

DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2014  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Special Board Meeting  
Professional Development Room

September 24th, 2014  
6:08 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. on September 24th, 2014.
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Jon Kelly, Vangi McCoy, Joye McHenry, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent, and Karen Andrews, Business Manager were also in attendance.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**A motion was made by Vangi McCoy and seconded by Deanna Truelsen to approve the agenda as presented.**  
**Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- V. AUDIT PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL-ACTION ITEM  
Mr. Majors reported on the audit for year ended June 30, 2014. Some highlights: Lunch Fund made \$20,283 this year. Starting this year, this will be a unified/special revenue fund, so no depreciation expense. It's accounted for like the general fund. Budget to actual - general fund - no funds overspent their budget. The ending fund balance is fine. Capital Reserve/Projects - loss of approx. \$748,000. This loss is due to the expenditures for the BEST Construction Grant and the fact that the Bond monies were received last year and the expenditures and spending down these monies. This audit showed no violations of CDE policies and procedures.  
Mr. Cooper asked about a healthy reserves amount. Mr. Majors feels six months of operating expenses is healthy. Three months is a minimum. We're at \$2.7 million now, of which only \$2.5 is available to the district. TABOR reserves soaks up \$250,000 of this. Mrs. Andrews stated that another part of the reserves is any multi-year contracts that you have to cover, and so for us that is an additional \$100,000. When talking with the public and staff, the recommendation of our auditor is to have six months of operating expenses for a healthy reserve and we don't quite have that as of now. Mr. Majors also said if the fund balance decreases over three years, then CDE will come in and want explanations.  
Mr. Majors and the board discussed changes in PERA for this fiscal year, and they may not necessarily be for the better.  
**A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Vangi McCoy to approve the June 30, 2014 Audit as presented.**  
**Votes: Kelly-aye; McCoy-aye; McHenry-aye; Truelsen-aye; Vass-aye**
- VI. CROWN (AT&T) CELL TOWER CONTRACT - Mr. Cooper reported that the owners of the tower want to extend the lease, pay more monthly, provide a signing bonus of \$4,000, with incremental increases every few years. They want it stretched to the 2050s, and right now it goes through 2023. They want an answer tomorrow for the new terms. Ms. Andrews reported Crown bought

out AT&T tower leases; they don't want to worry about the lease; there is no provision on how the district can terminate the lease, but there is for Crown to terminate. The original lease was made in the 1990s and could be renewed every five years. We're in the fourth renewal of this term, with an auto renewal in 2018 going through 2023. The concern is the district locking in to long-term leases. Ten years is comfortable. If the district sells the property, Crown would like the first right to purchase it. There is an environmental concern, though, at the transportation area.

What does this monthly money do? We use it for staff, back to school picnics, holiday dinners, staff incentive program. Mr. Kelly said it is good revenue for the district; the downside is we can't predict the future, and 2053 is a long way off, our needs will be different. He would also feel better if we can terminate the lease in the future if necessary.

After discussion it was decided that Mr. Cooper and Ms. Andrews will go back to Crown with the following negotiations: Adding an additional 11 years to the current 9-year-left lease, the district would like the option to non-renew at the incremental breaks, increasing the sign-on bonus to \$6,000 and increasing the monthly payment to the district to \$900.

## VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teachers:* Rick Mellen, Matthew Sheldon, Nancy Kastning, Jill Umberger  
**Resignation of:** *Fourth-grade Teacher:* Gwen Blake

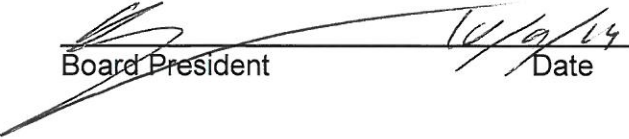
**A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Linnea Vass to approve the Action Items as presented.**

Discussion: Ms. Truelsen asked if we have a new fourth grade teacher? Not yet, the ad went out today. We can go with the long-term sub option if a suitable candidate isn't found right away. We do have until November 14th.


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

The CASB regional event is next Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., meet here at 3:00 p.m. to carpool to Durango.

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT was at 7:05 p.m. The next Board/linkage meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 3:45 p.m.

  
Board President

10/9/14  
Date

  
Board Secretary

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