

**MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
Tuesday, March 16, 2021  
Virtual Zoom Meeting Platform**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

Sherri Wright  
Jack Schuenemeyer  
Tammy Hooten  
Cody Wells  
Stacey Hall  
Chris Flaherty

Absent: Sheri Noyes

Lori Haukeness – Superintendent  
Carol Mehesy – Asst. Superintendent  
Jeanette Allen – Director of Curriculum  
Kyle Archibeque – Director of Finance

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sherri Wright.
2. The pledge to the American Flag was led by President Sherri Wright.

**3. Set the Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten to set the agenda with the addition of the item “Participants at School Activities” to the Discussion Items as requested by Ms. Stacey Hall. Mr. Cody Wells seconded the motion. Ayes: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Hall, Wright, Wells. Nay: None. Mr. Chris Flaherty abstained. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes of the February 16, Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer to approve the minutes of the February 16 regular board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stacey Hall. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Hall, Wright, Flaherty, Wells. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**5. Celebration Reports**

Superintendent Haukeness welcomed new board member Cody Wells. She reported there have been zero COVID cases in the school system since the last board meeting. The second COVID vaccination will be given to staff on March 20. A big thank you to the county health department for their work with this project. Chad Wheelus and Katie Schrichte will be making a presentation tonight on the HTI program.

She reported that the new discretionary days policy will go into effect on July 1. This is a nice way to honor staff.

Ms. Wright reported that board member Sheri Noyes son, Wiley Kirks, was offered a full tuition scholarship to Cornell University in their mechanical engineering program and she commented that many of our students go on to earn higher educational degrees.

## 6. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Haukeness referred to her written report given to the board. A lot of work has been taking place. They are looking at enrollment trends and striving to get back every on line student. The testing cycles were discussed. Students will either be taking ELA or Math. There will be no school on Monday, March 22 to allow staff to recover from the 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID vaccination being given on March 20. A calendar committee has designed two different school calendars, a 4-day and a 5-day calendar. A survey will be sent out to staff and parents along with the proposed calendars. A school calendar will be adopted at the April board meeting.

Tammy Hooten complimented the Montezuma County Health Department on their efficient administration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID vaccination to staff.

## 7. Staff Reports

**Jeanette Allen** reported that a four week summer school was being planned for all three school levels. This is through a grant and Title I funding. Meals and transportation will be provided. She commented on the K-12 Native American Liaison Position that will appear later on the board agenda. She referred to the written materials she provided the board with regard to the health curriculum and answered questions from the board.

**Carol Mehesy** referred to her written report that she presented to the board. HR is working to identify staffing and recruiting for next year. They are working with a variety of partnerships. She also extended her thank you and appreciation to all who have been involved with the staff COVID vaccinations. It has run very smoothly.

**Jamie Haukeness** addressed the following items:

Manauagh furnaces

The Kemper gym roof damage. They are in the process of filing an insurance claim.

The various repairs being done at MCHS as part of the warranty items. They include the carpet replacement, cracks and leaks under the seals, etc. He is working with Nunn Construction.

He discussed the 5 year and the 10 year Capital Reserve Plans.

He reported on the radio bridge system, campus lighting, and the need for a facility plan.

**Kyle Archibeque** thanked the board for the finance/budget workshop tonight. He also referred to his written report to the board. He noted the budget timeline and thought the Capital Reserve Master Plan is a key item.

## 8. Board Requests/Reports

### a. Administer Oath of Office to Cody Wells

President Wright administered the Oath of Office to Cody Wells.

**b. Report on Superintendent Search**

President Wright reported that 32 candidates had applied for the vacant superintendent's position. The applicants represented 20 states, nine were from Colorado. There will be a special board meeting on April 13 to screen the candidates.

**c. CASB's Legislative Resolutions Committee (LRC)**

Ms. Tammy Hooten reported on a few legislative bills that CASB and educators were following and monitoring. After her report, she asked the board members to contact her with their comments.

**9. Citizens Address the Board \***

Citizens that were attending via Zoom were asked to enter their comments into the chat box. The board then addressed the concerns presented.

**10. Action Items:**

**a. Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by Ms. Stacey Hall to accept the consent calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tammy Hall. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Hall, Wright, Flaherty, Wells. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ms. Hooten thanked Phyllis Lockhart and Sue Ciccio for their service to the district. They will be retiring.

**b. K-12 Native American Liaison Position**

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the K-12 Native American Liaison Position as presented. Mr. Cody Wells seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Hall, Wright, Flaherty, Wells. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**c. Approval to Apply for School Counselor Corps Grant**

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the application for the School Counselor Corps Grant. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Hall, Wright, Flaherty, Wells. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**d. Supplemental Budget      RISE Grant      \$257,138.00**

Ms. Stacey Hall made a motion to approve the supplemental budget for the RISE grant funds in the amount of \$257,138.00. Mr. Chris Flaherty seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Hall, Wright, Flaherty, Wells. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**e. Supplemental Budget      CCSG HB20B      \$139,800.00**

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the supplemental budget for the CCSG HB20B funding to supply hot spots for students in the amount of \$139,800.00. Mr. Cody Wells seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Hall, Wright, Flaherty, Wells. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**f. Capital Reserve Resolution – MCHS Soccer Goals \$ 3,046.06**

Mr. Cody Wells made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution for new Soccer Goals at M-CHS in the amount of \$3,046.06. Ms. Stacey Hall seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Hall, Wright, Flaherty, Wells. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**g. Policy Adoption – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption**

After review of the policies presented for adoption, Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the stated policies for adoption. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Hall, Wright, Flaherty, Wells. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**Policies adopted are:**

- a. GBGG – Staff Sick and Bereavement Leave
- b. GBGH - Sick Leave Bank
- c. GBGL - Staff Victim Leave

**11. Discussion Items:****a. Home Grown Initiative Update**

Chad Wheelus and Katie Schrichte gave a presentation regarding the Home Grown Talent Initiative (HTI). They presented slides informing the board about the program and future plans for students.

**b. GBGM – Staff Discretionary Leave**

Superintendent Haukeness outlined the new proposed Staff Discretionary Leave Policy. This will allow staff more freedom for necessary time off. The policy will not take effect until the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. It will be brought back for adoption at the May or June board meeting.

**c. School Land Dedication/Fee Resolution**

Lori Haukeness and Kyle Archibeque informed the board of a meeting they had with officials at Montezuma County government. Kyle presented the board with a draft for a resolution amendment and fact/fee sheet. With the new proposed resolution only one fee would be charged and that is calculated with current land values. Questions and concerns from the board were addressed.

**d. Organizational Chart**

Superintendent Haukeness presented the board with a draft of the new proposed organizational chart. Discussion followed. It will be finalized and brought back for approval.

**e. 2021-2022 School Calendar**

Two calendars were presented to the board for discussion. There is a 5-day and a 4-day calendar proposed. The pros and cons of each calendar were discussed. Mr. Eric Chandler who is serving on the calendar committee reviewed both calendars

for the board. The calendars along with a survey will be sent out to staff, and parents and be posted to the district website. They calendar adoption will be an action item on the April agenda.

**f. Illegal Drug Sales Near High School**

A brief discussed was held with regard to illegal drug activity close to the high school property. Superintendent Haukeness stated that she would contact the city police department and the county sheriff to discuss the situation.

**g. Participants at School Activities**

Ms. Hall questioned the disparity between the middle school and the high school of the numbers of parents/fans that could attend a game, particularly football and volleyball. Ms. Haukeness stated she would meet with both site athletic directors and address the situation.

**g. Board Meetings**

Board members stated that they felt a need to return to in-person board meetings. It was mentioned that perhaps meetings could even be held at the high school auditorium and have limited public attendance.

There is an executive session scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 6:00 for the purpose of selecting finalists for the superintendent position.

The regular April meeting is scheduled for April 20.

**12. Items to Add to the Next Agenda**

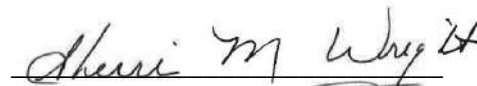
Master Facility Plan

School Land Dedication/Fee Resolution

School Calendar Adoption

**President Wright adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.**

  
Secretary, Board of Education

  
President, Board of Education