

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR MAY 12TH, 2016
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

May 12th, 2016
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on May 12th, 2016.
- II. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Gary Livick, Elementary Principal, Doreen Jones, Finance Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- III. PLEDGE
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the agenda with the additions, with the following changes: VI. A., Best Foot Forward Grant will be moved to the June meeting; XIII. B. and C., will be moved to the June policy meeting to enable Mr. Lankford to be in attendance; XIII. B, the June 9 policy meeting needs to be rescheduled and added for an action item; XIII. E., GOCO planning grant will be removed; XII. C., Resignation of Larry Schwartz will be moved to be discussed as a separate discussion item.
Votes: McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION – The April 14th, 2016, regular board meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
Monica Plewe thanked the board on behalf of the girls golf team that the board approved four years ago. She reported they are doing very well. She presented the plaque to the board for the HS 1st place win, to be placed in the HS awards center. Two girls have qualified for state.
- VII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
 - A. Strategic Plan #1: Assessment Update – Mr. Cooper reported NWEA data is coming in strong. Details are highlighted in the board packets. Mr. Livick reported that NWEA is online at the elementary and data is received the next day. Testing will be done in a few days instead of six weeks. Reports generated are more accessible and usable now.
 - B. Strategic Plan #2: Destination Imagination (DI) and National History Society (NHC) competitions – Ms. Olson reported that DI fundraising has raised about \$11,000 in three weeks; an anonymous donation came in in the amount of \$5,000. They are able to travel to globals, where there are 17,000 participants from 13 countries. Mr. Cooper reported the NHC group is fundraising for their Washington, D.C., travel in the middle of June. There are two finalists attending.
 - C. Strategic Plan #3: Preliminary Budget – Ms. Jones reported we are going in with a negative balance. Highlights: Pupil count is 709. State equalization \$4,327,215; Revenues \$6,678,356; Expenditures \$7,116,260. The expenditures are the same as last year with the following exceptions: Dean of Students and Music expenditures to full time; Ms. Huffman increased the online eSchool fees; Ms. Jones added a web based software program fee. Ms. Jones will have a better carryover figure at the June meeting. Funding may also change. Once those figures are more firm, changes can be made to decrease the deficit. Health insurance figures are staying level with the same coverage. PERA is increasing. Mr. Cooper reported the negative balance figure will decrease when revenues and expenditures are known. Ms. Jones reported that the directors will be able to do their own POs online, not the coaches, to greatly reduce the paperwork in the office, also saving Ms. Jones and district office time. \$16,750 is the cost of the software. Ms. Jones feels it will be well worth it in the long run. The current software is 21 years old.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – A report was in board packets. Ms. Vass asked about CDOT's commitment for flashing signs; Mr. Cooper said they have not committed, but they have done a site visit.

They will take their information to Denver and will get back to the district on their recommendations and decisions.

IX. ACADEMIC REPORT

- A. Elementary – Mr. Livick reported the NWEA data is positive; Chromebooks are in all grade levels. They are looking at math instruction, there are three finalists; EDM scored poorly. The top three are being evaluated and taught from, and then they will be evaluated for use.
- B. Middle School
- C. High School – Mr. Cooper reported reports are in the board packets. Important dates: 5/26/16 at 5:00 p.m., senior awards night; 5/28/16 graduation at 10:00 a.m.

X. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report – None.
- B. BOCES – Mr. Cooper reported they have not met since the last board meeting.
- C. District Accountability - WISCAT – Mr. Cooper reported they just had a meeting today; no report is available.
- D. Legislative Network Reports – Mr. Cooper reported an increase in the per student dollars, \$118; the two charter school bills were killed; negative factor will hold flat, \$831 million dollars taken out of K-12 funding for next year to fund other programs.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. – Ms. Vass asked about the flooring in Mr. Soukup's report. The cost is \$15,000 and it would have to be paid out of the general fund, capital account. This is not currently in the budget; the hope was it could be paid out of the nutrition budget. It will be hard to make that happen this summer; the new flooring was not mentioned in the audit and review, so it does not need to be included on the upcoming year's budget.
- F. Town Board Report – Ms. Truelsen said they met once down at the park with the school. There isn't much else happening. Mr. Cooper reported meeting with a grant writer, the town attorney and town maintenance. There are ongoing discussions for a regulation size track. Opportunities for partnering with the town are being explored. A track estimate has come in from FCI at \$1.1 million, for an entire track and field facility, comparable to what they put in at Ignacio a couple of years ago. GOCO and DOLA grants are being explored; DOLA funds are not appropriate for this type of project. The town might be on board with this joint venture, they will discuss it at their upcoming meeting. The town is interested in saying the school can use the space, come up with the funding and maintain the facility. GOCO would be matching funds. A planning grant will be looked at, 25% of the grant needs to be come up with in kind and cash, the donor will provide 75%. Mr. Trusler attended a site visit and meeting with Mr. Cooper. He thinks having an athletic complex at the park would be a great benefit to Dolores. The current field at Dolores needs some work; tripping hazards, sprinkler system; sod, etc. Mr. Cooper reported a funding request is in the supplemental budget to do some repairs and upkeep on the current football field to get it ready for the upcoming season. Mr. Trusler reported there have been reported injuries because of the hardness of the football field. Certain parts of the field are not used. Mr. Trusler reported going since February with weight lifting for football; numbers have increased. Discussion ensued on the improvements that need to be done to the football field.
- G. Other – Ms. Truelsen asked about the chili cookoff and how funds are being raised; she is unclear on the entrance fees, the prizes offered, etc. More information needs to be known.

(Recess taken.)

XI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of May bills and financial statements for period ending April 30th, 2016
- B. Approval of minutes for the April 14th, 2016, regular board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Third Grade Teacher:* Casey Russell; *Fourth Grade Teacher:* Brian Rhodes; *Fifth Grade Teacher:* Sandy Jones; *Gifted Education Coordinator:* Katya Chorover-Grandt; *Custodian:* Loretta Sutherland; *Secondary Music Teacher:* Maggie Gillette; *Secondary Special Ed. Teacher:* Ed Clark; *Secondary Social Studies Teacher:* Brian Kelley; *Elementary Technology Para:* Juan Vega; *Substitute Teacher:* Ashley Schrage (pending sub interview)
Resignation of: *MS/HS Counselor:* Ian Lennox; *Bus Driver:* Annette Carrasco; *School Board Vice President:* Joye McHenry

D. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
ADD	Safe Schools	review
ADD-E	Safe Schools -- exhibit	review
AE	Accountability...	review
AE-R	Accountability... - regulation	review
GDA-E10	Asst. Principal / AD Job Description	review
GDA-E11	Secondary Principal Job Description	review
GDA-E21	Dean of Students Job Description	review
GDO-E6	Preschool Staff Evaluation	review
IKF♦	Graduation Requirements	1 st reading
♦ Required by law; † New Policy		

- E. Approval of \$3,924.00 donation for Automated External Defibrillators from the Denver Foundation
- F. Approval of FY 2015-2016 General Fund Supplemental Budget for \$51,829
- G. Approval of FY 2015-2016 Capital Reserve Supplemental Budget for \$40,187
- H. Approval of Early Literacy Grant
- I. Approval of anonymous \$5,000 donation for Destination Imagination

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

Discussion: At a previous meeting Ms. McHenry asked about the Dean of Students job description, policy GDA-E21. She had sent this policy to the board to ensure we don't have controversy regarding this position. She would like the job description to meet the qualifications. Mr. Cooper said the policy is verbiage of state law per CASB and he asked them to ensure we're legal; we are. The person put in place for the job description has to have the qualifications in place by the end of the year they're hired. BOCES does provide a credentialing program. Ms. McHenry previously mentioned that she would like this added to the policy; therefore if something comes up, the policy can be referred to. After some discussion, the job description can stay as is, but the qualifications need to be reviewed, looked at and supplemented. This will be done at the next policy meeting

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

Discussion: Ms. Truelsen has received several concerns and complaints regarding the conduct of Dolores parents at sporting events. Their behavior was inappropriate. Is there a policy that can be drafted that parents have to be given and signed? How can parent conduct be monitored and dealt with appropriately. Mr. Trusler reported there is a code of conduct example in CHSAA. He uses one at the beginning of his football games; he suggested that it be done at basketball games. That is already being done. Ms. Truelsen reported that many of the girls basketball players were upset by Mr. Schwartz's resignation. There is a video of parents heckling Dolores students. Discussion ensued on how to get information to the parents on their acceptable conduct at games and sporting events. Athletes have to sign a contract; do parents? Mr. Trusler thought they did at the beginning of the year.

Ms. Truelsen also reported on Facebook inappropriate comments are being made about the coach publicly. Mr. Trusler has a handout of dos and don'ts for the football parents that he hands out. He also has a meeting with students and parents; then he asks the students to leave to have an open discussion with the parents, without the students present. He hasn't had any problems with his football parents. He would like to have a banner put up on the east end of the football field to prevent unruly observers and lights during games. Ms. Vass requested that Mr. Lankford look into having a CHSAA display of parent conduct available at all sporting events. People in attendance like parents having to sign a code of conduct, as well as having the support of the admin and board if parents are removed from the sporting event by either the coach or the referee. Further discussion on this issue will take place at the June board meeting.

