

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12th, 2017  
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

January 12th, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board regular board meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- II. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Rebecca Frasier, Vangi McCoy, Dee Prock (via telephone), Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, 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 Rebecca Frasier and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the agenda with the additions.**  
**Votes: Frasier-aye; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION  
The November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, regular board meeting and the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, special board meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. CELEBRATIONS - Ms. Vass commented that the third grade living history museum presentation was impressive. Ms. Truelsen sat in on two of the bullying presentations at the elementary.
- VII. FFA REQUEST TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW (possible Action Item)  
Ms. Meyer is requesting approval for attendance to the Western stock show in Denver January 16-19, 2017. The board members reviewed the handouts presented to them. They have raised their own money, having no monetary requests from the district. They're looking for a male chaperone. No motion is necessary, the trip is in state and they aren't requesting funds. The board requested a follow-up presentation on their trip.
- VIII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - None.
- IX. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:
  - A. Strategic Plan #1: Student Success! - Mr. Cooper reported information is in the packets, as well as the UIP.
  - B. Strategic Plan #2: Student Centered Culture - Mr. Livick reported on some test data at the elementary. There's a dip in the reading score. The summer regression was not present this year. Mr. Cooper reported he understands DIBELS scores are the best they've been, with the least number of kids in the red. The math program is being looked at to see what programs they can use to help kids. Kahn is being used currently, but the staff feels there's some holes to fill in the program. More discussion ensued on the steps being taken to check out programs for 3-6 grades. Everyday Math is still used in K-2. The health clinic was already discussed. The outdoor space for the MS is being worked on, and will hopefully be completed over the summer.
  - C. Strategic Plan #3: Student First Financing - Funds will be saved through staffing attrition next year. More numbers will be given at the 26<sup>th</sup> budget meeting. A counseling position is being looked at to be added. Class sizes will be kept in mind when not replacing staff. Student count is down about 57. There has been a family or two moving into the area, so numbers have increased slightly. The district started this year in the red, so some things will be adjusted in the budget, things that will not financially benefit the district. Ms. Frasier asked the reasons for the decreased enrollment in the secondary. Mr. Cooper reported some didn't return because of discipline, others wanted to attend different schools.

The reason wasn't given. She suggested doing exit interviews with students that have left, to see the reasons why. Mr. Cooper would like to be able to hire an additional counselor, that will target 5-8 grades, where Mr. Cooper feels there is a need. This will be further discussed after the budget meeting. Discussion ensued on the budget crisis, how the budget will be pared down at the budget meeting and a look going forward from the budget meeting.

- X. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Cooper's report was in the hard copy board packets. He just e-mailed it out to the board as well. The flashing signs are up and operational in Dolores. Take 10 PE grant has taken off, the 100-mile club in the elementary has a great response. A new bus is needed
- XI. ACADEMIC REPORT
- A. Elementary – Mr. Livick's report was in the board packets.
- B. Middle School - Reports are in board packets.
- C. High School – Reports are in board packets. Mr. Cooper feels the numbers are going in the right direction, from graduation rates, to remedial class completion. He feels this trend will increase enrollment numbers.
- Ms. Vass asked about the block versus traditional schedule, she's heard concerns. Mr. Cooper reported it's being researched and more discussion will occur. Ms. Huffman can report further in February. Mr. Cooper reported more discussion is taking place, concerns have been raised and they are being looked into. Schedules do need to be worked about by May for next year's enrollment.
- XII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS
- A. Student Government Report – Ms. Boyd, president of HS student government reported that Homecoming went well. Attendance was good, with good school spirit all week. In November the food drive was done; feeding 20 families. They took 20 elementary kids Christmas shopping in December at Walmart; they also gave some identified families the leftover Thanksgiving food. Ms. Huffman approached the student government about doing assemblies for Bears group. She reported a disconnect at the HS with the Bears groups, it's not popular among the student body. Mr. Cooper would like a couple student government reps to attend the health clinic meetings, to then report information they gather back to the student body. Ms. Boyd will also let Mr. Cooper know of some student government meeting dates, so he can ask the health clinic nurses to attend and give a presentation.
- B. BOCES – Mr. Cooper reported they haven't met. A behavior interventionist position is being advertised on this side to assist students with behaviors and mental health needs. They're hoping to find someone this winter for the additional support. A new social worker has been hired. The next meeting is February 15, 2017.
- C. District Accountability – Wildly Important Student-Centered Advisory Team (WISCAT) – Ms. Snow passed out the previous meeting's minutes. Encouraging empathy is a focus; how best to do that. The library now subscribes to the "Teaching Tolerance" magazine. Ms. Snow wanted to recognize the secondary doing Bears advisory and having a teacher work with a small group of students for many years is beneficial for students, she feels. Mr. Cooper reported WISCAT met today, discussed the UIP that's up for approval later tonight. The school based health clinic was also discussed. WISCAT is excited about this possibility. Students will be able to utilize the clinic and miss less school, get more accessible and affordable healthcare on campus. Grant funding is being sought. A formal presentation will be given at the February meeting.
- A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve a letter of support for the on campus health clinic.**
- Votes: Frasier-aye; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- D. Legislative Network Reports – Ms. McCoy reported that the first day of a 120-day session started today. There is nothing to report yet. Mr. Cooper reported that school finance is a big topic, along with testing. There is a new state democratic board.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. – Ms. Truelsen asked about the storeroom crack in Mr. Soukup's report. Mr. Cooper reported it's not too bad, the tiles are cracked. It hasn't moved in years. Mr. Cooper did report Mr. Soukup is concerned with funding the School to Farm program; most food is utilized by the third grade restaurant project. He feels he shouldn't be funding that. The increase in minimum wage also needs to be implemented. Security cameras have been installed in the buses.

- F. Advocacy – Mr. Cooper reported that they should be hearing about key initiatives to target now that the legislative session has started back up. Mr. Cooper and Ms. McCoy will stay involved with the Collective Impact, Team Up work, and their hope is to have sustainable funding for nonprofits to promote preschool slots, mental health supports, etc.
- G. Town Board Report – Ms. Truelsen reported they finished their budget. The variance for the three building sites has been pared down to two lots. Mr. Cooper reported they'll hear middle of March on the GOCO planning grant for a track that's still in the works with the town.
- H. Other Information

(Break taken.)

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of January bills and financial statements for period ending December 31st, 2016
- B. Approval of minutes for the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, regular board meeting and the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, special board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:**  
*MS Boys Assist. Basketball Coach:* James Biard  
**Resignation of:**  
*Custodian:* Rena Morris
- D. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
ADF	School Wellness	review
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		

- E. Approval of Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)
- F. Approval of donation to the Elementary School for \$1,000 from Fort Beyhan, LLC
- G. Approval of \$500 donation to the Elementary School from Dolores Mountain Quilters
- H. Approval of the following sites as the designated places for posting notice of the Board of Education meetings: The side windows at the entrances of the Preschool, Elementary and Middle/High School, the outside display board at the District Office and the Dolores School District website

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

Discussion: Ms. McCoy reported in the past the pre-K piece was separate, and she feels they're moving backwards. Mr. Cooper reported it's due the 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McCoy wants to be sure the school garden, the pre-K information along with other information is included. Mr. Cooper reported a draft is due, they'll have to submit it, but they have until April to submit revisions, which he can work with Ms. McCoy on. Discussion ensued on the inclusion of the data piece and some minor wording changes were made to clarify it and make it more strength based, as well as adding in a piece on the garden.

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

XIV. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Boston/NYC trip costs (possible Action Item) - Mr. Cooper reported they don't have the details as of yet from Ms. Pacheco, so this is tabled to a future meeting. Discussion did ensue on parents carpooling and transporting kids to avoid the bus cost and issue of parking a bus for five or six days.
- B. Reschedule March 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting to March 16<sup>th</sup> (Action Item)  
**After discussion, a motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to reschedule the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, board meeting to March 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Votes: Frasier-aye; McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- C. Superintendent's Evaluation - Mr. Cooper will e-mail an electronic copy to the board. The board members fill them out, send them to Ms. Vass, and she will compile the results. They are due to Ms. Vass by January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The results will be discussed at the February meeting.

XV. ADJOURNMENT was at 8:32 p.m. The next special Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26th, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

Simon R. Vass 5-11-17  
Board President Date

Deanna E. Johnson 5-12-17  
Board Secretary Date