



School Board:

Maegan Crowley - President
Casey McClellan - Vice President
Clay Tallmadge - Secretary
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Lori Raney - Member

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

Superintendent:

Dr. Reece Blincoe

Policy Work Session

Dolores School District RE-4A Boardroom

March 9, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

I. Call to Order, Roll Call & Quorum

- Call To Order - The Dolores School Board Special Session was called to order on March 9, 2023 at 5:00 pm.
- Roll Call - Members present were: Maegan Crowley, Casey McClellan, and Clay Tallmadge. A quorum was present.

II. Work Session

A. First Reading - D Policies

1. Section D Board Preparation

B. Presentation of Information - E Policies

1. Section E Board Preparation

- Doreen Jones, Finance Director, was not able to attend, and Maegan Crowley suggested that we push the first reading of Section D policies until she was able to join.
- The policies in Section E were presented, and discussion was had regarding our current policies, legal updates, feedback from relevant directors, and input/feedback from the board members.

III. Adjournment

- The work session was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Regular Board Meeting

Dolores School District RE-4A Boardroom

March 9, 2023 @ 6 pm

I. Call to Order, Roll Call & Quorum, Pledge

- Call To Order - The Dolores School Board Regular Board Meeting was called to order on March 9th, 2023 at 6:00 pm.
- Roll Call - Members present were: Maegan Crowley, Clay Tallmadge, Lenetta Shull, and Lori Raney. A quorum was present.

Secretary reads mission and vision statements:

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.

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

- Maegan Crowley moved to add action item F Resolution Board Member Vacancy, seconded by CT.
- Discussion was had regarding why this needs to be added, including guidance from CASB and legal counsel.
 - Aye - MC, CT, LS, LR
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

III. Previous Minutes for Review or Correction

A. [February 9, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting](#)

- Clay Tallmadge moved to accept the minutes as written for February 9, 2023, seconded by LR.
 - Aye - MC, CT, LS, LR
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

IV. Celebrations

A. FFA Presentation - Alison Brown

- Alison Brown and FFA students came to discuss the National Convention in November. A review of FFA was shared, including life skills development and competition opportunities. Students reviewed the goals and timeline for the National Convention.

B. Science Fair - Dave Hopcia

- Dave Hopcia and competitors from the Science Fair spoke about their recent successes at the state level competition. The students explained their project and the science behind it.

V. Citizen Comments

- Ethan Robson and Brayden Schmitt - Operation Graduation: Asking for donations for an after graduation Event on May 20th.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. [Donations](#)

B. Checks

1. [Account Summary](#)
2. [Check Registry](#)

C. Reports

D. Resignations

1. Baer, Lisa - GT/ML Coordinator, Instructional Coach

VII. Business Items

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

1. Clay and Lenetta met last week for the first meeting of the legislative committee. Set guidelines for what the committee will discuss, and is looking for a Board directive. Goal to inform stakeholders of legislative action that will affect public schools.

2. Lenetta - CASB bylaws, moving forward with the committee. Form for the Board members to review.
3. Lori Raney Resigning Board Seat Effective March 10, 2023
 - a) Lori is moving to be with mother
 - b) Maegan mentioned the policies related to vacancy. BBBE, as well as a policy covering the requirements for candidates
 - c) This position will include responsibilities of BOCES representative

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B. [Finance Report \(BBA, DAB\)](#)

- Finance Director is out of town because of a death in the family. Report is in the packet, any questions can be directed to her next week.

C. [Superintendent Report](#)

- CT asked about lunch fund, and Dr. Blincoe shared that we were on top of it.
- Busy week and month, finished a lot of work on the coaction grant and career pathways.
- 23-24 calendar, four half days have been added for teachers to have team meetings and coaching.
- Best grant application has been worked on and improved to be resubmitted.
- Parent meeting was well attended for the SHP grant, appreciate Dr. Tarpey and all the volunteers and work that went into it.
- Maintenance director and Superintendent are meeting with the town manager to mitigate run off concerns
- PCC has a new executive dean, and Dr. Blincoe will meet with her to discuss important topics.
- Contracts have been updated by our legal firm and all staff will have new contracts for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Work is being done with various stakeholders to prepare for the November bond.

D. MTSS Presentation - Katherine Freeman

- Presentation was given in September, and there is now a new regional model that we must adhere to.
- A lot of networking support and training as part of the grant. The committee consists of administrators and representatives from each campus, as well as parent representatives
- Weekly coaching sessions from the regional representative, monthly meetings, committee member modules, and so much more.
- The grant began last year and Dolores joined this year. The committee has begun implementing MTSS this year and is experiencing success with the checklist required for completion.
- Focused on improving Professional Development for our teachers, as well as our RTI handbook, process and systems.

VIII. Action Items

A. Math Olympiad Trip - Melanie Cook

- Previous Dolores teacher, who has come back to support this group. Melanie is asking for permission to take her team to participate in an experiential learning, based on STEM standards, for an out of state field trip to the Lowell observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. Proposing end of April, beginning of May.
- Clay Tallmadge moved that the Board grant permission for this group to go on the proposed trip, seconded by MC.
 - Aye - MC, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -

- **Motion Passes**

- B. [Contribution to Building Projects](#)

- Clay Tallmadge moved that the board earmark money from the reserves to put toward contribution for the best grant, seconded by LR.
 - Dr. Blincoe clarified his position that the money should not be put toward the best grant, but toward the track and field. Many districts do not put money toward the grant. He says that according to our grant writer, this money being put toward track and field would show well for us as we are investing in our building plan on our own.
 - Additionally, he has made contact with a representative from a company that installs track and fields, who shared that it could be done with \$2 million dollars, not \$5 million, as previously estimated.
 - Each board member weighed in with their interpretation of where the money would best impact our chances of receiving the best grant.
 - Window to change is only March 22-29, and a choice has to be made to fill the placeholder in our grant pending this decision.
 - Aye - CT
 - Nay - MC, LR, LS
 - **Motion Fails**
- Maegan Crowley moves to table this motion. No second.
- Lenetta Shull makes a motion that there is an addendum added to our best grant that the board is willing to earmark one million dollars to a track and field, seconded by LR.
 - Dr. Blincoe likes this motion because it is not committing the Board to anything. It just
 - Lenetta makes a motion to amend her original motion to remove track and field, and replace it with phase 1b of the master plan, seconded by CT.
 - Aye - CT, MC, LR, LS
 - Nay - MC, LR, LS
 - **Motion Passes**
- The motion is now - that there is an addendum added to our best grant that the board is willing to earmark one million dollars to a track and field, seconded by CT.
 - Aye - MC, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

- C. SHP Grant Assurance Page

- Lenetta Shull moved that the Board sign the SHP Assurance Page, seconded by CT.
- Alesa Reed gave updates on the finalized application for the SHP Grant.
 - Aye - MC, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

- D. [Adopt 2023-24 School Calendar](#)

- Maegan moves to accept the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented, seconded by LR.
- Discussion was had over the added days for staff, given the recent push to approve a 4 day week.
 - Aye - MC, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -

- **Motion Passes**

- E. [Superintendent Contract extension](#)

- Clay Tallmadge moved to accept the one year extension to the superintendent contract, as written, seconded by LR.
 - Aye - MC, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

- F. Board Member

- Maegan Crowley read the resolution to accept the resignation of Lori Raney and declare a vacancy, seconded by CT.
 - **Lenetta amended the motion to strike item 3 “a resident of the director district in which the vacancy exists,” seconded by CT.**
 - Aye - MC, CT, LR, LS
 - Nay -
 - **Motion Passes**

IX. Discussion Items

- A. RFP - Public Relations Firm for Bond Election

- Dr. Blincoe has contacted the companies recommended by the Board, with no positive outcome. Dan O’Connell will send him 4 companies that could possibly serve us for the bond election. This effort will need to be facts only in any publication or distribution.

- B. District-wide Communication

- Clay Tallmadge - policies KDDA and KDDA-R state that all communication must go through the superintendent. He noted all of the social media platforms that are currently providing information, and requested knowing what social media is being used and by whom.
- Lenetta - CASB is considering making a specific social media policy

X. Agenda Planning

- Next meeting - April 13, 2023

XI. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Public input is an opportunity during the meeting to present comments to the board for consideration. Please identify yourself and your primary perspective or role.

Each person is asked to limit his or her comments to 4 minutes.

***Note:** Comments concerning an individual employee or student will be held in executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h). Executive sessions with individuals must be arranged at least 48 hours in advance of a meeting in order to meet statute requirements.