

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DULCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President David Montoya called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. in the boardroom of the administration building, Dulce, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Montoya, President; Bob Cooke, Secretary; Connie Gomez, Member and Adrian Notsinneh, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

AT ROLL CALL: Joanna Dykehouse, Vice-president

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Mr. Jim Leshner, Interim Superintendent/High School Principal; Ms. Karen Dixon, Asst. Superintendent; George Schumpelt, Elementary Principal; Rick Grant, Middle School Principal; Pam Montoya, HS Head Teacher; Liz Garcia, Federal Programs; Clifford Tompson, Director of SPED; and Ernie Vela, HS Counselor

TEACHERS PRESENT: Ray Stroup and Michael Shields

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Nate Martinez, Harmonix Technologies; Ray Vallejos and Baron Brandstrom, Tempo Contract Services; Naomi Vicenti, Business Manager and Mary Jane Maestas, Recorder

VISITORS PRESENT: John Tator, Louisa Panzy, Parent, Karen and Janna Roanhorse, parent and student; Meryl Panzy, Vermund Montoya Jr. and Dallas Montoya, parents and student; Dominic Montoya, Kaige Tafoya, DHS students; and Jon Rideshorse

II. ASCERTAIN QUORUM AND APPROVE AGENDA (A)

A quorum was ascertained with four board members present.

Upon the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Mr. Leshner, motion was made by Bob Cooke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (I)

Mr. Kaige Tafoya & Mr. Dominic Montoya both high school students voiced their concerns to the board regarding the lockdown. They had done research on lockdowns which should be for drugs, weapons, or reasonable suspicion, not for electronics. This was not fair to students losing time from education to search for electronics, and the policy should be changed. They both agreed that cell phones should not be used in the classroom, but students should be able to have their cell phones for use after school to call their parents if they need a ride home, etc.

President Montoya asked that they bring their ideas on the pros and cons of cell phone use and other electronics. Policy can be changed; they are not set in stone.

Mrs. Karen Roanhorse informed the board that they were stepping on her rights as a parent and her child's rights of speech. She was upset that her child was patted down as if she was a criminal, her backpack was stripped down inside and out, just to look for cell phones and/or other electronics.

Students also wanted to know if the people conducting the search are certified to do so.

Janna Roanhorse stated she did not appreciate that they made her take off her jacket and empty her pockets inside and out. They took her game boy, ipod, and cell phone which were turned off.

John Rideshorse also stated he did not appreciate them searching his daughter without parental consent. He also commented if a student is touched or patted down without a parent's consent, the board is liable for a law suit for child abuse, child neglect, and the district cannot bend or make up their own laws for the school. Searching school bags is legal, but when you search a school bag that is closed and you search on the child and bag without suspicion, the school is liable for a law suit as well. The school has to make an attempt to contact the parent in order to search a student. He questioned whether parents were notified.

Dallas Montoya had a concern that it should be stated in the student and staff handbooks that staff should not use their cell phones either. She did not appreciate the three hour lock down for cell phone and electronics, this caused time taken away from her education.

Comment: The board took a 5 minute break 3:07 pm

IV. INTERIUM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (I/A)

Recognition of Service and Retirement-John Tator

The board presented Mr. John Tator with a plaque on his retirement of 25 years of service to the district.

Mr. Jim Leshar stated his board report was on the CD. Also, Mr. Leshar stated Dr. Gerae Peten from Grand Canyon College is in the district from Arizona to meet with teachers pursuing a Master's or Doctorial Degree.

V. REPORTS FROM STAFF/STUDENT AND CONTRACTORS (I)

All reports from staff and students as well as contractors were on CD; this includes reports from principals for their respective buildings.

Mr. Clifford Tompson, Director of SPED reported on his trip to California on the teacher mentoring program.

Nate Martinez with Harmonix Technologies mentioned in his report that they have given out 145 laptops to students. They also set up 40 computers in the labs, they are up and running. Mr. Cooke asked "is there internet at teacher housing yet and why doesn't the community have internet?" Nate Martinez and Naomi Vicenti stated "the community cannot get internet because of federal funding by E-rate". He also asked when the website is going to be updated. A trainer will be coming to train the secretaries to update information daily, weekly and monthly.

VI. APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING, JANUARY 18, 2011 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND FEBRUARY 7, 2011 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (A)

Copies of the minutes were given to the board for approval.

Upon the recommendation of Acting Superintendent Mr. Leshar, motion was made by Bob Cooke to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: LIMITED PERSONNEL MATTERS (SECTION 10-15-1 (H) (2), NMSA 1978 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (A)

Secretary Bob Cooke states: Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) (I) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, moved that they vote to close the open meeting to discuss the following matters identified on the agenda: A-Compensation for Interim Superintendent. Each member present was polled David Montoya, Connie Gomez, Adrian Notsinne and Bob

Cooke voted in the affirmative. Executive session began at 3:43 p.m., and was in session until 4:05 p.m. at which time the public meeting reconvened. At this time Secretary Bob Cooke stated that matters discussed in executive session of this meeting were limited to those specified in the motion for closure. David Montoya, Connie Gomez, Adrian Notsinne and Bob Cooke all voted in the affirmative.

A. Compensation for Interim Superintendent

President Montoya stated the salary for Interim Superintendent Mr. Leshner will go up from \$95,000 to \$105,000 pro-rated from the time he took over in November as superintendent.

Upon the recommendation of President Montoya, motion was made by Bob Cooke to approve the salary increase as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS (I/A)

A. January Monthly Report (I)

Copies of the monthly budget report were given to the board for information only. The district received \$3.4 million from impact aid.

B. January Voucher Report (A)

The total voucher report for January is \$617,670.73. No checks were in question.

Mr. Cooke asked if there was any difference in our billing since the solar panels are up and running; and where are the credits?

Mr. Cooke also asked if there is a state entity that can look at our NORA bill to see what they are charging us for and if the charges are legal.

C. Budget Changes/Transfers/Increases (A)

Decrease	Operational	\$32,156.45	SEG
Increase	SEG ARRA	\$563.33	
Increase	Ed Jobs	\$1,493.28	
Increase	SB-9 Match	\$18,798	

The Business Manager stated that transportation has one more cut in funds, and the district won't know how much until we hear from the state.

Mr. Cooke asked how coffee pots could cost \$4,000. The business manager stated they replaced the old coffee pots.

D. Purchases (A)

1. Middle School Plotter (A)

The Middle School is purchasing a 44 inch printer for the graphics lab. It can print small and large images, it's a graphic printer, prints in color, and it can be used with CAD and works with the software the district has. Not to exceed \$7,463.

2. RFP for Architect (A)

The business manager would like to start the process for the architect. She would like to see it done by May because everything takes a while from start to end. We need to advertise, publish in paper for 2 weeks, open bids, award bid and have a special meeting or at a regular meeting take action and start immediately. The first priority is to be the elementary school.

3. Housing Bids (A)

The business manager is asking for permission to get the bids out to sell the double-wide trailers on Stadium Drive, and replace them with two 3 bedroom duplexes and that soil sampling needs to be done before construction begins. The plans we already have from the C addition duplexes will be utilized to save money.

Upon the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Mr. Leshar, motion was made by Bob Cooke to approve the financial reports, Item B, C, and D 1-MS Plotter \$ 2-RFP for Architect, 3-RFP to sell the double-wide trailers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (I/A)

A. Student Computer Use Agreement Policy-2nd Reading (A)

A copy of the agreement was on the CD, this was presented as a 2nd reading and if approved will become policy.

Upon the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Mr. Leshar, motion was made by Bob Cooke to approve the Student Computer Use Agreement as a 2nd Reading as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Clarification on Bereavement Leave-2nd Reading (A)

This item was tabled, will bring back to the board with modifications.

Upon the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Mr. Leshar, motion was made by Connie Gomez to table the Bereavement Leave-2nd Reading as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS (I/A)

A. Out of State Travel Policy Amendment-1st Reading (A)

Mr. Leshar presented an amendment to the Out of State Travel to include a radius 125 miles from Dulce and that Pagosa Springs, Durango, and Alamosa should be considered as local and does not need board approval.

Upon the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Mr. Leshar, motion was made by Bob Cooke to approve Out of State Travel Policy Amendment-1st Reading as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. BOARD REPORTS, ISSUES AND/OR CONCERNS (I/A)

Mr. Cooke had the following concerns:

- A. Board Policies-has Mr. Leshar looked at them and have they been sent to Mr. Williams? Mr. Leshar NO
- B. Housing Policies-the same as item A. NO
- C. Mary Jane has an issue with tenants not changing their housing utilities forms into their name as soon as they move in. Add to lease agreement to make it official.
- D. Mary Jane asked if she should send out a memo or do wait in reference to the pet fee. The board asked not to install carpet: use other means of floor covering such as wood, tile, etc.
- E. Naomi Vicenti would like the Activity Handbook approved to enforce procedures.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President David Montoya entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion was made by Bob Cooke to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. This meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

David M. Montoya, Board President

Bob Cooke, Board Secretary

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Working Session 2/1/5/11 @ 12:13 pm board room

Started at 12:13

Joanna Dykehouse absent

A. Facilities Master Plan-On line presentation with Kitchell (BA Golston)

B. Mr. Vela: has had 2 meetings with parents, and discussed the following:

- 1) how many credits each students has
- 2) Graduation requirements
- 3) Testing requirements

President Montoya expressed some issues and suggested the following to Mr. Vela:

- 1) Parents were not informed where students stand as far as graduation
- 2) Parents calling up board members about their students not graduating or they were not informed about meeting the required credits to graduate
- 3) Have a sign in sheet and document all meetings and/or correspondence with parents and students
- 4) Try to meet with parents once a month from here on

Mr. Leshar stated the SRO contract ends June 30, 2011. The district has not received anything in writing from the JAN Police Dept. as to breaking the contract. The district will have to re-visit the contract and set some clause or ending date of contract.

Mr. Leshar will write letter to JAN-Police Dept to cancel the contract, the district has 30 days to terminate. The school will re-do contract if school decides to have the SRO program in the district again.

Mr. Cooke asked the administrators when they do their reports to do them in Word.

Mr. Cooke stated that Middle School 8th grade trip the numbers don't add up.

Why were students turned down from entering school.

Mr. Leshar had 3 students did not earn credits 1st semester, now in February will not earn any credits, can enter next school year.

Fire extinguisher- replaced, repaired, not in code

Fire Safety Systems. We are up to code, everything passed. Specs and locations of fire extinguishers or how many we have.

Mr. Grant wants dry chemical ones (fire extinguishers) in all labs. Can't pour liquid on computers.