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

#### Regular Board Meeting Professional Development Room

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 8th, 2015.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, Gary Livick, Elementary Principal, Jenifer Hufman, Secondary Principal, Karen Andrews, Business Manager, Larissa Umberger, Student Body President, staff and community members were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the agenda with the additions, adding a policy discussion on homework, as well as adding Brooke Elder to the Citizens to Address the Board.
   Votes: McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION Minutes for the September 10th, 2015, regular board meeting and the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, special board meeting were approved with the following change: Ms. McCoy was not present but attended via telephone the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, special meeting.

## VI. SCHOOLARAMA FAMILY NIGHT PRESENTATION - LORI HARRIS

Ms. Harris presented information on the second annual Schoolarama/Family Night. It is on November 5<sup>th,</sup> 5:00 to 7:30, with dinner served at 5:00. She presented last year's night with a PowerPoint, showing how the evening went and how well attended and successful it was. Everyone is invited.

VII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Michael and Rebecca Frasier - Mr. Frasier started off with quoting the mission statement and strategic plan. Mr. Frasier came to express his concerns about a student being removed from an athletic team without the proper steps being taken. He stated the parents weren't contacted prior to removal. He would like the board to carefully consider who they hire as the Dolores volleyball middle school coach for next year. Two years in a row they feel that the current coach has violated the athletic policies and procedures. Ms. Frasier passed out some documentation for the board to review. Ms. Vass thanked them for attending and let them know they will look into the matter further.

Brooke Elder - She came tonight to express her thoughts on the healing process and the district moving forward in a positive direction. She is here to show support for the dedication of the staff and their positive effect on our students. She appreciates the coaches that are doing double duty and the dedication they show. She is thankful for the AD as well and the extra time he spends on scheduling and addressing parent concerns. Ms. Elder feels people building comes first, before sports, and feels we have quality coaches and volunteers.

### VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

A. Strategic Plan #1: NWEA - Mr. Cooper reported results are in the board packets and principal reports. Mr. Livick reported they'll have more in depth data next time, after they can thoroughly review the results and send them to parents.

Ms. Hufman needs more time to go over the data as well, talk with staff and process the results. She is encouraged that our students are right with the national average.

B. Strategic Plan #2: The current SRO and sheriff came and discussed their current work at our campus and how they are making it a safer environment for our students. The Standard Response Protocol is

being practiced and incorporated. The majority of feedback from teachers and parents has been positive regarding the police presence. The SRO does have a special rapport with some of the students, those that seem to need some extra attention. There was a felony drug bust in the parking lot. The canine officer has been in the school a few times; an abandoned backpack with drug paraphernalia was found in the commons. Our problems are small compared to some other districts. Ms. Hufman thanked the SRO and counselor for putting in some long hours to help a student in need.

- C. Strategic Plan #3: Mill Levy (ML) Mr. Cooper reported that information is continuing to get out to support the ML and how the funds are used. Voters need to vote yes on 3A, so that the current ML will be continued for another eight years, equating to \$390,000 annually. If it's not approved, it will sunset in 2016. Ms. Elder reported that while passing out information, they received positive feedback on approval.
- IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Reports are in board packets.

## X. ACADEMIC REPORT

- A. Elementary Mr. Livick reported still waiting for cut scores for CMAS from the state. Those will be looked at along with NWEA data in the coming weeks. The PTA helped with DIBELS assessments. The elementary has improved technology because of ML funds which has helped with electronic testing and data. PTA donations, rural money and Title VI money have helped tremendously in the technology department. The largest class size is 22; total of 450 students. The PTA continues to be a huge asset for the elementary, not only with monetary funds but with volunteer time; they have over 90 members. Teacher observations have been done, and they'll continue once a month. Report cards for 2<sup>nd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> will be A, B, C, etc., like the secondary.
- B. Middle School
- C. High School

Ms. Hufman reported on B and C, opening with the current vision statement and goals for the district. Ms. Hufman asked each teacher to write their interpretation of the vision statement; they created a bear paw word cloud with core values. The final form of the vision statement will be before the board for approval at the next meeting.

## XI. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

- A. Student Government Report Ms. Umberger, student body president, reported they're meeting Wednesdays and working on Homecoming. They're including the MS in all of their events to help things run a bit smoother for those teachers participating. She appreciates that the students have their own computers; it has been very beneficial to learning and assignment tracking.
- B. BOCES The meeting is next week.
- C. District Accountability Wildly Important Student-Centered Advisory Team (WISCAT) Ms. Snow passed out the agenda from their last meeting. The focus at the last meeting was the wellness committee; they're working with Mr. Soukup on this area. A mission statement, growth and vision statements are needed for the wellness aspect of the school. They're working on library availability and the volunteer schedule. The COW cart, is the Computer On Wheels, carrying the Chromebooks. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is very happy with the Chromebooks; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is being worked on. Mondays is fitness for staff after school; everyone is welcome to participate in yoga and step classes.
- D. Legislative Network Reports The Kids Count luncheon was a couple weeks ago at First National Bank; Children's Campaign was present. Data is sobering. Legislative priorities are being worked on. The Lt. Governor came a week ago and spent a full day in the area, traveling to different schools and doing interviews and reading sessions.
- E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. The homework policy will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- F. Communication plan reports and discussion None.
- G. Town of Dolores Report Ms. Truelsen reported the land use plan is being looked at; those interested contact the town. The Harvest Fest is this Saturday, 10-4.
- H. Other None.
- XII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of October bills and financial statements for period ending September 30th, 2015 B. Approval of minutes for the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, regular board meeting and the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, special meeting C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teachers:* Katya Chorover-Grandt, Susan Burger, Patti Lankford, Heather Pierce, Katrina Lindus; *Middle School Wrestling Coach:* Dane Gallaher; *Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach:* Monica Steinberger; *Middle School Boys and Girls Assistant Basketball Coach:* Bob Hufman; *Substitute Para & Secretary:* Patti Lankford D. Approval of \$543 donation from Zoetis (per recommendation of Dr. Gerald Koppenhafter) to support FFA

# 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

(Break taken.)

### XIII. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

A. Policy BEDB - Agenda

Some board members would like to see a celebration section in the agenda. After discussion it was decided to include a section at the beginning, before the citizens to address the board. The policy will need to be amended to reflect this change. All present want Ms. McHenry to provide feedback on what she wanted on this topic, as well as looking at the board agenda as a whole. The SP goals also need to be updated along the side of the agenda.

B. School Board Linkage dates

Discussion ensued on changing the advisory schedule. Some admin will be attending a Pagosa Springs Homecoming to see their scheduling that has gotten some recognition as being very positive for students and staff.

After discussion the **Board Linkage** meetings will be held as follows:

February 9, 2016:

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Elementary and MS students;

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for the Department Heads;

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. for the Principals & Preschool Director

February 16, 2016

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students;

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. - 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students;

3:35 to 5:00 p.m. - Teachers / Paras / Staff

C. Upcoming CASB meetings - Board attendance

The CASB conference is on December 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>, the board would like Dolores art to be displayed as it was a couple years ago. They would like to leave Wednesday at noon and come back Saturday. Ms. Prock will see if she can arrange her work schedule to attend. Ms. Andrews will book the rooms and get everyone registered.

D. Behavior Interventionist/Special Education Paraprofessional job position & job description (Action Item)

The board members have the job description in their packets. It is a new position that is needed.

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to approve the Behavior Interventionist/Special Education Paraprofessional job position & job description. Votes: McCoy-aye; Prock-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye

XIV. ADJOURNMENT was at 8:24 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

**Board President** 

Date

Board Secretary

Date