

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Special Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

December 12th, 2016  
8:15 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board special meeting was called to order at 8:28 a.m. on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 and Doreen Jones, Finance Manager, were also in attendance.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the agenda.**  
**Votes: Frasier-aye; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Approval of minutes for the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, regular board meeting
  - B. Personnel: **Approval of:**
    - Substitute Teachers:* Fallon Kelley, Michael Hobbs, Andrea Owens, Stacey Schlegel, Coreen Becher
    - Substitute Custodian:* Michael Hobbs
    - Substitute Para / Cook:* Sue Mellen
    - Substitute Preschool Teacher:* Michael Hobbs
    - HS Girls JV Basketball Coach:* Alex Goodwin
    - HS Assistant Football Coach:* Dylan Ferguson
    - HS Assistant Wrestling Coach:* Roger Andreason
  - C. Approval of Pat Kantor to Dolores Public Library District Board
  - D. Approval of Hearing Officer recommendation for Expulsion
  - E. Approval of additional classes to curriculum:
    - PCC American Government
    - PCC Political Science
    - AP Human Geography
    - AP Language and Composition
    - AP Spanish
    - AP World History
    - PLATO online learning - 100 courses offered in an online format for credit recovery, electives and acceleration
    - PCC online coursework

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

Discussion: Ms. Frasier clarified that at the last board meeting the October 13<sup>th</sup> minutes were already approved. Ms. Arnett sent an e-mail reporting there was a paperwork mix-up between what was emailed and hard copies, and wanted to be sure everyone had the right minutes for approval. November's are forthcoming.

**A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Rebecca Frasier to amend the above motion, adding in the approval of Honors Criminology in addition to the above Action Items.**

Discussion: Discussion ensued on the teachers of the above advanced classes and the substance of AP Human Geography. The GT coordinator is working on increasing the offerings of online classes for those students in the accelerated program and wishing to accelerate through high school.

Ms. Vass asked for clarification of monies transferring across state line. Mr. Cooper reported if the student is in CO, you can use CO monies to pay for the classes and students will get the college credit, even if the classes they're enrolled in are across state lines. If students are physically traveling across state lines for classes, i.e., going to Farmington, prior CDE approval needs to be obtained for funding. SCCC classes will be offered, but limitations are being imposed. Other avenues are being explored.

Ms. Huffman reported they are going to a full alternating block schedule next year; she reported student feedback has been positive. Ms. Frasier has heard differently; will there be a survey going out about this issue? Ms. Huffman reported her Principal's Advisory Council students took the option back to the bear groups and feels the response for implementing block next year was favored. Ms. Prock would like to receive more information on the pros and cons of the new block schedule, and get a summary on this out to parents to educate them on the process and the reasons why.

All present feel more information needs to get out to the parents to educate them on what the benefits of a block schedule will be, what are the students going to do in the longer classes. Ms. Frasier asked about the staff feedback; Ms. Huffman reported they were overwhelmingly positive, with disagreement on a full or alternating block. Ms. Huffman feels the resources are available. The biggest expense will be time. Students are asking for student-centered learning, more projects, more collaboration, etc. Ms. Huffman reported the students were disappointed that they weren't moving to the block schedule second semester.

Ms. Vass suggested a presentation on this at the January or February meeting; Mr. Cooper suggested the February meeting.

For the block schedule an eighth class will be added to the day.

Ms. Frasier asked how students were chosen for the Principal's Advisory Committee; Ms. Huffman reported they were nominated by their advisory teachers.

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

V. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Set Mill Levy (Action Item) - Ms. Jones reported the assessed valuation increased this year over last year, so the mill decreased, which translates to the taxpayers paying less.

**A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the following on December 12, 2016:**

**In compliance with Colorado Revised Statute 22-40-102(6), the following data is furnished to you for certification of mill levies for property tax year 2016.**

**The actual General Fund Mill Levy for 2016 is 27.705 mills for Montezuma School District Re-4A with headquarters in Montezuma County. This includes 6.778 mills for the Voter-Approved Mill Levy Override voted on in November 2008, and 0.044 for abatement and the General Fund Mill Levy of 20.883.**

**The Bond Redemption Mill Levy for 2016 is 7.251 mills for Montezuma School District Re-4A with headquarters located in Montezuma County. This includes mills for both the Bond Series 2008 and Bond Series 2013.**

**The Total Mill Levy for 2016 is 34.956.**

**The General Fund full funding mill levy would have been 106.242 mills in School District Re-4A, if there had been no state revenues estimated to be received by the District during Fiscal Year 2016. Funding received from the state - \$4,194,306.92.**

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

