

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR APRIL 13TH, 2017
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

April 13th, 2017
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 13th, 2017.
- 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, Business Manager, Chris Trussler, Athletic Director, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- III. PLEDGE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Rebecca Frasier to approve the agenda with the additions.

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

- VI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION
The February 21st, 2017, Board Linkage, and the February 23rd, 2017, and March 14th, 2017, policy and regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

VII. CELEBRATIONS

Mr. Trussler congratulated some athletes. Madi Archuleta, senior, plays basketball and soccer, she was the team captain in basketball this year, led in scoring, 7th in SJ Basin League, selected out of all seniors in the state of CO, CO HS Coaches Association, girls basketball, all state team. She'll go to Adams State University this June and will play in the all state games with the other top seniors in the state.

Sophomore Forest Pesja, plays football, basketball, track, maintains a high GPA, football team captain, leads in tackles in the state of CO, visited CSU for a recruiting visit, first team all conference, selected for CHSSA all state team. The board presented both athletes with a certificate.

Mr. Trussler thanked the board for their support of the student athletes, presenting each board member, Ms. Jones, and the admin staff, with a gift from the students.

VIII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Nielsen requested approval from the board for the state NHD trip to Denver for 32 students. Each student has put in about 200 hours of time into their projects. The national competition is in June, and the hope is some students will qualify. Money has been raised for the state trip.

A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the trip to the NHD state competition in Denver.

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

Sheriff Nowlin asked if the state statute regarding bullying is a part of the board policy. The policy has not been changed and finalized, it's only been discussed. A meeting is set for next week to work together on protocol for students in crisis. Sheriff Nowlin reported there are many students in crisis; the same policy and procedure is used for his deputies and it is successful in getting aid to those kids that need it.

IX. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

- A. Strategic Plan #1: Student Success! - Mr. Cooper reported assessments are underway. PSAT and SAT tests are important for college, scholarships, postsecondary planning for students intending to continue in school. Elementary has started PARCC this week. Mr. Livick reported they got their NWEA data last week. New tests are upcoming, this may be the last year for PARCC. The new testing may yield quicker data for schools to utilize. Ms. Huffman reported much lower opt outs for the college entrance tests than PARCC. PSAT 9 is a precursor to the PSAT10, which is a precursor to the SAT. Most universities take both the ACT and SAT. 88% of elementary kids took the PARCC; last year 84% took it. The vast majority of opt outs are sixth graders. The secondary hasn't started PARCC yet, so opt out rates aren't known. Opt out students will be in class, with subs administering the testing.
- B. Strategic Plan #2: Student Centered Culture – Mr. Cooper reported a lot of activities this week. The “Parenting With Wisdom” program was well attended and successful. Epic Day for the 8th graders yielded mixed reviews from the students. Exercises in developing empathy, words/actions have power; the logistics were difficult to plan. Ms. Huffman would do it a bit differently if it's done again. Ms. McCoy reported good team building happening for the students and they enjoyed it. Unidentified speaker brought up some more intimate hands on moments, and it's important to make sure the adults working with the kids are thoroughly checked. Ms. Huffman reported staff always present in the gym during the activities, but in the future, she would prefer to have the script ahead of time, as well as a list of folks performing activities, to ensure proper vetting has been done.
- C. Strategic Plan #3: Student First Financing – Ms. Jones reported she and Mr. Cooper have spent the last couple weeks reviewing insurance policies. Currently the district is with Rocky Mountain, and they have offered to keep rates level again this year, for the third year. A second option will be offered, an HSA plan, less expensive, higher deductible. Medical, vision staying the same, dental increasing a bit.

- X. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Report's in board packets. Mr. Cooper did report on the school based health clinic, having received a \$25,000 planning grant. Bids are being put out for architects to develop a master plan. A small footprint drawing is needed for where the clinic will be. This summer capital funding will be applied for the building of the clinic. A needs assessment will be done to determine what the clinic will offer. The plan is to build it with grant money and operate it with grant money, not pull funds from reserves. This will be discussed at future board meetings, taking the process step by step. It's also being discussed in WISCAT meetings.

XI. ACADEMIC REPORT

- A. Elementary – Mr. Livick reported on the four Rs, reading, writing, arithmetic and referrals. First year in Kahn Academy and Engage New York, both very good. Math Facts are always worked on. Everyday Math is still being run in K-2. Kahn and Engage is 3-6, with it being filtered down to the other grades in the future. Staff are being sent to train on Google Classroom this summer. Grant funding was obtained for supplies, and donations from staff ML monies, so saving parents some money. Early registration is being done. Referrals are up a bit from last year, most are for boys.
- B. Middle School
- C. High School – Ms. Huffman reported PSAT and SAT testing is done. A master schedule is being worked on. Seniors will create a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice schedule, go over it with their advisory teachers, then take it home to review with parents; then juniors; then sophomores. When schedules are turned in, Ms. Dibsie will put kids in classes to balance them. A survey about electives that could be offered is going out to students next week. PowerSchool will be locked over the summer, being unlocked a couple weeks before school starts. Prom was great, with a rustic romance theme.

XII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report – Ms. Huffman reported they're getting ready for elections. The pep rally will be May 3rd, right after lunch, the last one of the year.
- B. BOCES - Ms. McCoy reported their meeting was last night. An occupational and physical therapist gave presentations on what they do. The Growing Together Summit is in June, a family day will be added for families with children with disabilities. The budget was discussed. The ED evaluation was discussed in executive session.

- C. District Accountability (WISCAT) – Mr. Cooper reported at the last meeting the health clinic was discussed. The next meeting is in May.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - Ms. McCoy reported that the school counselor bill passed out of the House and is awaiting the governor's signature. Mr. Cooper reported SB267 is one to watch, trying to reclassify the hospital provider fee to spend the money in part on rural schools. Ms. Huffman reported that the funding for the school healthy professionals grant was finalized yesterday, marijuana monies that pays for school social workers, psychologists and counselors; so much money was received that the program will include elementary schools. An elementary and secondary social worker will be applied for. \$40 million of recreational pot money goes to the BEST program. Increase in funding for full day kindergarten was killed in committee. Suspension/expulsion of young children has passed the House and is at the Senate, putting more resources in classroom management, etc.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. – None.
- F. Advocacy – None.
- G. Town Board Report – None.
- H. Other Information - None.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of April bills and financial statements for period ending March 31st, 2017
- B. Approval of minutes for the February 21st, 2017, Board Linkage, and the February 23rd, 2017, and March 14th, 2017, policy and regular meetings
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teachers:* Susan Mellen, David Soderberg
MS ESS/Rtl Teacher: Taylor Farquharson
ASL Interpreter: Jennifer Johnston
Fourth Grade Teacher: Desirae Bellairs

D. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
ADF	School Wellness	2 nd reading
JICDD	Violent and Aggressive Behavior	review
JICDE	Bullying Prevention and Education	review
◆ Required by law † New Policy		

- E. Approval of 12 weeks of maternity leave (August 9th, 2017 – November 1st, 2017) for Lili Aregento

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

Discussion: Ms. Vass contacted CASB regarding Policy JICDE. An e-mail went out to the board members with the suggested wording. It was suggested transgender and gender identity needs to be added to be all inclusive. See the e-mail for additional wording. Discussion ensued on the appropriate wording for JICDE. It was decided to go with the recommended wording of CASB. It also matches the Colorado Revised Statute. A draft will be brought to the next board meeting. Further discussion on JICDE will occur between Sheriff Nowlin and Mr. Cooper, and the policy will then be up for a 1st reading. More revisions can be made at that time before a final 2nd reading.

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

XIV. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Restraint policies – Mr. Cooper reported BOCES asked the district to revisit these policies. All board members had copies of the policies. When does school staff intervene and physically restrain a child. The policy outlines when and how to intervene. It will be reviewed with staff and retraining of staff will occur as per the policy. If the policy is okay as written, the reviewed date will be changed to 2017. These policies will be up for review at the next board meeting.

A motion was made by Dee Prock and seconded by Rebecca Frasier to move Policy JKA and JKA-R to the review stage.

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

- B. Set policy meeting (Action Item)
After discussion, a motion was made by Dee Prock and seconded by Rebecca Frasier to set the policy meeting for June 7, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.
Votes: Frasier-aye; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- C. Infant/Toddler program (Action Item)
 Ms. Valiena was present to answer questions. Dirt work has been donated. Stone Sand & Gravel is donating half of the concrete. She's waiting on Four Corners Materials to decide on paving the parking lot. The pouring of the foundation is also a donation. Engineers are being consulted to evaluate the pitch of the roof to see if it's acceptable. Osprey would like to secure some slots for their employees. All slots will be filled before breaking ground. The cost is \$38/day; ratios are 1 teacher to 4 students and is accredited. Everyone will pay the same price, employee or not.
A motion was made by Dee Prock and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the Infant/Toddler program, with construction starting at the beginning of June 2017, and the program starting August 22nd, 2017.
Votes: Frasier-aye; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- D. Purchasing Procedures policy and regulation DJCA and DJCA-R (formerly DJB and DJB-R)
 Ms. Vass reported during the year, when MS/HS needs things ordered, the orders can be dropped to the HS. Ms. Arnett's letter says they can only have one delivery address. Ms. Vass disagrees. Right now FedEx and UPS drop everything at the district office.
 Ms. Jones reported surrounding schools has the same policy as we do and it does work at their schools. She doesn't understand why there is such an issue with secondary and athletic deliveries. Ms. Arnett and Ms. Wark do a great job getting things opened and to the school. There were a few things that slipped through at the beginning of the year, but things have been going good. Ms. Jones feels it's a financial issue and all things should go through the admin office. Ms. Huffman and Mr. Trussler would like to handle their own orders. Mr. Cooper wants to change the policy to have things delivered to the school for a year to see how it goes, feeling Ms. Jones and staff has too much to do in the office. Ms. Frasier asked how much overtime is spent getting orders ready. At this time, no overtime is necessary for Shauna for ordering - that is only required occasionally during payroll. Laurie and Shauna check the orders in, but it does not require overtime.
A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to institute Policy DJCA and DJCA-R for the 2017-2018 year and reviewed in the spring.
Votes: Frasier-nay; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- E. Set date for Board Retreat (Action Item)
 Randy Black is holding two dates, if the board decides to use him, Monday, July 31st or Tuesday, August 1st. Mr. Black will be here at the May 11 board meeting to present an award to the board.
After discussion, a motion was made by Rebecca Frasier and Vangi McCoy to set the board retreat for July 31st, 2017, with the location to be determined.
- Discussion: All are happy with Randy Black. Mr. Cooper will see if Sophia's will donate the space, and also check the availability of the Rico courthouse. Ms. Truelsen votes for Rico. Ms. Frasier would like something close.
- Votes: Frasier-aye; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- F. School Board Calendar
 The retirement party is May 4 or May 16, an e-mail will go out tomorrow. All board members to add important dates to their board calendars.
- G. Senior Awards Night – Ms. Huffman reported that feedback in the past year was to have the awards night on a Friday night. Ms. Huffman would like to see it on a Wednesday, even though in the past a directive to her was to have it on a Friday so families and seniors could be together. Ms. Huffman reported that Ms. Hollen has said all seniors could make a Wednesday. Ms. Frasier will be gone the 21st through the 24th for a conference, she can probably make Wednesday work. One senior is attending HS rodeo finals Thursday to Sunday. Ms. Huffman feels it's too much for staff to have it on Friday, stay at the school until 8:00 p.m., and then return for graduation the next day. It was moved

from graduation because graduation then took too long. Ms. Huffman is making the request for Wednesday at the request of the graduation sponsor and the seniors. Ms. Huffman called Ms. Hollen; Ms. Hollen said the handful of students she's talked to don't have a preference on a night.

(Too many folks talking, can't hear.)

Ms. Huffman will meet with Ms. Hollen, get the consensus of the seniors and make a decision on that.

XV. ADJOURNMENT was at 8:38 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13th, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Linnea R. Vass 6-7-17
Board President Date

Deanna E. Souden 6-7-17
Board Secretary Date