



School Board:

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**Dolores School District RE-4A
Board of Education
Minutes**

Superintendent:
Dr. Reece Blincoe

Regular Board Meeting

Dolores School District RE-4A Boardroom

December 8, 2022 @ 6 pm

Vision Statement

Dolores students and staff thrive as a community of passionate learners inspiring each other in a respectful environment evidenced by creative learning, shared integrity, and unmistakable kindness.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an educational foundation that fosters personal success for all students through an effective, innovative, and positive learning environment.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum/Pledge

Secretary reads mission and vision statements

- Call To Order - The Dolores School Board Regular Board Meeting was called to order on December 8th, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
- Roll Call - Members present were: Maegan Crowley, Casey McClellan, Lenetta Shull, Lori Raney (virtual), and Clay Tallmadge. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Agenda ([BEDB](#))

- Lori Raney moved to approve the agenda, seconded by LS
 - Aye - MC, CM, LS, LR, CT
 - Nay -
 - ***Motion Passes***

III. Previous Minutes for Review or Correction

A. [November 10, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting](#)

- Lenetta Shull moved to accept the minutes as written for November 10, 2022 with the correction of adding all members voting "Aye", seconded by CM
 - Aye - MC, CM, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - ***Motion Passes***

IV. Celebrations

A. Lego Robotics goes to State Competition - Demetra & Doug Elder

- Demetra & Doug Elder, with the student competitors, shared their journey with the Lego Robotics competition this year. Competed in Durango, and came home with a first place trophy, and received an invitation to compete in the state competition.

V. Citizen Comments

- Mikaela Johnson - (teacher) a letter was presented to the Superintendent and School Board regarding the decision making for delayed start and cancellation for snow days. She shared a personal account from the most recent snowstorm in which she slid off the road and totaled her car.
- Trisha Gibson - (parent) sharing opinion on Budget adoption. She began by thanking the district for updated agendas and minutes and the benefit for parents of the ease of accessing documents and information. She discussed a conversation with the Finance Director, starting by commending her patience and ability to explain and answer questions. She asked that _____ go toward teacher salaries. She stated that our District is way below both the state and national averages. She believes that improving salaries will help with teacher recruitment and retention. She asked that not only raises be awarded, but out of the box ideas be explored to help improve teacher pay.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. [Second Reading of Section C Policies](#)
- B. [Donations](#)
- C. [Check Register](#)
- D. [Account Summary](#)

VII. Business Items

A. Master Plan Concept - F & M Architects

- Max McCloskey shared progress being made on the Plan. A third and final meeting took place last night with the DAG committee, and that a concept had been decided upon. A 4 phase plan was shown, reinforcing that the timeline for all 4 phases is long and not determined.
- Max briefly discussed his role in the application process for the BEST grant.
- Detailed discussion of Phase 1 was had, including projected idea diagrams. Current time window for Phase one implementation estimated Late summer, early fall 2024.
- Maegan moved to amend the 2019 master plan to include the revised design concept presented by F & M Architects, seconded by CM.
 - Aye - MC, CM, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

B. Board Member Reports ([BIB](#))

- Lori Raney reported on the BOCES meeting . Audit report was cleaned and presented. Clarification was given on the BOCES role with School Boards, and offered a presentation opportunity for any Board members seeking information on the budget connection and explanation.
- Clay Tallmadge discussed the Board's attendance at the Annual CASB conference in Colorado Springs. Good conversation amongst the Board, informative sessions, and overall positive experience.
- Lenetta Shull (as Delegate) commended the preparation of the Board for preparedness for the Delegate session at the CASB conference.

C. Finance Report ([BBA](#), [DAB](#))

- Doreen Jones reviewed the Finance report
- Lenetta Shull asked for confirmation of being on target with the budget, which was confirmed by Doreen Jones

D. [Superintendent Report](#)

- BOCES executive director will meet with the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum to update on the current state of partnership with Dolores School District.
- Dr. Blincoe attended a workshop on teacher housing at the CASB conference, and will continue to explore options, including the HB 1315 grant to help build teacher housing which would provide students with the opportunity to build the houses to provide real world work experience.

VIII. Action Items

A. [Certify Mill Levy](#)

- Dr. Blincoe clarified how Bond money can be utilized. Assessed values went down \$3 million this year, and it has not yet been identified why. Instead of now paying down year 9 of the bond, we can reduce the strain of the MILL increase. Bond savings could be used to buy down the MILLS, and save our community money. He is asking the Board to adopt a MILL levy that is lower than it would be if the District did not contribute an additional amount.
- This would require us to rescind the previous vote from the November 10th Regular Meeting, to make a double bond payment. This will be on the January agenda.
- Clay Tallmadge moves that the Dolores School District RE-4a Board adopt the Property Tax Mill levy (see attachment for full motion), seconded by LS.
 - Aye - MC, CM, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

B. [FAMLI - Move to Decline](#)

- Legally required notifications have been made to the public and the staff, and an overview of the FAMLI Act was explained at the previous meeting
- Clay Tallmadge moves to adopt the resolution to opt out of the paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act's Program (see attachment for full motion), seconded by LS
 - Aye - MC, CM, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

C. Audit

- Lenetta Shull moves to approve the audit as written, seconded by CM
 - Aye - MC, CM, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

D. Donation for the Robotics Team to Travel to State Competition

- Clay Tallmadge moves to recommend that the Board donate \$686 toward the Dolores Lego Robotics team, seconded by LR
 - Aye - MC, CM, CT, LR, LS

- Nay -
- **Motion Passes**

E. Personnel

1. [Castillo, Samantha - Assistant Girls Basketball Coach](#)

- Clay Tallmadge moves to recommend Castillo, Samantha for Assistant girls basketball coach, seconded by LR
 - Aye - MC, CM, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

IX. Discussion Items

A. Permanent Sub Position

1. [Job Description](#)
2. [Salary Worksheet](#)

- Previous discussion reviewed, questions asked and addressed, feedback from administrators and staff, and follow up on requested information.

B. Community Engagement Event for Master Plan - Jan 10 @ Dolores HS

- Dr. Blincoe explained that this event would include a tour and a presentation of the Building Plan
- Discussion was had, and ideas were shared on how to advertise the event to the community, including the Board providing dinner

X. Agenda Planning

A. January 12th

1. Workshop @ 5 pm
 - a) Budget Presentation
2. Regular meeting @ 6 pm
 - a) Action Items
 - (1) Approval of UIP - Alesa Reed
 - (2) Approval of Strategic Plan
 - b) Discussion Items
 - (1) Affordable Housing Sites
 - (2) District Social Media Presence Discussion

B. January 26th @ 5 pm

1. Special Meeting
 - a) Budget Adoption
2. Workshop
 - a) [Presentation of Section D Policies](#)
 - b) Superintendent Evaluation

XI. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.