

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

Work Session
Professional Development Room

February 12th, 2015
5:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. on February 12th, 2015.
- II. BOARD RETREAT DEBRIEF-
 - Retreat-The board really feels more connected to one another after the retreat and with energy and excitement discussion was around the when and where the next boards retreat would take place. Scott Cooper reminded the board that last year it was held in Rico, CO the first part of August.
 - Mill Levy-move forward now than later in the year because the board feels the community doesn't feel the urgency as the district does. Put on the Action item to the regular board meeting. Also, discussion around the community mill levy committee, when should the committee member selections should start.
 - Board Evaluations-The board felt that they have had informal evaluations at the retreat and will do formal evaluations by reaching out to Randy Black for the best template.
- III. ADJOURNMENT was at 5:55 p.m.

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Regular Board Meeting
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February 12th, 2015
6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Dolores School Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on February 12th, 2015.

II. PLEDGE

III. ROLL CALL - Members present were: Vangi McCoy, Joye McHenry, Dee Prock, Deanna Truelsen and Linnea Vass. Scott Cooper, Superintendent and Tammy Hooten, Business Manager, were also in attendance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Joye McHenry to approve the agenda with the additions.

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

V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR REVIEW OR CORRECTION

The January 8, 2015, Regular Board Meeting minutes and the February 3, 2015, Board Linkage minutes were approved as presented.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL ISSUE

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding student matters as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). Those present at the outset of the executive session shall be members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

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

The Board broke into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. and returned at 7:19 p.m. with no votes taken and no decisions made.

VII. SEVENTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS CLASS - PRESENTATION OF THEIR OWN "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH

VIII. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

A. DHS Dance Team

IX. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

A. Strategic Plan #1: Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) - Mr. Cooper reported there are plans for each school this year, instead of doing the districtwide plan. Ms. McCoy asked about the early childhood pieces being mixed in with the elementary; Mr. Cooper said those are coming. Right now, they have the three schools that will be sent to the state. The board would like them to be posted on our district website.

B. Strategic Plan #2: Positive Behavior interventions and Supports (PBIS) - Mr. Cooper reported on Ms. Read's resignation.

C. Strategic Plan #3: School Finance 101 - Ms. Hooten reported that she did this presentation with DAAC in January, and she passed out packets to the board. An adopted budget will be presented in June.

The state budget doesn't look like it will be getting any better for schools; the negative factor and TABOR are detractors. Any questions, contact Ms. Hooten.

- X. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Mr. Cooper's report was shared; no questions.
- XI. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS - Mr. Thurston's and Ms. Maxwell's report were shared and will be discussed at a later date.
- XII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS
 - A. Student Government Report - Ms. Pejsa sent a report to the board.
 - B. BOCES - Ms. McCoy reported that their meeting was last night. Highlights: Discussion on the future of the career fair; BOCES is looking at restructuring; they approved the search for an ESS coordinator; eSchool needs to do some work to remain accredited, they are financially solid and up to almost 100 students, and they want to change their vision to include "expanded learning opportunities" which would highlight more of what they do.
 - C. District Accountability - Mr. Cooper reported that the Finance 101 meeting went well. Ms. Hooten did a good job. The next meeting may be a community night around the Mill Levy, the date is TBD. The ribbon cutting for the new buildings was a success and well attended.
 - D. Legislative Network Reports - Ms. McCoy reported that we're one-third through the session. There were 469 comments submitted and a summary of recommendations was given from the Standards and Assessments Task Force. There was a bill to halt school breakfast expansion and it's been killed. Support for the school readiness assessment is being sought, it's observation based and it gives good data. House Bill 1194 has been brought forward, which would allow the CO Dep't of Public Health and Environment to distribute long-acting, reversible contraception for family planning efforts; statistics show that abortion rates and pregnancy rates decreased when given this option - this isn't an issue in our school district but it is in our county. The state board meets next week; testing waivers will be on the agenda. They will also be reviewing the CO participation in common core standards in math and English and graduation guidelines; there may be discussion on allowing more local control but also lowering the bar for graduation requirements. At the Capitol several testing bills have been introduced, the first to be heard a week from Monday. Licensing standards are being looked at as well.
 - E. Board requests for agenda items, information, etc. - Ms. Vass asked that linkage notes from the board members be emailed to her by March 6th, the latest March 9th, so she can package them into one document and then submit them to administration.
 - F. Communication plan reports and discussion - None.
 - G. Town of Dolores Report - Ms. Truelsen reported inviting everyone to the ribbon cutting; there is an agreement in the works with the Galloping Goose Society and the Rotary, regarding the deed to the Galloping Goose.
 - H. Other - None.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of February bills and financial statements for period ending January 31st, 2015.
- B. Approval of minutes for the January 8th, 2015, Regular Board meeting, February 3rd, 2015, Board Linkage Minutes
- C. Personnel: **Approval of:** *Substitute Teacher:* Ericka Kelly; *Substitute Para:* Constanza Miller; *Preschool Sub:* Heather (Ashcroft) Varney; *MS/HS Paraprofessional:* Monica Michel; *Fifth-grade Teacher:* Eden Zillioux; *MS Assistant Wrestling Coach:* Ryan Johnston
Resignation of: *5th Grade Teacher:* Kristi Marcille-Smith; *MS/HS Counselor:* Jessica Read
- D. Approval of Unified Improvement Plans
- E. Approval of Resolution in support of Amendment 23, prioritizing the reduction of the Negative Factor
- F. Policies:

CODE	TOPIC	READING
GCBA-E2	Extracurricular Pay For Coaches/Sponsors	2nd reading
GCBA-E3	Administrative Staff Salary/Compensation	HOLD
GCG-E	Part-time & Sub Profess. Employ. (sub pay)	2nd reading
GDA-E12	Elementary School Principal Job Description	2nd reading
IKF	Graduation Requirements	HOLD

JICH♦	Drug & Alcohol Use by Students	HOLD
JICDH-R	" " " " " – regulation	HOLD
♦ Required by law		
† New Policy		

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

Discussion: Ms. McHenry asked about the wrestling coach, was there an assistant? This assistant has been helping and now it's on for approval, even though we're at the end of the season. Ms. McHenry is concerned that this issue was discussed previously, approvals being done after the fact instead of at the beginning of the season. Discussion ensued on policy needing to be followed for approval of coaches and stipends.

Motion withdrawn.

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Joye McHenry to approve the Action Items as presented, removing the approval of MS Assistant Wrestling Coach: Ryan Johnston from XIV. C.

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

XIV. DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

A. CASB Winter Legislative Conference - Mr. Cooper reported the school board president and superintendent would like to attend February 25th through the 27th. Seven bills are being proposed, research will be done, and they will have dinner before the conference with our representative.

B. Mill Levy Override (possible Action Item)
Ms. Vass reported that the district is going to pursue this, per the work session discussion; committees need to be formed and meetings put on calendar.

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to approve the Mill Levy Override ballot question for November 15, 2015.

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

Mr. Cooper will put out a request for bids. More discussion and planning at the March board meeting.

C. 2015-2016 Academic Calendar - A draft has been disseminated for people to review and comment. Discussion ensued on the staff work days and coordination with other schools in the area. More discussion and planning at the March board meeting.

D. Elementary Principal position update - A hiring committee is being formed in the elementary consisting of parents, staff and the business manager. Ms. McHenry would like to be on the committee. The job posting closes on Wednesday and more information will be forthcoming then.

E. Resolution for a Waiver from PARCC and CMAS Testing Requirements (possible Action Item)
The board is not taking a position on this.

Ms. McHenry is unable to attend next month's board meeting. Board members will email their concerns regarding the drug and alcohol policy to Mr. Cooper within the next week for further information.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Joye McHenry to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding student matters as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). Those present at the outset of the executive session shall be members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

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

The Board broke into Executive Session at 9:06 p.m. and returned at 10:14 p.m. with no votes taken and no decisions made.

A motion was made by Deanna Truelsen and seconded by Dee Prock to approve the following regarding the Superintendent's contract: Effective July 2015 the contract will be rolled forward for an additional year, with an ending date of June 30, 2017; the salary will be increased by the average percentage increase received by the teachers when their new contracts are finalized this spring; five more vacation days will be added to the contract.

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT was at 10:17 p.m. The next policy meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12th, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., followed by the regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.


Board President 3-12-15
Date


Board Secretary 3-12-15
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