

DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2(J)
DOVE CREEK, COLORADO

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2023
DOVE CREEK, COLORADO
BOARD ROOM

President Jenny Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The directors present included Kimberly Alexander, Donella Fury, and Jenny Smith. Directors Chase Davis and Crystal Jarmon were absent.

Guests present included Ty Gray, Roxie Guynes, Charlotte Forst, and Stacy Hankins,

Business Meeting - Call to Order.

Mrs. Smith called for a Roll Call of the Board of Education.

Jenny Smith moved to convene into an executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(H) to discuss the appeal of the expulsion of an individual student where public disclosure would adversely affect the person involved. Kimberly Alexander seconded, there was no further discussion, and the motion carried unanimously. The board convened into executive session at 6:05 p.m. Ty Gray and Charlotte Forst were asked to join the board in executive session

Jenny Smith moved to reconvene from the executive session as presented. Kimberly Alexander seconded, there was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously. The board reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

In connection with the appeal of expulsion on behalf of Student A, the Board has reviewed the facts determined in the expulsion hearing and has heard the statements and arguments of the school administration, and has had the opportunity to ask questions of clarification. There were no individuals speaking on behalf of the student present.

Based upon this review, Jenny Smith hereby moves that the expulsion of Student A be upheld as determined by the Superintendent. Donella Fury seconded, there was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Pledge of allegiance included all in attendance.

ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Additions to the agenda include; Proposition HH discussion and resolution. Kimberly Alexander moved to approve the agenda with additions. Donella Fury seconded, there was no further discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular – September 20, 2023. Jenny Smith moved to approve the minutes as presented. Kimberly Alexander seconded, there was no further discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No public participation.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

Board and Committee Reports:

New Elementary School Update: Artaic Group put together a packet that briefly summarizes the status of the new elementary school. See Attached. Ty reported that the old high school is gone and Memorial Hall

already looks better. The stucco will be next and that color has been chosen. Cement is being poured at the new elementary site. Steal is scheduled to show up on November 1st and installation should start around November 6th. The design board with the color and finish schemes was presented to the board.

Rico Annexation Detachment Update: Kimberly Alexander briefly updated the board on the Rico Annexation Detachment Committee.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REVIEW/UPDATE: Roxie went over the budget thus far. She reminded the board if they have any concerns or any questions they can come visit with her. She will be truing up during the revised budget. The interest the district has been receiving is exciting.

BOCES UPDATE: Kimberly Alexander reported that Cortez School District has taken the next steps in the process of leaving BOCES. There should be a decision by November 30th. The BOCES board is working on updating policies. Kimberly would like to see the School board's executive session recorder kept in a lock box.

Administration Reports

Superintendent's report; Ty Gray, see attached.

Principal's report - Charlotte Forst reported that it has been busy at the elementary. Some fun things are happening; the 5th grade has taken a field trip to the river. That trip was sponsored by an outdoorsman group. They have also gone on their annual field trip to the Lone Cone. The 4th grade went to Crow Canyon and they visited Mesa Verde. They were able to tour the Balcony House and they had a blast. Thursday is the quarter awards starting at 2:30. They will formally recognize students of the week and month as well as give other classroom awards. This Friday there is a PD day for staff. They will use the day to look at some of the new curriculums for Math. They will be looking at Great Minds "EM2", HMH - Go Math, Saxon, and McGraw Hill - Reveal Math. They are using an evaluation matrix that Eric Croke and Claire Daves have come up with to pick finalists. Red Ribbon Week starts next week. The elementary will not be participating in dress-up days but will be doing other fun activities such as door decorating and activities in enrichment and PE. Halloween parties will be on October 31st. Academically things are going well. The teachers are loving 95 Percent Group. Students are doing great. They have changed the format of spelling tests. They aren't sending words home and are focusing less on memorization and more on learning their sounds and spelling patterns. Teachers can't determine learning needs if they can't see misconceptions in spelling. Reading groups are awesome and are being used as another phonics lesson.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - INFORMATION

Audit: The board reviewed the audit discussion they had during the workshop prior to the meeting.

Proposition HH: The board had some discussion on the pros and cons of the passing of Proposition HH.

Policy Review: KDB – Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information, KDB-R – Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information – Regulation, AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity, and GBAA – Sexual Harassment. The board reviewed the above-listed policies. Kimberly thought Charlotte Forst was the Title IX coordinator. Ty thinks it is him but he will confirm it.

CONSENT AGENDA (opportunity to consent):

Jenny Smith moved to consent action items 12.3 - 12.3.4 along with the consent agenda as discussed. Kimberly Alexander seconded, there was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Kimberly Alexander moved to approve the consent items as presented. Jenny Smith seconded, there was no further discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Jenny Smith moved to acknowledge that the board has received and reviewed the audited financial statements for the district for fiscal year 22-23 as presented. Kimberly Alexander seconded, there was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jenny Smith moved to approve the Resolution in Opposition of Proposition HH as presented. Kimberly Alexander seconded, there was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Ty reported that Robert Frazier is retiring. Robert didn't want a big celebration so the District office staff took him to lunch and had a cake for him. Melinda Greer will be taking his place as custodian. She will continue to drive bus for the district as well. Ty is excited for Robert to start enjoying his retirement and to welcome Melinda to the maintenance crew. Jenny Smith moved to approve the personnel as discussed. Kimberly Alexander seconded, there was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

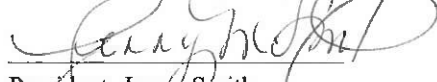
PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Next Meeting November 13, 2023. Ty reminded the board that this is a Monday meeting.

October 23rd Workshop: Superintendent evaluation and strategic plan review will be on October 23rd at 6:30.

ADJOURNMENT: Jenny Smith moved to adjourn the meeting as presented. Donella Fury seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Stacy Hankins



President, Jenny Smith



Secretary, Crystal Jarron



DOLORES COUNTY RE-2J

New, Consolidated Dolores County RE-2J Replacement School Project

Project Update: October 2023

Dolores County School District (DCSD)

Executive Committee: Ty Gray | Charlotte Forst | Chase Davis | Vernon Hall | Roxie Guynes

Owner’s Representative: Artaic Group – Sarah Lara | Chris Guarino | Matt Prinster

Design-Builder: Neenan Archistruction

Cx Agent: Iconergy

Third-Party Materials Testing: Jones & DeMille Engineering

Environmental Consultant: Foothills Environmental

Sustainability Consultant: Iconergy

STATUS SUMMARY

❖ UPCOMING DATES

10/10/23	DCSD Executive Committee Meeting @ 9:30am
10/11/23	OAC – In Person
11/07/23	DCSD Monthly Budget Review
November 2023	Beam Signing Ceremony (exact date TBD)
11/14/23	DCSD Executive Committee Meeting @ 9:30am

❖ DESIGN STATUS

- I. Neenan printed their Revised For Construction drawing set on September 11, 2023, with updates to some of the interior sheets on September 15, 2023. This RFC set incorporates all of the design changes adopted during the value engineering process.
- II. We are still waiting on the State building department to issue the full building permit.

❖ BUDGET

- I. BEST Grant Approved Project Budget \$22,997,623.
- II. The GMP contract with Neenan has been executed for a total value of \$18,698,789.00.
- III. There are about \$268,500 of Alternates that could be added into the contract via change order if desired by the District.
- IV. Neenan has billed for about \$3.3M in work to date, which equates to about 18% of their total GMP Budget.

❖ CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- I. Building foundations are now complete.
- II. Plumbing and electrical underground work is ongoing and will finish prior to installing the under-slab vapor barrier, reinforcing bar, and concrete slab on grade.
- III. Slab on grade pours will take place each Saturday in October.
- IV. The steel erector will mobilize on-site November 1, 2023.
- V. Neenan will propose a plan for a beam signing ceremony for the school.
- VI. The demolition crew mobilized on site October 2 to begin work on Memorial Hall.

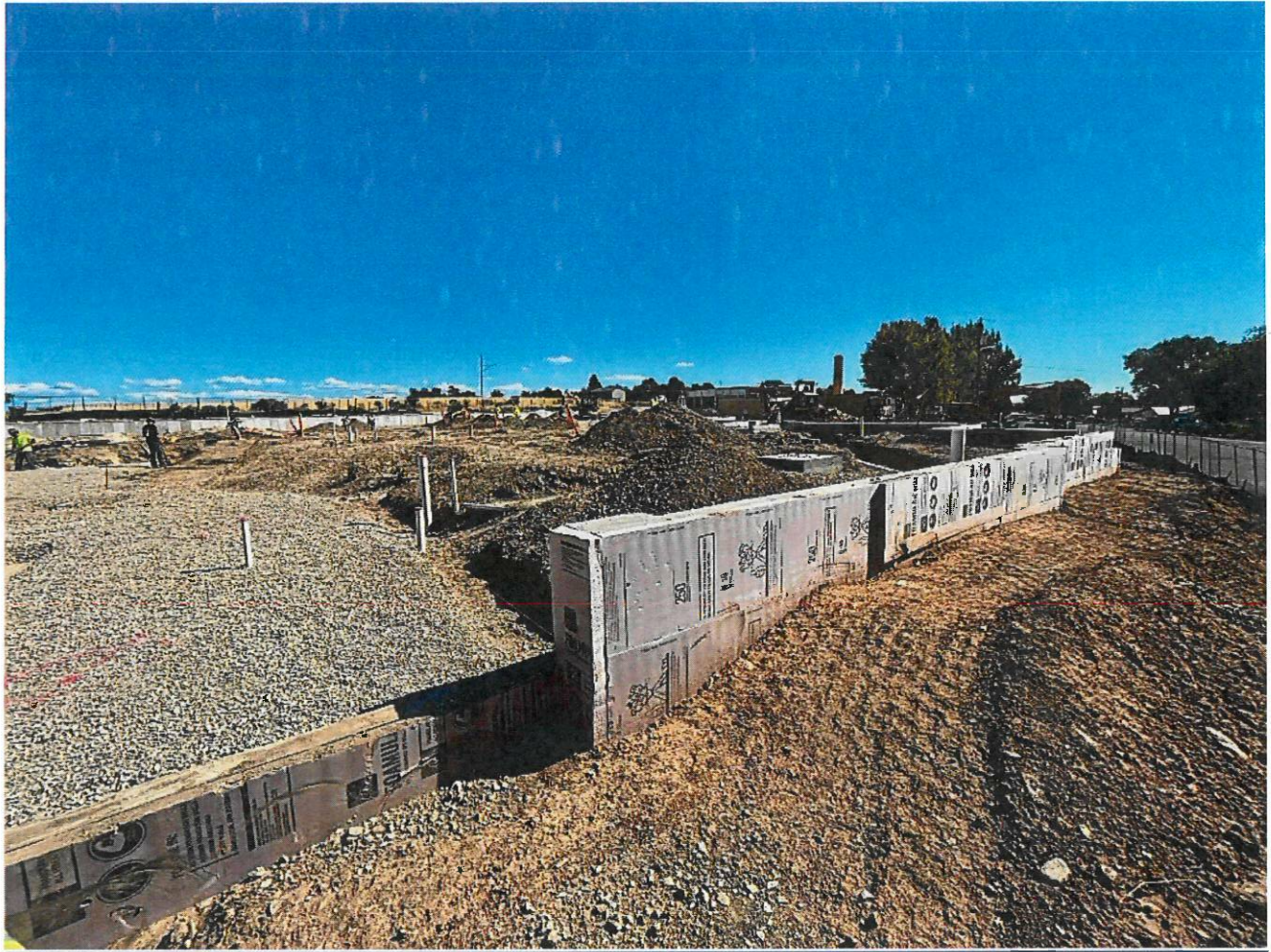
❖ PROCUREMENT

- I. AG, Neenan, and DCSD held a meeting to discuss playground equipment options with the equipment supplier, Summit Recreation. DCSD likes the current playground options offered by Summit and will work with AG to place an order by December 15, 2023.
- II. AG is working with a variety of vendors and contractors to renovate Memorial Hall and prepare for demolition of the Old HS.
- III. OS Schools will be the furniture supplier for the new school. We will meet with OS in person on October 11th to finalize color and furniture selections.

PROGRESS PHOTOS



The gym area ready for vapor barrier and rebar to be installed before the slab on grade pour.



Foundation footers and stem walls are complete with waterproofing and foundation insulation installed.



Underground electrical and plumbing installation in the Elementary offices area.

Studer Education - Continuous Improvement

Fall Newsletter

Digitizing Documents

Mastery Library

Insurance Renewal

Board Reorganization - Once ballot results are certified (no later than Nov. 29th) then the district has 10 days to swear in candidates. No more than 15 days after the certified vote the board must reorganize.

- Election Nov. 7th
- November board meeting Nov. 13th
- Certified by Nov. 29th (Could be earlier, but not likely.)
- December board meeting Dec. 6th
- Candidates sworn in by Dec. 8th

Master's Tuition Assistance Program

CASB Regional Meeting

- Prop HH

CHSAA BOD Meeting

- Officials Fees have been increased for this year, and the number of officials are up
- Shot clocks for basketball are more than likely coming for all levels: Concerns are the cost of the equipment, people who can/will run the clock for games, when/how the clocks will be rolled out
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RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSITION HH

WHEREAS, the **Dolores County School District RE-2J** understands that nearly half of school district funding is generated from local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the increased value of Colorado real estate - both residential and commercial - has created a significant increase in Colorado property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly referred Proposition HH to Colorado voters in an attempt to reduce property taxes while backfilling local governments for lost revenue; and

WHEREAS, Proposition HH does not guarantee the amount of backfill to school districts or indicate that this backfill will be perpetual, particularly in economic downturn years if which the state does not have a surplus; and

WHEREAS, Proposition HH will reduce local property taxes for at least ten years, potentially resulting in the loss in billions of dollars of revenue for school districts that would otherwise be received due to likely consistently rising property values; and

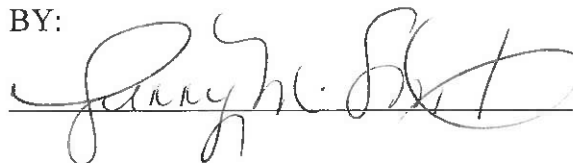
WHEREAS, Proposition HH would exceed the current TABOR revenue cap to fund new spending, taking funds from taxpayers instead of using the state budget; and

WHEREAS, the **Dolores County School District RE-2J** declares that Proposition HH is a matter of official concern.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Dolores County School District RE-2J** officially declares its opposition for Proposition HH.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 17th day of October, 2023.

BY:



President, on behalf of the Board of Education