

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR JUNE 21st, 2016
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

June 21st, 2016
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 21st, 2016.
- II. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Jenifer Hufman, Secondary Principal, Doreen Jones, Finance Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- III. PLEDGE
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Dee Prock and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the agenda with the additions.

An amendment to the above motion was made to approve the agenda with the additions and the following change: Move XII. E., Approval of Resolution to Declare a Board Vacancy, to XIII. B., making it an action item under discussion among board members.
Votes: Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION – The May 12th, 2016, regular board meeting minutes were approved with the following change per Ms. Truelsen: Item X. F., Town Board Report to read about the middle of the paragraph – “The Town is interested in applying for a GOCO grant, this would be a planning grant; 25% of the grant needs to be in kind and/or cash, GOCO providing the other 75%.”
The June 9th, 2016, special board meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
 - A. Best Foot Forward Grant – Sherri Maxwell
Ms. Maxwell reported Best Foot Forward was looking to develop model programs to assist families and students moving from preschool to elementary, with emphasis on incoming kindergartners that didn't attend Teddy Bear. This grant is heading into year three. A video was shown that was put together by the coordinator.
This program is grant funded; the third year the district is responsible for 25% of the funding. The coordinator supports the transition program. It has been extremely successful in bridging the gap from preschool to kindergarten; parents are supportive of the outreach, with 90% surveyed in favor of the program. Mr. Cooper reported the 25% is built into the budget. Ms. Jones asked if this was to be continuing? Ms. Maxwell said this will have to be evaluated by the district; year three is the last year for this grant program, the district then becomes responsible for the costs. The budget for next year - \$35,000; some things can be pulled out to reduce the cost. Pieces to keep: The coordinator, the Little Cubbies program. Mr. Cooper asked if the coordinator could come and present in April to get this item in future budgets; Ms. Maxwell feels she'll be amenable to that. Discussion ensued on ways to pare down the cost and more discussion will need to occur prior for budget approval in year four of this program.
- VII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
 - A. Strategic Plan #1:
 - B. Strategic Plan #2:
 - C. Strategic Plan #3: FY 2016-2017 Budget Presentation and Approval (Action Item)
Ms. Jones reported receiving assistance from Ms. Andrews. Pupil count was based on 709.8 students, the total in the prelim budget. Ms. Jones reported making some changes from the preliminary budget. Overview: We had a substantial carryforward balance this year of \$954,000.

Quite a bit of last year's income was unexpected, some of it being a one-time deal, about \$783,000 of it. Expenditures: \$500,000 will be used of this carryforward to balance this year's budget. We have extremely healthy reserves going into '16-'17. Nutrition department and bus drivers will receive a double step; they are currently below the average. Other departments are currently competitive and will be looked at again next year. Nutrition steps are coming out of their own fund, not the general fund. The garden program funding will continue as well. Discussion ensued on bus costs and there is a plan to replace buses as needed, replacing the oldest first.

Ms. Vass asked if there was a plan to have student trips, academics, athletics and others, to be self funded by the activity. The travel costs for student travel this past year was expensive, because of new programs being implemented. The board members feel that can be looked at and revisited; there is nothing wrong with supporting programs and letting participants know ahead of time it needs to be self funded. More discussion to come on this.

Ms. Prock feels the school to farm program is important and should remain supported by the district.

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to accept the following Appropriation Resolution:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Dolores RE-4A School District/BOCES in Montezuma County, that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the Adopted Budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017.

Fund	Appropriation Amount
1. General Fund	1. 10,207,090
1b. Insurance Reserve Fund	1b. 27,762
Food Service	
3. Special Revenue Funds	3. 281,566
Bond Redemption Fund	
9a. Bond Redemption Fund	9a. 1,037,477
Capital Projects Fund	
12. Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	12. 124,876
Trust/Agency Funds	
17. Pupil Activity Agency Fund	17. 290,826
Total Appropriation	21. \$11,969,597

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

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Cooper reported that the CO School Finance Project that analyzes school finance in CO is funded by a small portion of pupil counts in districts. A survey will be coming this summer, and they would like as much feedback as possible for financial information. They believe a multiyear project is in the works to retool school finance in the state of CO.

Mr. Cooper reported applying for CDOT school safety zone funding; he received confirmation that we will receive school zone flashing 25 MPH signs on the highway, a need has been determined, as well as signs around the school and crosswalks. Construction won't start until towards the end of the year.

The fourth Commissioner of Education for CDE in 12 months has been appointed; the first female commissioner in 65 years. She's on a month-to-month basis.

Graduation was a success. The fourth annual Growing Together Summit was hosted by BOCES this month.

MCI, Mass Casualty Incident, training occurred here for two days this month.

IX. ACADEMIC REPORT

A. Elementary – None.

B. Middle School - Ms. Huffman reported traveling to Washington DC this month for the NHD finals; her daughter and daughter's partner learned a lot and it was a memorable experience. Ms. Huffman reported being elected to the CO Association of Secondary School Principals Board of Directors, for Region 4, which includes our county.

C. High School – None.

X. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report – None.
- B. BOCES – Mr. Cooper reported that Durango is contemplating pulling out of BOCES.
- C. District Accountability - WISCAT – Mr. Cooper reported they met last month; notes aren't posted yet. Nutrition has been their focus the past several months. Ms. Huffman did get the playground grant submitted. It will require community involvement and student input. She'll find out in October if we will be awarded the funds.
- D. Legislative Network Reports – None.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. – None.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion – This will be up for discussion at the retreat; there may need to be changes and updates made.
- G. Town Board Report – Ms. Truelsen reported they had a retreat today for the board, because they have several new members. They're willing to support the GOCO grant.
- H. Other – None.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of June bills and financial statements for period ending May 31st, 2016
- B. Approval of minutes for the May 12th, 2016, (as amended) regular board meeting and the June 9th, 2016, special board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Sub Bus Driver: Monica Steinberger; Academic Advisement Specialist: Jennifer Stark*
Resignation of: *High School Special Ed. Teacher: Ed Clark*
- D. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
ADD	Safe Schools	2 nd reading
ADD-E	Safe Schools – exhibit	2 nd reading
AE	Accountability...	2 nd reading
AE-R	Accountability... - regulation	2 nd reading
GCO-R	Evaluation of Licensed Personnel	review
GDA-E10	Asst. Principal / AD Job Description	2 nd reading
GDA-E11	Secondary Principal Job Description	2 nd reading
GDA-E21	Dean of Students Job Description	2 nd reading
GDO-E6	Preschool Staff Evaluation	2 nd reading
IKF♦	Graduation Requirements	2 nd reading
♦ Required by law; † New Policy		

- E. (Moved to XII. B.)
- F. Approval of Resolution to support the Town of Dolores to receive GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) grant funding for multi-use track and field
- G. Approval of the Elementary Student Handbook for 2016-2017
- H. Approval of the Secondary Schools Athletic and Activities Handbook
- I. Approval of FY 2016-2017 Consolidated Grant

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

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

XII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Board Retreat – The date is set for August 2nd. Discussion ensued on board members able to attend and most can.
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to approve the Board Retreat for August 2nd, 2016.
Votes: Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

B. Approval of Resolution to Declare a Board Vacancy

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to approve the following Resolution to Declare a Board vacancy:

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statute section 22-31-129 allows a board of education to accept the written resignation of a board member and declare a vacancy in the school director office; and WHEREAS, on May 12, 2016, Joye McHenry, a member of the Board of Education of the Dolores School District RE-4A, submitted a written resignation during a Board of Education meeting held on that date, which was accepted by the Board of Education on that date and effective May 12, 2016; and BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with state law, the Board now declares a vacancy in this school director office on this date, June 21st, 2016, and this vacancy will be filled by appointment by the Board within 60 days from this date in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Interested persons are invited to send a letter to the Board with a statement of interest and related experience by _____, to the following address:
Dolores School District RE-4A
District/Supt. Secretary
P.O. Box 727
Dolores, CO 81323
2. The Board will interview prospective candidates on _____ at a public meeting.
3. No person is eligible to hold public office unless that person fully meets the qualifications for office. To be eligible for appointment, a candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment. [The candidate must also be a resident of the director district in which the vacancy exists.] Any person who has been convicted of a sexual offense against a child is ineligible for the office of school director. Each candidate for appointment to the vacancy shall establish their eligibility to hold office by submitting a sworn affidavit attesting to their qualification for office by July 15th, 2016, to the address provided above.
4. The appointee will serve until the next regular school biennial election in November 2017

After discussion, the above motion was amended to include the following: Letters of intent need to be submitted by interested parties to fill the vacant board position by noon on July 15th; interviews will be July 19th, starting at 5:00 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to adopt the following Resolution:

Supporting the Grant Application for a Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Planning Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado for the **Multi-Use Track & Field Project**.

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Colorado requires that the Dolores RE-4A School Board of the Dolores School District RE4A state its support for the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application for the **Multi-Use Track & Field Project**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE4A THAT:

Section 1: The School Board of the Dolores School District RE4A strongly supports the application to Great Outdoors Colorado for the Multi-Use Track & Field Project.

Section 2: The School Board of the Dolores School District RE4A acknowledges that the planning grant application includes matching funds which Dolores School District RE4A is solely responsible to provide if a grant is awarded.

Section 3: The School Board of the Dolores School District RE4A will appropriate those planning grant matching funds and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.

Section 4: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Discussion: The district is committing to 25% of the planning phase, which amounts to about \$6,000. The district only expends this if the grant is awarded, which will be submitted later this year. The Town also supports this endeavor. \$10,000 was allocated to spruce up the football field, but only 5 to \$6,000 was spent. To completely redo the Dolores football field would be about \$100,000, per Mr. Cooper.

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT was at 8:15 p.m. The next policy/Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Simone Vass 8-11-16
Board President Date



Deanna E. Frulson 8-11-16
Board Secretary Date

