

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Thursday, April 15, 2021

Board Members/Administration in Person
Audience via ZOOM platform

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

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 Mr. Chris Flaherty to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cody Wells.

Discussion: Sheri Noyes asked to have Action Item b. 2021-2022 School Calendar moved from the action items to the discussion items. She would like to have a special board meeting later on to adopt the 2021-2022 school calendar.

President Wright asked Mr. Flaherty if he agreed to the change and wished to restate his motion. He was not in agreement. Motion remains as made. A vote was taken.

Ayes: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells. Nay: Wright, Hall, Noyes.

The motion passed by a majority vote 4-3.

4. Approval of Minutes of the March 16, Work Session and Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Schuenemeyer to accept the minutes of the March 16, both work and regular session as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stacey Hall.

Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Hall, Noyes. Nay: None. The motion carried.

5. Celebration Reports

Our high school volleyball team is rated #1.

Our district is slated to receive \$9.7 million in ESSER III federal funding and \$4.3 million in ESSER II funding.

MCMS has been recognized as a Best Communities for Music Education School. It is one of 80 K-12 schools nationwide to be recognized with this honor.

Dr. Schuenemeyer made comments about M-CHS Honors Diploma presentations. He said they were all very good and many of them were college level. He praised the teachers.

Ms. Wright commented that there were a large number of our seniors to receive college scholarships.

6. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Haukeness commented that after a year of Zoom meetings, it was good for all the board and administration to be in person.

She asked board members to refer to her written report.

Kyle Archibeque will be presenting details on the ESSER funds.

She touched briefly on the Facilities Master Plan.

She commented briefly on the plans for online schools for next year.

Home school would be located at the Lewis/Elementary site.

She thanked Eric Chandler, Kyle Archibeque and Jim Parr for their work on the 2021-2022 school calendar.

7. Staff Reports**Kyle Archibeque, Preliminary Budget Proposal Overview**

Mr. Archibeque referred to the materials he sent out with his written board report.

He reviewed his written Preliminary Budget Proposal for 2021-2022 School Year and addressed questions/concerns from the board. Board members thanked him for his comprehensive report. He briefly commented on the HVAC to come before the board on the May Agenda and cameras at the transportation complex.

Jamie Haukeness briefly reviewed his written report to the board regarding HVAC bids for Beech Street Pre-School, the administration building and Managua Elementary School. He discussed the Kemper gym roof, transportation cameras, alarm systems and CDOT/Lewis/Arriola Elementary.

Carol Mehesy reported that Ms. Katie Nelson had been selected as principal at Kemper Elementary to fill the vacancy of Jamie Haukeness. She highlighted the Teacher Perception Survey (a written copy was given to the board). She acknowledged Ms. Sue Ciccio, Director of Health Services. She explained the need for a dedicated Health Director position.

Jeanette Allen briefly reported on Program Evaluation and Adoption. This year secondary English Language Arts and HS French were up for evaluation and adoption. She reported on the proposed summer school to address the learning gaps due to COVID.

8. Board Requests/Reports

a. Report on Superintendent Search

Ms. Wright informed the board of the some developments with candidates for the position of superintendent. They had originally chose four finalists to interview. Two of those withdrew their applications and a third one has stated that because of a recent health concern, he would not be able to attend the interviews in person. It might be possible to interview Mr. Joseph Aldridge via Zoom. Mrs. Wright suggested that the board meet again in executive session next week to select additional candidates to possibly interview.

b. CASB Fall Conference - Mrs. Wright reminded board members of the CASB conference on October 21 – 22 in Ft. Collins, CO.

9. Citizens Address the Board *

Ms. Tina King-Washington, Director of K-12 Education for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe addressed the board and gave the board a formal letter from the Tribe. They are opposed to a four-day calendar. Ms. King-Washington stated her reasons and also referred to the written communication she presented to the board members.

The board entertained comments from the Zoom audience in the chat room.

10. Action Items:

a. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Dr. Schuenemeyer to accept the consent calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cody Wells. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Hall, Noyes. Nay: None. The motion carried.

b. 2021-2022 School Calendar

Dr. Schuenemeyer made a motion to retain a five-day school calendar as presented, provided the board feels it is appropriate to move the early release day on Wednesdays to Fridays. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Hall, Noyes. Nay: None. The motion carried.

c. 2021-2022 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to move this item to the May 11 board meeting to allow time for further input. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tammy Hooten. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Hall, Noyes. Nay: None. The motion carried.

d. Approve Children's Kiva Montessori Charter School Contract

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the Children's Kiva Montessori Charter School Contract as presented to the board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Hall, Noyes. Nay: None. The motion carried.

e. Approve Battle Rock Charter School Contract

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to approve the Battle Rock Charter School Contract as presented to the board. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Hall, Noyes. Nay: None. The motion carried.

f. School Land Dedication/Fee Resolution

Ms. Stacey Hall recused herself from taking part in the discussion or vote due to a conflict of interest with this resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Wells to accept Ms. Hall's recusal. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Noyes. Nay: None. Stacy Hall was recused. The motion carried.

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to postpone action on this item until the May 11 board meeting. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Noyes. Nay: None. Stacy Hall was recused. The motion carried.

g. Capital Reserve Resolution**\$8,839.00**

A motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution for a security camera system for the school transportation site in the amount of \$8,839.00. Ms. Sheri Noyes seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Hall, Noyes. Nay: None. The motion carried.

h. Capital Reserve Resolution**\$44,920.00**

A motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution for a transportation department passenger vehicle in the amount of \$44,920.00. Ms. Stacy Hall seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Hall, Noyes. Nay: None. The motion carried.

i. Supplemental Budget 222 RISE Grant \$171,599.00

Mr. Cody Wells made a motion to approve the supplemental budget for the 222 RISE grant in the amount of \$171,599.00. Mr. Chris Flaherty seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Flaherty, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Wright, Hall, Noyes. Nay: None. The motion carried.

11. Discussion Items:**a. ESSER III Funds**

Information and discussion took place earlier in the board meeting with Mr. Kyle Archibeque's report to the board. Ms. Haukeness pointed out again the efforts to provide staff some sort of COVID hazard pay in May, 2021 and a retention bonus the end of August 2021. Requirements and details for the ESSER III funds is still under discussion and consideration by various members of the administrative team.

b. Board Meetings – Hold Twice a Month

Board members discussed the pros and cons of holding board meetings twice a month, perhaps a work session at one meeting and then the regular board meeting for action. This will be brought before the board at the May 11 board meeting.

c. Move May 18 Board Meeting to May 11

The general consensus of the board was to move the regularly scheduled May 18 board meeting back to May 11. Mr. Archibeque confirmed he could have financial and budget items ready at that time.

d. Draw Names for Service on Superintendent Interview Committees

It had been decided to have no more than ten (10) people serve on each of the three superintendent search committees. (Staff, Community and Parents) The staff volunteers exceeded the number of ten. The board president facilitated a "drawing of names out of the hat" to limit the number to ten. Volunteers would be notified of the outcome of the drawing.

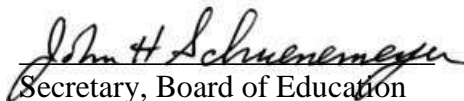
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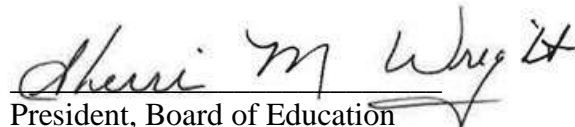
HVAC Bids

Board Meetings Twice a Month

School Land Dedication/Fee Resolution

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education


President, Board of Education