

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 12TH, 2015  
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

March 12th, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. on March 12th, 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, staff, students and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
  
**A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the agenda with the additions.**  
**Votes: McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- VI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION  
The February 12th, 2015, Regular Board meeting minutes were approved with the following change: The hiring of the MS Assistant Wrestling Coach Ryan Johnston was not approved.
- VII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
A. MSTFP Garden Project Update - Megan Tallmadge  
Ms. Tallmadge reported on the student work hours and the work on developing curriculum currently underway. Health and nutrition is being increased. MS hours were down this year because of class changes. Life skills, social interaction, outdoor cooking, composting and waste reduction are being worked on. Grants are being sought to help the program remain sustainable. Local businesses, farmers and ranchers continue to be supportive. The horno oven and pond have been installed and are well received. This project has been in the school for four years now. Students participate and continue to help this project be successful.  
Staffing: Coordinator, AmeriCorps participates 30 hours a week. Next year will expand to 40 hours a week, possibly more. Ms. Meeker presented information regarding her role here at Dolores. She is staying for another year because of the students, staff and faculty; she enjoys the atmosphere.  
Dolores is one of the more forward thinking districts in the county. The budget was presented for 2014; 2015 is expected to be about \$7,000 higher for the AmeriCorps hours. The Dolores school district contribution of \$8,800 has been vital to the health of the program and Dolores was the first to contribute to this program; they're hoping it will continue.  
The board and administration thanked Ms. Tallmadge and her staff for all the work they've done and continue to do. The plan is to continue to have the nutrition department fund this program.
- VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE  
A. Strategic Plan #1: NWEA - Mr. Thurston reported that the growth trends are on par with the nation and positive in all content areas. MS scores usually drop a bit in 6th grade and then continue on the upward trend. When the 6th grade stays at the elementary, that trend will be looked at. NWEA results are immediate and contain good data, compared to the state testing. The secondary staff finds this data very useful and use it quite a bit in planning their curriculum and target areas.  
Mr. Lankford reported that student feedback for PARCC has been for the most part positive. They feel it's been somewhat easy and the transition to electronic test taking has gone well.  
Ms. Maxwell reported on elementary data; reporting on areas of solid understanding as well as needing growth. Some grades struggle just by the nature of the student makeup.

B. Strategic Plan #2:

C. Strategic Plan #3: Mill Levy - Mr. Cooper reported that a bonding agent will help us pro bono. The district's attorney has also been consulted. All due dates need to be made and proper verbiage used to ensure placement on the ballot. Ms. Hooten reported that the question needs to be specifically worded and the timeline followed. The timeline is on the Colorado Election's website for this year's election.

Mr. Cooper reported the first deadline is July 24th, which is to notify the County Clerk of the district's intent to move forward with the ballot question. He proposed the first community meeting be April 21st at 6:00, location TBD, for community input on how to spend ML override funds in the future; what programs will be cut or will stay, depending on the passing of this override. Mr. Cooper would also like to get a committee together of staff, parents, and community members.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Report in packets. Tomorrow elementary principal candidate interviews will be held, selecting two finalists, maybe more, to come back next week.

X. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS - Mr. Thurston reported on staff feedback; more PD days are requested; personal finance and literacy is a need in our district, all students could benefit.

Mr. Lankford reported on athletic, ag and science fair achievements of students.

Ms. Maxwell reported on the 6th grade move meeting that was last night. Everyday Math will be used through 6th grade. English, language arts and science curriculum are being worked on. Lab kits are being looked at for science. Leadership Camp for the 6th graders will be in September in Durango. Scheduling is being worked on as well. Transition grant was received, a coordinator has been hired.

Many student achievements are to be celebrated spanning the entire district.

XI. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

A. Student Government Report - No report.

B. BOCES - Ms. McCoy reported they have not met.

C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported the next meeting is April 21st, 6:00 p.m., Mill Levy Override, commons/library.

D. Legislative Network Reports - Ms. McCoy reported on her preview of the New Kids Countdown, which will be released March 23rd. Senate Bill 173, passed out of Senate Education Committee last week and sent to Senate Committee. PARCC testing has begun; lieutenant governor spoke out against the opt out movement. Testing bills in senate and house have been taken off the calendar. Increased activity expected in the next few weeks. The state board met and the data from the Healthy Kids CO Survey was discussed, the participation of students and how the data is used. Ms. McCoy will be at the capitol on Wednesday.

Mr. Cooper reported on the education bills currently on the floor. PARCC was discussed, the fact that the participation rate at the secondary is not that good, and thereby district wide data may be affected.

E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - Ms. Truelsen asked for some suggestions for the cell tower money; Mr. Cooper sent some ideas. Further discussion to come.

F. Communication plan reports and discussion - None.

G. Town of Dolores Report - Ms. Truelsen reported not much has been done. May 18 and 19 are cleanup days. Get your items to the curb and they'll be picked up. The speed limit on Central is 20, other streets is 15, 35 on the highway. The new town deputies start on Monday.

H. Other - None.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of February bills and financial statements for period ending February 29th, 2015

B. Approval of minutes for the February 12th, 2015, Regular Board Meeting

- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Sub Bus Drivers:* Thomas Scheuerman, Dustin Trader; *MS Wrestling Coach:* Dane Gallaher  
**Resignation of:** *Maintenance Director:* Frank Lopez  
**Retirement of:** *Elementary Title I Teacher:* Correen Becher  
**Maternity Leave:** *MS/HS Health/P.E. Teacher:* Gina Hollen - leave from February 23, 2015, to May 26, 2015
- D. Approval of Snow Day for February 23, 2015 Expulsion
- E. Approval of Early Retirement Stipend and 110 day contract for 2015-2016 for Frank Lopez
- F. Approval of Early Retirement Stipend and 110 day contract for 2015-2016 for Correen Becher
- G. Approval of District-wide UIP and GT Addendum
- H. Hearing officer's recommendation for Expulsion

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

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

XIII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Debrief on Board Linkage meetings - They went well, there was good student feedback. The students would like the water fountains fixed, improved lighting in classrooms, basketball court repair at the elementary, pillows at computer stations, repainting the main gym walls and other buildings.
- B. Calendar for 2015-2016 (ACTION ITEM) - Draft 10 is available. It is much more user friendly. There has been input from all stakeholders.

**A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the 2015-2016 Calendar.**

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

- C. Separate policy meeting for June?
- D. Setting of policy meetings?

**After discussion a motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to approve the setting of a Policy meeting on April 9th at 5:00 p.m., with a board meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**After discussion a motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to reschedule the June 11, 2015, board meeting to June 18, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.; and to have a Policy meeting on June 24, 2015, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

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

- XIV. ADJOURNMENT was at 9:10 p.m. The next Policy-Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9th, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

  
 Board President Date 4-9-15

  
 Board Secretary Date 4-15