

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR MARCH 10TH, 2016
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

March 10th, 2016
7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on March 10th, 2016.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Jen Huffman, Secondary Principal, Gary Livick, Elementary Principal, Doreen Jones, Finance Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Dee Prock and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the agenda with the additions.
Votes: Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION – The February 9th and February 16th, 2016, board linkage meetings and the February 11th, 2016, regular board meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. PRESENTATION ON FOOD SERVICE ONLINE PAYMENT PROGRAM (PAYPAM) - CHUCK SOUKUP
Mr. Soukup reported this system is compatible with his PCS, revenue control system. He has done some research; this system has been online for 13 years, with over 4 million customers. What's the cost? It's already included in the software he has, it just needs to be downloaded; i.e., it's free to the district. It's a web hosting website that parents and students can access for their lunch accounts, make payments, track usage. It sends email alerts when their balance is low. The parents do have to pay a \$1.95 transaction fee for any transaction the parent does through this system. Mr. Soukup then prints out a report and reconciles the numbers with his revenue. All deposits are made electronically to the bank. The application and agreement can be filled out now; Mr. Soukup and staff will have some training; then it can be implemented. An evaluation can be done in June to see if it worked well and to move forward with it for next year. Mr. Soukup will send a letter in the Goose, on the announcements and on the website, so parents can be aware this system is available.
- VII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
 - A. Larry Schwartz - Mr. Schwartz reported in Mr. Lankford's absence on the athletic program and the numbers of kids participating. Track and cross country numbers are up. Volleyball numbers are consistent. Football numbers are consistent. Baseball numbers have dropped a bit. Wrestling numbers are down a bit. Golf numbers are up. The girls basketball program is strong, with increasing numbers. The boys basketball program is also strong. He's been coaching the boys basketball program for five seasons now.
 - B. Chris Trussler - Mr. Trussler reported on the HS football program. Numbers and participation have increased; injuries have decreased. The weightlifting program has been beneficial. All uniforms have been replaced. Our field was voted least desirable and least safe. He doesn't feel coaches should be limited from coaching multiple or overlapping sports, if this is something the board is considering. Mr. Schwartz reported there has been no coaching attrition, and the coaches under him have been there for several years; fundraising this year has been outstanding.

Ms. Vass reported Mr. Lankford has explained the overlapping coaches to the board, he's reported there are no problems. The board has not looked at this as something to change. Board members present felt overlapping coaches was not an issue; the athletic program and current coaches are strong.

- C. DEA - Boettcher Teaching Program - Ms. Neeley reported that student teaching program runs an entire year. It's a national program, it's been in CO for about 13 years. This is the first year it's been hosted in Montezuma County. There are three residents on campus, but one is part-time as she accepted a position in another district. The CEA and DEA support this program. More residents will be coming in next year.
- D. Prom - Ms. Pacheco and students presented on prom. They'd like to have it off campus at the Dolores River Campground. Attendance has dwindled; they feel a change in scenery can boost attendance and morale. The Grand March will be at the campground; dinner can be on their own before prom. Prom committee meets every Tuesday in the library, everyone is welcome. The date for prom is April 23. Ms. Jones reported this event off campus would be covered under our insurance policy, but an agreement would need to be filled out with the campground prior to the event. It was discussed to have signage on the road for safety of students. The campground won't be open yet, so guests won't be displaced. The campground is offering their facility free of charge.

A motion was made by Dee Prock and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the location change of the April 23, 2016, prom to the Dolores River Campground.

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

VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

- A. Strategic Plan #1: Achievement Review – Mr. Cooper reported that this was a voluntary review at his request. The last review nine years ago showed the culture at Dolores was more adult driven; currently he said it's more student focused, which is a good change. A full report will be provided at the next board meeting.
- B. Strategic Plan #2: Color Groups – Ms. Huffman reported that Knowledge Bowl is headed to state competition this weekend in Fort Collins.
The idea behind the color groups is to build school culture, school unity and to get kids together with others they may not normally hang out with. It's a work in progress. Adjustments are made weekly. The JEDI Council discusses this on a regular basis. Feedback so far: Kids are still breaking into their preferred groups; kids/staff don't feel they have enough team building time. They are hoping to get some MS student council members on the advisory teams.
- C. Strategic Plan #3: School Finance and Budgets - Mr. Cooper reported the highlights: Supplemental funding was approved; negative factor was reduced a bit; TABOR refunds are being received, initiative for the 2016 ballot asking the voters if it's okay to take their portion of TABOR refunds from their tax returns and allocate it for education, healthcare, senior citizen costs, etc., basically reinvest it back into Colorado. Field improvements are being discussed; would the town be willing to enter into a joint grant and use the funds in town and at school?
Ms. Jones reported that the Title I budget modification is done. \$7,513 has been moved out of salaries and into equipment, being used to purchase more Chromebooks in the elementary. Title II, \$2,000 came out of purchase services and into salary, being used for professional development.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – A report was in board packets.

X. ACADEMIC REPORT

- A. Elementary – Mr. Livick's report was in board packets. He thanked the community for their generous support of the elementary. NWEA testing midyear has been done and the data will be evaluated. Trends are continuing; all grades have made growth from fall to winter, and it's been greater than the norm, both in reading and math.
- B. Middle School - Ms. Huffman reported that club volleyball is going on at the elementary and MS for 4th through 8th grade students. The first Dolores National History Day competition is Monday; they do plan on taking 12 kids to the state competition as well. Science fair - five students qualified for state in April.
- C. High School – Ms. Huffman reported that FFA teams placed first and second and are going to state.

XI. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report – Ms. Huffman reported the senior council members are planning a spring service project. Elections will be done by May, and then Homecoming planning will commence for an early September Homecoming.
- B. BOCES – Mr. Cooper reported an executive director has been selected and she will begin July 1.

- C. WISCAT – Mr. Cooper reported they met today but couldn't make the meeting. They've been concentrating on nutrition; compliance is required by 2017.
- D. Legislative Network Reports – Mr. Cooper reported the March forecast comes out next Friday. Ms. Hufman reported the rural education funding bill is slated for approval this week. Mr. Cooper provided a letter on the negative factor and its current condition, which he's done the last three years. Over \$700,000 has been taken from our students to balance the state budget. His letter will be sent to parents.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. – Ms. Truelsen requested that a committee of interested stakeholders be formed to study the feasibility of putting in a track at Joe Rowell park, application for grants for a project like this, etc. She'd like this to be discussed at the April board meeting.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion – None.
- G. Town Board Report – Ms. Truelsen reported that Family Dollar is going up and the election is the first Tuesday in April.
- H. Other

XII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of March bills and financial statements for period ending February 29th, 2016
- B. Approval of minutes for the February 9th and February 16th, 2016, board linkage meetings, and for the February 11th, 2016, regular board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Maintenance Director:* Alfonso Goad; *Title I Teacher:* Alesa Reed; *Preschool Sub:* Brittanie Zwicker; *Assistant Middle School Track Coach:* Brooke Elder
Retirement of: *Middle School Special Ed. Teacher:* Chris Miles

D. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
GBGD	Worker's Compensation	1st reading
G CBD	Professional Staff Fringe Benefits	1st reading
GCG/GCGA	Part-time and Substitute Professional Staff	1st reading
JLF-R	Reporting Child Abuse – regulation	1st reading
KA	Grading / Assessment Systems	2nd reading
KA-R	Grading / Assessment Sys. – regulation	2nd reading
IGT	Curriculum Development	1st reading
IHAM	Health & Family Life / Sex Education	1st reading
IHAM-R	...Sex Ed. – Exemption Procedure – reg.	1st reading
HBIB-R	Primary / Preprimary Ed. – regulation	1st reading
HCDA	Concurrent Enrollment	1st reading
HCDA-R	Concurrent Enrollment – regulation	1st reading
I	Instructional Resources and Materials	1st reading
KE	Ensuring All Students Meet Standards	review
KF	Graduation Requirements	HOLD
IMB	Teaching About Controversial Issues...	1st reading
IMBB	Exemptions from Required Instruction	1st reading
GCCAB	Instructional Staff Emergency Leave	1st reading
IA	Instructional Goals and Learning Objectives	REPEAL
IGA	Curriculum Development	REPEAL
IGD	Curriculum Adoption	REPEAL
IGD-E	Curriculum Adoption – exhibit	REPEAL
IGF	Curriculum Adoption Procedures	REPEAL
IHAC	History and Civil Government Education	REPEAL
IHAE	Physical Education	REPEAL
IHAMB	Family Life / Sex Education	REPEAL
IHAMB-R	Family Life / Sex Education Exemption	REPEAL
IHAMC	HIV / AIDS Education	REPEAL
IHAMC-R	HIV / AIDS Education Exemption Procedure	REPEAL
IHBD	Compensatory Education (Title I)	REPEAL

IJJ	Textbook Selection and Adoption	REPEAL
IJJ-R	Textbook Selection and Adoption – reg.	REPEAL
IJK	Supplementary Materials Selection & Adopt.	REPEAL
IJL	Library Materials Selection & Adoption	REPEAL
IJNDB	School Web Site Publishing	REPEAL
IJNDB-R	School Web Site Publishing – regulation	REPEAL
IKAB	Report Cards / Progress Reports	REPEAL
IL	Evaluation of Instructional Programs	REPEAL
ILBA	District Program Assessments	REPEAL
ILBB	State Program Assessments	REPEAL
IMA	Teaching Methods	REPEAL
◆ Required by law		
† New Policy		
April 2015 Policy Parameters		
July 2015 Special Policy Update		
May 2014 Policy Parameters		
Policies repealed by CASB		

Discussion: JICA-R - Middle School/High School Dress Code - Ms. Huffman reported the JEDI Council has recommended No. 6 be changed - make it more positively stated, what you can wear, not what you can't wear. JEDI Council would also like the following added: "Hats may be worn in the building and in the classrooms at the discretion of the teacher." Please review this for the next meeting. Ms. Vass inquired about street shoes and its meaning; they constitute shoes with soles.

- E. Approval of Early Retirement stipend for Chris Miles
- F. Approval of Resolution in Support of the Collective Impact Initiative
- G. Approval of the 2016-2017 Calendar
- H. Approval of Certified Staff for the 2016-2017 school year
- I. Approval of Early Literacy Grant
- J. Approval of Elementary UIP
- K. Approval of Title budget modifications
- L. Approval of the \$700 donation from Home Team Marketing for the expenses of building the Crow's Nest
- M. Approval of the Hearing Officer's recommendation
- N. Approval of the 4th grade trip to the Planetarium in Farmington on 3/31/16

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

Discussion: Ms. Reed reported on the availability of the Early Literacy Grant; she passed out materials to the board and information was also in Mr. Livick's board report. If we're awarded this money, it's about 2 to \$300,000 over the next several years. This grant will help increase literacy instruction, implement a literacy coaching program, and bring in a consultant, required by CDE, and looking at an intervention program. Sustainability needs to be looked at. They'd also like to replace their core reading program; it's somewhat outdated and it would be required by the grant. The consultant can help in this area and they have already been chosen. Signature is needed tonight from the board president; the application is due Tuesday.

The elementary UIP was discussed; what has remained the same and what is being changed.

The proposed calendar has gotten positive feedback. The 2016-2017 school year ends Memorial Day.

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

