

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13th, 2016
BOARD MEETING

Regular Board Meeting
Professional Development Room

October 13th, 2016
6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on October 13th, 2016.
- II. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Rebecca Frasier (entered late), Vangi McCoy, Dee Prock (telephonically), Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Doreen Jones, Finance Manager, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- III. PLEDGE
- 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 September 8th, 2016, regular board meetings minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
 - A. School to Farm presentation – Patrick Alford, Zoe Nelsen – Ms. Nelsen is the new director for the program and she feels the program is positively impacting the community. Ms. Nelsen passed out the budget and supporting data for their request for funding that was made in the spring. In the spring 2016, \$15,600 was requested for the 2016-'17 school year. \$9,600 has been received.
Mr. Alford presented a PowerPoint presentation of the program and its current operation. Updates for the fall: 4,179 student hours taught, 406 students taught, 150 pounds of produce harvested, 4,158 taste testings for the students. Future goals: More collaboration with MS and HS classes; garden expansion; building a roof structure over the oven and that will also enable cover for classes taught there; orchard expansion along the football field line; higher produce volume going to the cafeteria; remodel the greenhouse.
Ms. Nelsen presented the breakdown of the budget and reported the request is still \$15,600, despite lower enrollment numbers.
Ms. McCoy asked if we have a full-time AmeriCore member; yes, we do. Mr. Alford's position is a ¾ time position.
Ms. Nelsen reported the cost to support the Dolores program is just over \$40,000. Mr. Cooper is impressed with the program. He reported that budget discussions will take place to reflect the decrease in student enrollment and the funding for this program may be affected. Mr. Cooper reported we committed to \$9,600, it's been funded already. He asked if the program can be sustained through the school year with this amount. Are other districts helping? Ms. Nelsen said they're hoping the program is sustainable, and yes, other districts are helping. Between all three districts, about \$26,000 has been received; along with private donations. Things may be looked at to be scaled back for next year.
Ms. Prock feels this is a special and unique program and the money invested goes a long way. She feels it's something that we should keep if we can and figure out a way to do that. Everyone present agrees. Grant funding may be able to be pursued to help fund the program as well.

All proceeds from the 3rd grade student restaurant, will go to the garden. It's at the campground next week. Ms. Truelsen and Ms. Vass asked about the cost of the roof and improvements; will they have in-kind donations? Mr. Alford reported that that all remains to be seen, donations would be good.

- B. SB-152 presentation – An unidentified gentleman reported that businesses didn't do their job getting upgraded internet here; we are sorely lacking in service. He encourages voters to vote yes on 2A for Dolores to opt out; he encourages voters to vote yes on 1A for the county residents to opt out. This does not commit the spending of funds. In favor votes basically sends the message to the state to stay out of residents's business. Cortez has done it, Mancos was grandfathered in. The goal is to get high speed internet to everyone in the county that is affordable. A lot of school systems are using advances in technology; that therefore requires access to good internet speeds. He has handouts for the Dolores initiative. There is opposition from those fearing tax increases.
- C. Operation Graduation – Elaine Medina – Ms. Medina is asking the board for the continued support of this program, which is a safe, fun and substance free night for the graduating seniors. The rec center has already been reserved. In the past the board has approved \$500. This will be on the next agenda for further discussion and approval. The program is in its 20th year. Right now there are 30 seniors.

VII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

- A. Strategic Plan #1: Student Success! – Mr. Cooper reported that student data is in the board packets.
- B. Strategic Plan #2: Student Centered Culture – Mr. Cooper reported behavior data is in the packets.
- C. Strategic Plan #3: Student First Financing – Mr. Cooper reported school finance will be discussed later in the evening.

Ms. Vass reported it's exciting to be approving the grants this evening. Ms. Vass asked about the college class issue, noticing it in Ms. Huffman's report. HS teachers cannot teach a college class unless they're highly qualified in that specific subject. It goes into effect July 1, 2017; the agreement was to finish out this year. PCC at the start of the year said they can't do that, even though several kids were enrolled this year at Dolores, to take advantage of this program. Admin is lobbying to utilize other colleges for the credit. Online credits are also being pursued. Some issues may be credits are only good for CO colleges, not across state lines.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Cooper's report was in the board packets. No questions.

IX. ACADEMIC REPORT – All reports are in packets; principals aren't present. No questions.

- A. Elementary
- B. Middle School
- C. High School

X. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report – None.
- B. BOCES – Ms. McCoy reported the meeting was last night. The audit of no findings was discussed. A presentation was given by the speech and language pathologist and the audiologist. The GT coordinator also shared what that program is doing. The meeting was lengthy because of the possible exit of the Durango School District. The exit of Durango may be known by the November board meeting.
- C. District Accountability – Wildly Important Student-Centered Advisory Team (WISCAT) – Ms. Vass liked the wellness policy. Ms. Snow reported there were some legal items they needed to include, so it's been updated; she provided a copy to the board members. The new policy is intentionally vague with regard to monies spent, just that state standards will be met. The last meeting minutes were also passed out to the board members. The next directive that came up was the budget, looking at line items where the question comes up, what is this serving? All questions were answered to the team's satisfaction. They will also be looking at what the school's needs are and what student issues are affected by the budget. Where can things be adjusted or more information learned to give better answers to the students. There is a good core group of five that attend these meetings; the online

- group is looking over emails and responding, and they're about 15. The secondary is underrepresented; the elementary is well represented; the preschool has not been able to find a rep.
- D. Legislative Network Reports – Ms. McCoy reported there isn't much happening but elections.
 - E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. – None.
 - F. Communication plan reports and discussion – None.
 - G. Advocacy – Mr. Cooper reported working with the Rural Ed Council, they're assessing the teacher salary issue.
 - H. Town Board Report – GOCO grant update – Mr. Cooper reported that this project would be for the track at Joe Rowell Park. If awarded the money would be funded in March. Then architects and the master planning will be pursued. The flood plain will need to be looked at. Money would need to be raised over a period of years if this project goes through. They will fund up to half or \$375,000. This project is estimated to be at least a million dollars with the track and field, so the grant funding will most likely be \$375,000. The planning grant is \$40,000 and Dolores would need to come up with ¼ of this cost. \$6,000 was previously budgeted but \$10,000 is the more accurate number. There's a sample IGA in the board packets. The funders need to see that the project is being planned for, the district is prepared and the matching monies are available. Ms. Vass asked if another \$4,000 is needed; Mr. Cooper said that is possible. We budgeted on the low end, adjustments can be made. This is not a good year to have to pay more money out of the budget. Ms. Vass asked for some clarification of terms. Should a concession stand and changing rooms be added for visiting athletes? Yes, they should.

Ms. Truelsen reported SRO meetings at the Town Board. The marijuana moratorium passed for another two years, meaning no marijuana shops here in Dolores. A resident wants to subdivide in his area; that issue has been continued as neighbors are upset about the possibility.
 - I. Other Information – None.

XI. Action Items

- A. Approval of October bills and financial statements for period ending September 30th, 2016
- B. Approval of minutes for the September 8th, 2016, regular board meeting
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:**
 - Fourth Grade Teacher:* Desirae Bellairs
 - Small Vehicle Driver:* James Walker
 - Bus Driver:* Curt Haun
 - Substitute Teachers:* Betty Toso, Jennifer Johnston
 - MS Asst. Wrestling Coach:* Roger Andreason
 - Twelve weeks Maternity Leave:* Allison Bjerke

D. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
AEA	Standards Based Education	2 nd reading
AEE	Waiver of State Law & Regulation	2 nd reading
BC-R	School Board Member Financial ... reg.	2 nd reading
BDFA	District Personnel Evaluation Council	2 nd reading
BE ♦	School Board Meetings	2 nd reading
DAB-E	Financial Administration ... exhibit	2 nd reading
DEA	Funds from Local Tax Sources	2 nd reading
DJE	Bidding Procedures	2 nd reading
EBCG	Automated External Defibrillators	2 nd reading
GBGAB	First Aid Training	2 nd reading
GCO-R	Evaluation of Licensed Personnel, reg	2 nd reading
GDA-E16	MS/HS Secretary Job Description	2 nd reading
GDA-E22	Gifted Ed. Coordinator Job Description	2 nd reading
GDA-E23	Secondary Dean of Students Job Description	1 st reading
GDA-E24	Athletic Director Job Description	1 st reading
IKA ♦	Grading/Assessment Systems	2 nd reading
JICA-R	Middle School/High School Dress Code	2 nd reading

JLCD-R	Administering Medications ... regulation	2 nd reading
JLCE	First Aid and Emergency Care	2 nd reading
KF-E	Community Use of Facilities, reg., exhibit	2 nd reading
EBAB-R	Hazardous Materials-regulation	REPEAL
IKC-IKD-R	Class Ranking	REPEAL
◆ Required by law		
† New Policy		

- E. Approval of the following donations from Western Dairy Association and GENYouth Foundation: Dolores Middle School - \$1664.00; Dolores Elementary School - \$2,000.00
- F. Approval of Colorado Health Foundation Healthy Spaces Grant for \$110,500 for Middle School playground

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

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

(Break taken.)

XII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

- A. BEST Grant – Mr. Cooper recommends that the district wait on this. Safe and secure front entrances were looking to be pursued, but it would have to be awarded with the intention of the district using matching funds. Mr. Cooper is proposing to install boxes at all front doors, front doors would be locked, people visiting would have to buzz in. Ms. Frasier asked about a lockdown, how does this work? Mr. Cooper feels it will help, because right now in an emergency people have to manually lock the doors. With the new equipment, the doors will already be locked. What about first responders? The law enforcement agencies have keys. Mr. Cooper reported they're supportive of the effort of securing the front doors. We're one of the last districts to take this step. This was also recommended by the safety committee and sheriff's department.
Mr. Cooper reported safety film for windows is also being looked at for future installation. It takes quite a bit of force to break through the glass windows and doors with this film present.
- B. Budget:
 - 1. Coaches / AD Stipend Policy – Mr. Cooper reported October numbers are better than they were in September, but they're still not good. This item was tabled until this meeting to see the numbers. We'll have a decrease in funding of \$176,722 due to decreased student numbers. This number could change a bit yet. There will be a hit to our reserves of \$677,000 if everything that is budgeted is spent this year; \$500,000 being taken out of reserves to meet the initial budgeted numbers to begin with. All other districts except Mancos are paying more for coaching positions. Mr. Cooper reported there's \$15,000 that was saved between the AD and Dean of Students position, but it's not ongoing, that's only for this year. If there is an increase, money will need to be found in the budget for the future. Ms. Frasier suggested a bonus, if the district has the money left over, then the coaches will get the bonus. Discussion ensued on the ramifications of doing a salary increase versus a bonus. Also discussion on the complaint that money is being spent on coaches and not teachers or classrooms could be a possibility.
After extensive discussion, it was decided to have further discussion and a decision at the November board meeting. All present realize the hard work, hours and dedication that the coaches put in to their coaching positions and want them to feel appreciated.
 - 2. Part-time District Office position – Ms. Jones is asking for a part-time temporary sub for the district office that is needed. She is backed up and needs the extra help. Ms. Arnett will be taking a leave of absence in January and February. Ms. Heather Pierce will start on Monday on an hourly basis for about 25 hours a week. There will be no benefit package and it's a temporary position, so no long-term contract is needed. This is already in the budget.
- C. Board Linkages – planning dates – This is tabled until November.
- D. Debrief CASB Regional Training – This is tabled until November.

- E. CASB annual convention – The early bird deadline is before the next board meeting. All board members are planning to attend and will also do the pre-convention on Thursday, so all should keep December 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th open. After discussion, the plan is to leave Wednesday and return Saturday. Mr. Cooper will make the necessary arrangements.
- F. Board agenda template – This is tabled until November.

Mr. Cooper reported the Mill Levy needs to be set between December 3 and December 15. After discussion a meeting was set for December 12, 2016, 8:15 a.m., to set the Mill Levy.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT was at 9:01 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Sienna R. Vass 12-12-16
Board President Date

Seanna E. Thulson 12-12-16
Board Secretary Date