015, meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - Dr. Jay Anderson came to support Mr. Lankford regarding the graduation committee discussion.

Dr. Anderson is also trying to initiate a career prep strategy within his curriculum, trying to get the students to invest in the Dolores Arts Guild, \$2 for an 11x19 print of their work; if they sell their piece, they make a 500% profit. This shows the students how graphic arts can be a business. Dr. Anderson has been in the process of creating photo displays of people of all ages within our community, and he's been cataloguing these photos for several years. He would like to put them up for sale, with 10% going back into the Dolores Arts Guild. He is seeking board approval and planning assistance, making sure he has proper consent to display various photos.

Mr. Lankford discussed the planning for the advisory period, which will be presented to the staff for the approval and feedback at their next staff meeting.

Dr. Anderson also discussed credit hours for staff being offered here at Dolores, instead of traveling to Adams State. He'd like this to be on for future discussion.

- VII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
  - A. Strategic Plan #1: PARCC assessments are going out with report cards.
  - B. Strategic Plan #2:
  - C. Strategic Plan #3: Budget – Ms. Andrews passed out information from the finance commissioner. Pupil count is slightly down compared to last year. Funding factor went up about \$292 / per pupil. Total program funding increased a bit. Property tax: Mill Levy will be set tonight. Bottom line: compared to last year's equalization, increase based on current numbers of \$128,000; \$112,000 may be added to our budget if the pupil count numbers remain status quo; plus \$20,000 property tax, total \$132,000 increase. Health insurance will need to be added because of the change in the Affordable Care Act. Heavily used subs may fall under the 24 hour minimum insurance requirement. Software needs to be invested in for accurate reporting. Every employee has to be reported for one full year, show their average hours worked, full-time, part-time and show why they don't have insurance.

Overall: The budget looks good; don't spend what we don't have.

The Board asked about the status of school vehicles – where we stood on the need of a maintenance truck or other vehicles. Mr. Cooper stated that we are good on vehicles right now and we would use the Transportation truck for maintenance if need be.

Discussion ensued on scheduling of extracurricular activities and the space needed to host them. Numbers for sports will need to be looked at to see if things are remaining viable.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – A report was in board packets.

IX. ACADEMIC REPORT

- A. Elementary – Mr. Livick reported that CMAS results are in and gave a recap on our performance compared to the state.
- B. Middle School
- C. High School – Mr. Lankford reported that the graduation committee has been meeting regularly. Their goal is to have a draft policy available in February to present to staff, in March to WISCAT, in April to the Board of Education. They're looking at the educational aspect, general education requirements, career pathway completion, plus the Capstone project. Grade checks are done every Friday. Class sizes are being looked at; some have fallen below the recommended 12 students in a class and this will need to be addressed and evaluated.

Ms. Vass reported on talking with math teachers on the program ALEX; she was told math scores were higher when ALEX was being utilized. Others disagree. Discussion ensued on different programs, Mr. Livick likes Kahn Academy and feels it's superior, catering to the different needs of students. This department and the various programs offered will be looked at in more detail and evaluated on how best to benefit Dolores students.

X. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report – None.
- B. BOCES – None.
- C. WISCAT – Mr. Cooper reported they're working with the nutrition department; the Farm to School is expanding their garden. Mr. Soukop plans to work with Farm to School.
- D. Legislative Network Reports – No updates since the CASB conference.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - None.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion - None.
- G. Town Board Report – Ms. Truelsen reported that the town is trying to get the Dollar Store to get a proper building permit and do things according to code.
- H. Other

XI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of November bills and financial statements for period ending October 31st, 2015.
- B. Approval of minutes for the December 2, 2015, special board meeting.
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teacher:* Keith Cliver; *Bus Driver:* Kenneth Allison
- D. Approval of Doreen Jones as the financial administrator of the following accounts: General Fund, Bond Fund, Insurance Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Lunch Fund and Activity Fund; approval as administrator of all district credit cards; approval as signature of Activity Fund.

E. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
AED♦	Accreditation	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
BC	School Board Member Conduct	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
BC-R	School Board Member Financial Disclosure	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
BCA-E-2	Board Member Code of Ethics – Exhibit	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
BDFC	Preschool Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
BID/BIE	School Board Member Compensation ...	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
CBF	Superintendent's Conduct	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading

DAB-E	Financial Administration	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
DEB	Loan Programs (Funds from State Tax)	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
GBGAB	First Aid Training	HOLD
IHBB	Gifted and Talented Education	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
IHBEA	English Language Learners	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
IKA◆	Grading/Assessment Systems	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
GCFA†	Portability of Non-Probationary Status	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
◆ Required by law		
† New Policy		

F. Set the January 2016 policy meeting

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

Discussion: Ms. McHenry clarified that the November board minutes have not been approved.

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

Discussion ensued on the scheduling of the policy meeting.

**After discussion an amendment was made to the above motion to include the approval of setting the policy meeting for January 14, 2016, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with the board meeting following from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

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

XII. SET MILL LEVY (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Andrews passed out information regarding the mill levy. Gross assessed valuation has increased, which is good news for the public.

**A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to set the Mill Levy at the following rates: General Fund 27.982; Bond Redemption Fund 7.299, for a total of 35.281.**

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

XIII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

A. Homework policy and practices – This will be discussed at a future meeting.

B. CASB Debrief – Ms. Truelsen was filled in by Mr. Cooper after the CASB meeting. Other attendees have had this discussion.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT was at 6:45 p.m. The next Board (policy) meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

  
 Board President Date

  
 Board Secretary Date