

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR JUNE 27th, 2017  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Special Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

June 27th, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- II. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Doreen Jones, Business Manager, Chris Trusler, Athletic Director, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Dee Prock to approve the agenda.  
Votes: McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Personnel: **Nonrenewal of:** *MS/HS Special Education Para:* Harry Atcitty  
*MS/HS Special Education Para:* Melissa Hackett  
*Custodian:* Rick Goodall  
*Bus Driver:* Rick Schmidt

**Resignation of:**

- Head Track Coach:* Nick Kohler
- Assistant Track Coach:* Mitzi Wallace

- B. Approval of \$100 donation to Rotary Bike Race
- C. Approval of Easement Agreement for Madelynn Parker
- D. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
GDA-E25	Advising Specialist Job Description	review
GDA-E26	Social Worker Job Description	review

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

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

VII. DISCUSSION

A. FY 2017-2018 Budget – Action Item

Mr. Cooper thanked Ms. Jones for her work on the budget. Binders were created for the board to review. A summary for the general fund is included. At the last budget discussion, the proposal was \$512,000 in the red; that amount has been decreased to about \$251,000 in the red. The Mill Levy tax distribution came in at \$250,000. The carryforward is estimated at \$307,847. \$159,359 of that are allocated grant monies, therefore, the real carryforward is approx. \$148,496. 687.9 is the pupil count. CDE funding is \$4,330,352 in equalization. Highlights of the budget and changes were discussed. BFF, summer lunch program, School to Farm, recycling program, stipend increases, athletic trainer are all included.

Included in the binders also for review is the appropriation resolution and the resolution to spend reserve funds; state report listing all funds; pupil count; summary of CDE equalization payments for this year; the funding summary the budget is based on.

Ms. Prock asked about the pupil count; it's an average of four or five years; kindergarten is not fully funded.

Returning teachers and classified staff are listed; Ms. McCoy asked why Ms. Finch was still listed. Ms. Jones reported it was an oversight and she will be removed. Ms. Snow also needs to be removed. New staff is not listed yet either. All of these updates will be made per Ms. Jones.

Ms. Vass questioned the drop in property taxes; the assessed value decreased and it runs behind, so it's the residual of the historic decrease in property values.

Since last time, Ms. Jones reported a couple things have been cut; elementary sponsors dropped from 23,000 to 10,000; non ML supplies were decreased; natural gas and diesel fuel were decreased.

Ms. Jones would like to see a balanced budget; 2010 was the last time Dolores has seen such a large drop in the student count. The carryforward is tight this year. Last year the budget was \$500,000 in the red as well, but none of that dip into reserves took place. Dolores reserves are very healthy, contrary to many districts.

Dolores does need to start thinking about building a certified mechanic bus station.

Food service fund came out well this year, having a small carryforward of approx. 11,000. Farm to School is now in the general budget.

Capital projects: The second payment on the bus is still due; every year something is budgeted for vehicles.

Mr. Cooper reported the time to make significant budget changes for staff was back in February and March. It's important to Dolores to keep student to staff ratios down.

Secondary, lost 40-42 students; therefore, the Dean of Students, two teachers and one para were eliminated. An extra special ed teacher was added back in. Also, money was set aside in case a high needs para is needed. Mr. Cooper will be helping out at the secondary with his principal's license, assisting Ms. Huffman. Mr. Livick still has support at the elementary. Infant/toddler program is full; there's a waiting list for the preschool. Kindergarten numbers are low this year, dropping to two classrooms. 1<sup>st</sup> grade is also low, but there will still be three classes.

Ms. McCoy reported Ms. Rosenkrance applied for a playground grant; award letters went out, but it's unknown if Dolores was a recipient.

Ms. Truelsen read an e-mail from Ms. Frasier containing questions/concerns: The increase in staff stipends seems excessive; proposed cuts to the grant programs in which school is now expected to cover the costs of programs that grants did in the past (i.e., BFF, Farm to School, etc.); staff cuts have taken place, increased spending should not be happening; fiscal responsibility is important during loss of students and decreased revenues. Mr. Cooper feels he's addressed these points previously; grant programs have been whittled down; stipends are necessary for extra duties of remaining staff.

Mr. Trusler reported 118 kids attended football camp; some parents have started a peewee football program, having enough kids for both age levels. 11 different parents who don't have kids at Dolores gave Mr. Trusler positive feedback, may add to student numbers. Pre K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade attendees.

Ms. Jones reported all stipends are in the budget, but the policy will be voted on at the August meeting.

### 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Fund	Appropriation Amount
1. General Fund	1. 10,753,998
1b. Insurance Reserve Fund	1b. 23,547
Food Service	
3. Special Revenue Funds Bond	3. 271,750
Redemption Fund	
9a. Bond Redemption Fund	9a. 1,036,456
Capital Projects Fund	
12. Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	12. 188,149
Trust/Agency Funds	
17. Pupil Activity Agency Fund	17. 258,484

