

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8TH, 2015  
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

January 8th, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on January 8th, 2015.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Brandon Thurston, Secondary Principal, Jimmie Lankford, Secondary Vice Principal/AD, Sherri Maxwell, Elementary Principal, Tammy Hooten, Business Manager, Faith Pejsa, Student Government, staff, students and community members were also in attendance. Member absent was: Joye McHenry
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the agenda with the additions.**  
**Votes: McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION  
The January 8, 2015, minutes were reviewed and no corrections or changes were necessary.
- VI. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
Keith Moore - Graduation Policy, IKF
- VII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
  - A. Strategic Plan #1: Assessments – Mr. Cooper reported the State CDE Board of Education voted 4-3 to allow school districts to opt out of taking the PAARC test. During the discussion in Mr. Cooper's report it was decided Dolores would take the PAARC test. The principals along with Mr. Cooper like to have the students take the CMASS test because of its long standing history and quick turnaround of the students' scores.
  - B. Strategic Plan #2:
  - C. Strategic Plan #3: Construction Project Update - Mr. Cooper reported the project is completed with having a walkthrough with FCI before the final closeout is completed. Mr. Cooper reminded the board, staff and community members to attend the Celebration of the completion of the project will be Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with tours of the new building and refreshments being provided.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Report in packets; no questions.
- IX. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS - Mrs. Maxwell reported the Elementary PTA plans to purchase computers to put in every 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom. Mr. Thurston reported CMAS testing will begin.
- X. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS
  - A. Student Government Report – No report
  - B. BOCES – No report
  - C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported that there would be a DAC meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with Finance 101 will be the main topic with a brief discussion about the mill levy.

- D. Legislative Network Reports –Vangi McCoy reported the same as Mr. Cooper that the State CDE Board of Education voted 4-3 allow school districts to opt out of taking the PAARC test.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. – A new phone system was discussed and the thought of using the AT&T cell tower extended contract bonus as part of the upfront cost to install a new and updated phone system to where every classroom will have a phone.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion –
- G. Town of Dolores Report - Ms. Truelsen reported that the town has completed the WiFi project.
- H. Other –Presentation and Approval of Final FY2015 budget.  
 The final budget was presented to the Board. Expenditure additions made to the general fund budget was to give a \$100 bonus to all staff members; pay an additional three days in the principals' contracts and preschool director's contract for the extra days they have worked over and above their current contracted period, add a full time custodian (half time cleaning the lunch room and half time with the cleaning crew); full time special needs paraprofessional in the elementary; adjustments made for salaries and benefits to match current staff contracts; a decrease in eSchool costs due to less students; increase for liability/building insurance for the new building additions; increase in attorney costs. There was an increase in general fund revenues due to an increase in students and a slight decrease in the beginning fund balance to match the audit. All funds were adjusted to show the actual beginning fund balance to match the audit. With all the additions and deletions made to the general fund budget, there was a decrease in the use of the beginning fund balance of over \$100,000 from the June budget. The Board asked that the budget include using the cell tower monies of \$15,000 to pay for a down payment to install a new and updated phone system for the district. This would increase the use of reserves.

**Deanna Truelsen moved that be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District Re-4A in Montezuma County that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the revised FY2015 budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and seconded by Dee Prock.**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$9,268,428</b>
<b>Insurance Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$ 47,315</b>
<b>Bond Redemption Fund</b>	<b>\$1,051,739</b>
<b>Capital Reserve, Cap Project</b>	<b>\$4,773,483</b>
<b>Food Service Fund</b>	<b>\$ 301,793</b>
<b>Pupil Activity Agency Fund</b>	<b>\$ 271,344</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$15,714,102</b>

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

**XI. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of January bills and financial statements for period ending December 31st, 2014
- B. Approval of minutes for the December 11th, 2014, Policy Meeting and Regular Board Meetings
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Elementary Special Ed. Teacher:* Sue Nietfeld; *Preschool Substitute Teacher:* Heather (Ashcroft) Varney  
**Resignation of:** *MS/HS SPED Para:* Theresa Hawkins
- D. Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendation for Expulsion
- E. Approval of Donations:  
 Teddy Bear Preschool - \$500  
 Dolores Elementary - \$500
- F. Approval of the following sites as the designated places for posting notice of Board of Education meetings: the side windows at the entrances of the Preschool, Elementary, and Middle/High Schools, the outside display board at the District Office and the Dolores School District website
- G. Authorize Tammy Hooten to be able to do an account inquiry on the following accounts: General Fund, Lunch Fund, Capital Reserve & Insurance Reserves

H. Approve Tammy Hooten on Colo. Trust Account as Business Manager

I. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
AD	School District Mission	2nd reading
GCBA-E2	Extracurricular Pay For Coaches/Sponsors	1st reading
GCBA-E3	Administrative Staff Salary/Compensation	1st reading
GDA-E12	Elementary School Principal Job Description	1st reading
IKF	Graduation Requirements	HOLD
JICH♦	Drug & Alcohol Use by Students	HOLD
JICDH-R	" " " " " – regulation	HOLD
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		

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

Discussion: The district phone system was discussed to direct the AT&T sign up bonus to fund half of the start up costs for the phone system.—Action Item

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

## XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - STUDENT ISSUE

**A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding student matters as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h). Those present at the outset of the executive session shall be members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent and the Secondary Principal. Dee Prock recused herself from the discussion and vote for the recommendation for expulsion action item.**

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

The Board broke into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and returned at 9:18 p.m. with no votes taken and no decisions made.

## XIII. APPROVAL OF HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION - ACTION ITEM

**A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation for expulsion.**

Discussion: None

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

## XIV. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Career Fair – Mr. Thurston reported the students are feeling burned out attending the Career Fair every year. Mr. Lankford concurred and they are recommending to have the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students attend as their interests change as they mature.
- B. Library – Mr. Thurston reported the library committee is discussing repurposing the library space to meet the needs of Preschool-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Mr. Thurston plans to survey the staff about how they would like to see the library used. He also mentioned changing presentations towards another wall that all in attendance would have a better view the presentations. Mr. Thurston would like to purchase new books and reference books with next year's mill levy monies. Mr. Thurston reported that Deborah from the Dolores Public Library has offered to come in and help purge out of date

