

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 11TH, 2014  
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

December 11th, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on December 11th, 2014.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Joye McHenry, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Brandon Thurston, Secondary Principal, Jimmie Lankford, Secondary Vice Principal/AD, Sherri Maxwell, Elementary Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, Faith Pejsa, Student Government, staff, students and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
  
**A motion was made by Joye McHenry and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the agenda with the additions.**  
**Votes: McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- VI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION  
The November 13, 2014, minutes were approved with the following change - Policy JICH s/b IHA on page 1.
- VII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
Cameron Elder would like permission to start an FCA program, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which would be open to all students, bringing students closer to God and each other. They would meet twice a month, and have openings/snacks, potluck lunch, games, Bible studies, testimonies, open prayers, events after school functions which would provide safe alternatives for students instead of partying. They would meet during the lunch hour in the health room, and it would be student led. They plan to have two advisors, Jimmie Lankford and Ms. Milligan. No cost, they plan to do all their financing through fundraising. Mr. Thurston reported that FCA is across the country in many schools. As long as prayers are led by students, there is no issue of having a religious organization on campus. Advisors provide some oversight, there is no impact to the budget. It would be open to MS and HS. It's a school level decision to approve or deny this request and Mr. Thurston plans on approving it.
- VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
  - A. Strategic Plan #1: NWEA - Mr. Cooper reported that NWEA testing will start later than the planned December; pushed to January. They will still get data in a timely manner, focusing on reading and math, to get concrete information on what to focus on with students. Late January, the first of February the staff can adjust instruction as needed. Mr. Thurston reported that the secondary plans to start NWEA on the Wednesday after break. Perception reports will be in January/February.
  - B. Strategic Plan #2: The entire campus is excited to have construction wrapped up, on time and on budget.
  - C. Strategic Plan #3: Construction Project Update - Mr. Cooper reported the project is a full month ahead of schedule and under budget, which will stay in reserves. The walkthrough was today. Buildings need to be labeled for emergency reasons. More was accomplished than expected, including all add alternates and extra landscaping. Ms. Andrews said the Board should be proud for finishing on time, under budget, and following flood plane guidelines, as costs are saved on insurance. Thanks to the VoAg department for the adjustments they made. Thanks to all staff for being flexible during this time.

There is a new sound system in gym, so the booth present is protecting that equipment, 24-channel mixer board, upgraded wiring. The box is to secure the equipment, provide the sound tech person a place to be. It does block some spaces, but overall it's needed. Ms. McHenry said she has received concerns regarding visibility and traffic congestion. Options are being looked at to better utilize the space. The equipment needs to be protected. A letter will be sent home to families and posted on the web site explaining the situation and plans. Ms. Andrews said it needs to be insurance inspected.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Report in packets; no questions.

X. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS - Mr. Thurston reported his was emailed; no questions.

Ms. Maxwell reported the Christmas program is next Thursday at 7:00 p.m. They are spending a lot of time looking at PARCC. Ms. Maxwell would like to see a districtwide training on writing, may be able to use some Title monies. Computer testing puts a kink in the traditional teaching of writing. Adjustments are being made.

XI. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report - Ms. Pejsa reported that the Thanksgiving food drive went well; they're going Christmas shopping tomorrow for high needs families; star tree will be up in the office for a gift drop off for preschool and elementary students. After Christmas fundraising efforts will be underway. Spirit Council will have a half-day retreat on January 26th, 2015, at the library to continue to fill buckets with safety, respect, diversity and drug and alcohol programs; posters and a video will be created. There will be a movie night on January 30th after a home basketball game. Mr. Lankford reported that MS Government is also becoming very active, looking to fundraise for a new scoreboard.
- B. BOCES - Ms. McCoy reported there was a meeting last night. Highlights - annual compliance determination audit of each admin unit, came in at 100%; literacy grant that was discussed last time, Mr. Finch will be the coordinator for that piece; drug prevention and curriculum was discussed, life skills, Blue Prints model program will be used; restructuring for the next school year of BOCES was discussed, but nothing concrete yet.
- C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported that the next meeting will be January 20th, 2015, discussion on school finance, Ms. Andrews will help with that. Mill Levy discussion will also be had as a lead-in for February's DAAC meeting.
- D. Legislative Network Reports - Ms. McCoy reported there isn't much going on. Elections are over, House Democrats have a slightly smaller majority, 34 to 31. Senate changed hands to Republicans, 18 to 17. The Standards and Assessment Task Force by the CO Children's Campaign meeting is Monday, with a final meeting in January to finalize recommendations; comments on state assessments are accepted through next Monday.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - None.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion - Mr. Cooper reported the plan is on the web site and it's been accomplished, except for the weekly/monthly column in the paper. Any further recommendations, please provide them to Mr. Cooper. The phone system has been having problems; they're being worked on. The career fair at SCCC was a success.
- G. Town of Dolores Report - Ms. Truelsen reported the highlights - the lease regarding the Galloping Goose is in discussions; meeting with the acting sheriff re marijuana sales after the first of the year will take place; budget discussions.
- H. Other - Ms. Vass reported discussing with Ms. Arnett the policy workload. It was suggested to finish one group of policies before moving on to the next, which would take about three months per group. All agreed that whatever was most efficient and easiest on Ms. Arnett is okay with everybody.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of December bills and financial statements for period ending November 30th, 2014
- B. Approval of minutes for the November 13th, 2014, Board Candidate Interviews, Policy Meeting and Regular Board Meetings

- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teacher:* Lauren Woll; *Sub Bus Driver:* John Williamson; *Bus Para:* LaRae Petrose; *"C" Team Volleyball Coach;* Daisy Ragland
- D. Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendation for Expulsion
- E. Approval of new Business Manager to oversee credit cards
- F. Set Mill Levy
- G. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
BEC	Executive Sessions	2nd reading
BEDG	Minutes	2nd reading
GCBA-E2	Extracurricular Pay For Coaches/Sponsors	review
IHA♥	Basic Instruction Program	REPEAL
IHA-R♦♥	" " " – regulation	REPEAL
JICH♦	Drug & Alcohol Use by Students	review
JICDH-R	" " " " " – regulation	review
JJ*	Student Activities - regulation	REPEAL
JJ-R1**	Student Activities - regulation	REPEAL
JJ-R2***	New Sport Activity	REPEAL
JJ-E***	Student Activities - application, exhibit	REPEAL
♥Replaced by IHBK & IHBK-R – Preparation for Postsecondary Success		
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		
*Replaced by Policy JJJ		
**Replaced by Drug/Alcohol policy		
***CASB recommends to repeal, but keep as administrative guideline		

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

Discussion: Ms. McHenry would like clarification on personnel approval. Ms. Andrews said coaches should be approved before activities start. Returning coaches don't need to redo paperwork. The issue should be resolved as of now.

Ms. McHenry asked if all policies have been discussed; yes, they have.

Ms. Andrews reported on the setting of the Mill Levy for next year, the Board has been given the form. The assessed valuation increased by about \$11,000. Mill Levy of 27.945, down from 27.985. Total Mill Levy is 35.697.

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

### XIII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Budget - Ms. Andrews reported the budget will be presented in January, tonight will be discussion about revenues. Actual pupil count is at a higher average than last year; Ms. Andrews reported on actual monies received versus projections; approximately \$137,000 in new monies, of which 26,27,000 is Title monies. Wish list - full-time custodian with benefits, full-time elementary SpEd. Both will be in the proposed January budget.  
Discussion ensued on how best to show staff and student appreciation. Further discussion and finalization at the January meeting.
- B. Maintenance Plan - Mr. Cooper reported on the draft four-year plan. More work will be done on this work in progress. Possible expenditures - snow blower, new truck, possible snow removal contract. Ms. Maxwell would like doors to be added to this plan.
- C. Technology Plan - Similar to Maintenance, more funding requests will be included in future years, including the phone service upgrade.

