

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 10th, 2016
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

November 10th, 2016
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on November 19th, 2016.

- II. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Rebecca Frasier, Vangi McCoy, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Jenifer Huffman, Secondary Principal, 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, moving XIII. F. Student Suicides in Schools to VIII. B. Strategic Plan #2.
Votes: Frasier-aye; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION
A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Rebecca Frasier to approve the October 13th, 2016, regular board meeting minutes with the following change: at the top of the page under the heading, change special meeting to regular meeting.
Votes: Frasier-aye; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

- VI. STUDENT TRIP TO BOSTON/NYC SUMMER 2017 - PAM PACHECO
Ms. Pacheco passed out information to the board. They are using EF Tours, who will be handling all necessities and planning for students and chaperones. They have 22 people going in June of 2017 for a five-day trip. An itinerary and price breakdown are included in the handout. They will need bus travel to Albuquerque, which they are hoping the district will provide. This will be discussed and up for approval at a future board meeting.

- VII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - None.

- VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:
 - A. Strategic Plan #1: Student Success! – Mr. Cooper reported that student data is in the board packets.
 - B. Strategic Plan #2: Student Centered Culture – Mr. Cooper discussed student suicide, in light of the tragedy that occurred in our district last week. Mr. Livick reported there have been visits by students to crisis counselors in the hundreds districtwide. Ms. McCoy commended the Dolores district for the support and response they provided. Ms. Finch did an outstanding job of reaching out to everyone. Mr. Cooper reported counselors from around the area came to provide support, as well as pastors, parents and volunteers. There is a memorial service at the school this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Friday the 18th at 1:00 p.m., at the Cortez Police Station, the Pinon Project is putting on a suicide forum.

Discussion ensued on bullying in schools, social media, cell phones, the strategies that parents can use at home to make sure they're checking in with their kids. Suicide attempts have been made in Dove Creek, Bayfield Pagosa and Durango, as well as a suicide recently in Cortez. Mental health and bullying are two separate issues and both need to be dealt with appropriately. After discussion, all present would like a local mental health forum to be offered to the Dolores community using tools learned at the Pinon Project forum. It was decided on December 5, 6:00 p.m., dinner will be provided, in the commons.

Ms. Vass would like to ensure that if a tragedy occurs in the summer months, that we provide the same type of supports for our students that are provided during the school year. Ms. Prock encouraged attendees to Google "Challenge Day" and other programs for students and community members to engage in activities that may not be offered at the schools, support transition for students, whether it's from elementary to MS, MS to HS, etc.

- C. Strategic Plan #3: Student First Financing – Ms. Jones let the board know that the report for the new accounting system is in the board packets. The transition has been a lot work and she feels once it's completed it will be very beneficial to the district. The board members and administration can let her know what they would like to see in future reports.

Election results were discussed, as well as surrounding districts funding passes within their communities. Mr. Cooper reported we're down 57 students for the count. \$177,000 down in the budget, in addition to the \$500,000 in the red for the prelim budget. These figures will need to be looked at and evaluated for next year. There have been some new students coming into the district, not only in Dolores but surrounding communities.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Cooper's report was in the board packets. No questions.

X. ACADEMIC REPORT – All reports are in packets.

- A. Elementary - Mr. Livick reported that more NWEA data will be available at the January meeting.

- B. Middle School

- C. High School - Ms. Huffman reported getting information to parents and students on the meaning and importance of data from tests. Testing burnout is high at the secondary level. Ms. Huffman has been emphasizing the importance of tests like NWEA, which enable educators to see immediate results to better assist students in areas they struggle with.

(Break taken.)

XI. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report – Ms. Huffman reported they are doing the Thanksgiving food drive for 18 identified families.

- B. BOCES – Ms. McCoy reported there has been no meeting, therefore no updates at this time.

- C. District Accountability – Wildly Important Student-Centered Advisory Team (WISCAT) – Ms. Vass reported the health and wellness policy is in the board packets. It is up for approval later tonight.

- D. Legislative Network Reports – Ms. McCoy reported there isn't much to report.

- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. – Ms. Truelsen would like to add a moment of silence after the pledge. Ms. Prock would like to have a student/team/group come and present their award/achievement at the beginning of the board meeting, agenda item celebrations. The invite should come from the administration. Ms. Truelsen would like to bring back an elementary family/student leading the pledge and Little Bear Pride for the board meeting.

Ms. Frasier reported the missing backboard on the bleachers in the main gym. Someone is going to get hurt if that is not fixed. Mr. Cooper will address it. Ms. Vass was directed to Mark Baxter to get the staff badges working. Ms. Vass also commented on the new appearance of the cafeteria, it's a nice change.

- F. Advocacy – None.

- G. Town Board Report – Ms. Truelsen reported that the mayor is planning a Christmas tree lighting and gathering for the community; Saturday, December 10th, 5:00 p.m., Town Hall. The Dolores band and

choir will perform. Ms. Truelsen reported the Dolores Christmas Bizarre is Saturday December 3rd, at the community Center, 8:00 a.m.; there is another bizarre at the Dolores River Brewery on the same day. The ski swap is this Saturday. JEDI Council fall festival is this weekend, to include a chili cookoff in the commons, 5:30-9:00 p.m. Taste of Seasons at Four Seasons is on December 1st.

H. Other Information – None.

XII. Action Items

A. Approval of October bills and financial statements for period ending October 31st, 2016

B. Approval of minutes for the October 13th, 2016, regular board meeting

C. Personnel: **Approval of:**

Substitute Teachers: Tania Isaman, Ralph Stanley

Bus Driver: Joshalynn Hicks

MS Girls Asst. Basketball Coach: Monica Steinberger

HS Head Girls Golf Coach: Monica Plewe

Preschool Sub Teacher: Katie Meyer

D. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
ADF	School Wellness	review
GCBA-E2	Extra Curricular Pay for Coaches	HOLD
GDA-E23	Secondary Dean of Students Job Description	2 nd reading
GDA-E24	Athletic Director Job Description	2 nd reading
◆ Required by law		
† New Policy		

E. Approval of \$550 donation to Operation Graduation

F. Approval of two additional Activity accounts

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

Discussion: Mr. Cooper reported that the principal being the direct supervisor of the AD and dean of students is more effective, rather than the superintendent being the supervisor. This is the change in the policy job descriptions.

The Operation Graduation donation is the same amount as previous years.

Ms. Huffman is the coordinator for the Four Corners Tribal Region, and she needs a separate account to run funds through, re National History Day. Ms. Jones would like this account to be discontinued if our school does not have a representative in the future.

Mr. Trussler wants to have a separate account for AD School Spirit, to sell items at sports events.

Profits to go towards spirit items around school.

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

XIII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

A. All State Board letter - Dolores received 2nd /runner up for board achievement over the years.

Discussion ensued on having Randy down for a celebration and workshop. CASB is being done this year, so a winter retreat can be done at another time. However, Randy will be invited to either the February board meeting to recognize the Dolores board achievement.

January 12th, 2017, is the next regular board meeting; December 12th, 8:15 a.m. is a special meeting to set the Mill Levy.

B. Budget: Coaches / AD Stipend Policy – Mr. Cooper suggested implementing what has been previously discussed, giving a bonus to coaches coaching all HS CHSAA sanctioned teams and their MS counterpart, since MS is not under CHSAA. The AD also coaches a sport, so he is eligible. Coaches coaching multiple sports, only get a one-time bonus.

A motion was made by Dee Prock and seconded by Rebecca Frasier to approve a one-time \$100 bonus payable to coaches coaching all HS CHSAA sanctioned teams, along with their MS coaching counterparts.

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

Ms. Jones clarified the bonus will have to be taxed. Mr. Cooper would like to give the bonuses out in December.

- C. Board Linkages – planning dates – After discussion, February 21st, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., was decided for the linkage.
February 9th is a board meeting and parent / teacher conferences. Should one be rescheduled? This will be discussed at the January 2017 board meeting.
A possible change in board meeting nights will be put on the next meeting agenda for discussion.
- D. Survey community - Board members will bring questions to the next meeting that they'd like to include on a community survey. Ms. Huffman has created a Principal's Advisory Council made up of students to talk about issues at Dolores and how to make Dolores better.
- E. Policies: ADF - Wellness policy; slight change to GDA-E23 Secondary Dean of Students & GDA-E24 Athletic Director Job Descriptions - This was discussed under approval of Action Items.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT was at 9:14 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12th, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Rebecca R. Vass 1-12-17
Board President Date

Deanna E. Truelsen 1-12-17
Board Secretary Date