

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 8TH, 2015
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

October 8th, 2015
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 8th, 2015.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Gary Livick, Elementary Principal, Jenifer Huffman, Secondary Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, Larissa Umberger, Student Body President, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the agenda with the additions, adding a policy discussion on homework, as well as adding Brooke Elder to the Citizens to Address the Board.
Votes: McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION
Minutes for the September 10th, 2015, regular board meeting and the September 22nd, 2015, special board meeting were approved with the following change: Ms. McCoy was not present but attended via telephone the September 22nd, 2015, special meeting.
- VI. SCHOOLARAMA FAMILY NIGHT PRESENTATION - LORI HARRIS
Ms. Harris presented information on the second annual Schoolarama/Family Night. It is on November 5th 5:00 to 7:30, with dinner served at 5:00. She presented last year's night with a PowerPoint, showing how the evening went and how well attended and successful it was. Everyone is invited.
- VII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
Michael and Rebecca Frasier - Mr. Frasier started off with quoting the mission statement and strategic plan. Mr. Frasier came to express his concerns about a student being removed from an athletic team without the proper steps being taken. He stated the parents weren't contacted prior to removal. He would like the board to carefully consider who they hire as the Dolores volleyball middle school coach for next year. Two years in a row they feel that the current coach has violated the athletic policies and procedures. Ms. Frasier passed out some documentation for the board to review. Ms. Vass thanked them for attending and let them know they will look into the matter further.

Brooke Elder - She came tonight to express her thoughts on the healing process and the district moving forward in a positive direction. She is here to show support for the dedication of the staff and their positive effect on our students. She appreciates the coaches that are doing double duty and the dedication they show. She is thankful for the AD as well and the extra time he spends on scheduling and addressing parent concerns. Ms. Elder feels people building comes first, before sports, and feels we have quality coaches and volunteers.
- VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
 - A. Strategic Plan #1: NWEA - Mr. Cooper reported results are in the board packets and principal reports. Mr. Livick reported they'll have more in depth data next time, after they can thoroughly review the results and send them to parents.
Ms. Huffman needs more time to go over the data as well, talk with staff and process the results. She is encouraged that our students are right with the national average.
 - B. Strategic Plan #2: The current SRO and sheriff came and discussed their current work at our campus and how they are making it a safer environment for our students. The Standard Response Protocol is

being practiced and incorporated. The majority of feedback from teachers and parents has been positive regarding the police presence. The SRO does have a special rapport with some of the students, those that seem to need some extra attention. There was a felony drug bust in the parking lot. The canine officer has been in the school a few times; an abandoned backpack with drug paraphernalia was found in the commons. Our problems are small compared to some other districts. Ms. Huffman thanked the SRO and counselor for putting in some long hours to help a student in need.

- C. Strategic Plan #3: Mill Levy (ML) - Mr. Cooper reported that information is continuing to get out to support the ML and how the funds are used. Voters need to vote yes on 3A, so that the current ML will be continued for another eight years, equating to \$390,000 annually. If it's not approved, it will sunset in 2016. Ms. Elder reported that while passing out information, they received positive feedback on approval.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Reports are in board packets.

X. ACADEMIC REPORT

- A. Elementary - Mr. Livick reported still waiting for cut scores for CMAS from the state. Those will be looked at along with NWEA data in the coming weeks. The PTA helped with DIBELS assessments. The elementary has improved technology because of ML funds which has helped with electronic testing and data. PTA donations, rural money and Title VI money have helped tremendously in the technology department. The largest class size is 22; total of 450 students. The PTA continues to be a huge asset for the elementary, not only with monetary funds but with volunteer time; they have over 90 members. Teacher observations have been done, and they'll continue once a month. Report cards for 2nd - 6th will be A, B, C, etc., like the secondary.
- B. Middle School
- C. High School

Ms. Huffman reported on B and C, opening with the current vision statement and goals for the district. Ms. Huffman asked each teacher to write their interpretation of the vision statement; they created a bear paw word cloud with core values. The final form of the vision statement will be before the board for approval at the next meeting.

XI. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report - Ms. Umberger, student body president, reported they're meeting Wednesdays and working on Homecoming. They're including the MS in all of their events to help things run a bit smoother for those teachers participating. She appreciates that the students have their own computers; it has been very beneficial to learning and assignment tracking.
- B. BOCES - The meeting is next week.
- C. District Accountability - Wildly Important Student-Centered Advisory Team (WISCAT) - Ms. Snow passed out the agenda from their last meeting. The focus at the last meeting was the wellness committee; they're working with Mr. Soukup on this area. A mission statement, growth and vision statements are needed for the wellness aspect of the school. They're working on library availability and the volunteer schedule. The COW cart, is the Computer On Wheels, carrying the Chromebooks. 5th grade is very happy with the Chromebooks; 2nd grade is being worked on. Mondays is fitness for staff after school; everyone is welcome to participate in yoga and step classes.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - The Kids Count luncheon was a couple weeks ago at First National Bank; Children's Campaign was present. Data is sobering. Legislative priorities are being worked on. The Lt. Governor came a week ago and spent a full day in the area, traveling to different schools and doing interviews and reading sessions.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - The homework policy will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion - None.
- G. Town of Dolores Report - Ms. Truelsen reported the land use plan is being looked at; those interested contact the town. The Harvest Fest is this Saturday, 10-4.
- H. Other - None.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of October bills and financial statements for period ending September 30th, 2015
- B. Approval of minutes for the September 10th, 2015, regular board meeting and the September 22nd, 2015, special meeting

