

Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1
April 21, 2020

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members:

Sherri Wright
Sheri Noyes
Tammy Hooten
Jack Schuenemeyer
Lance McDaniel
Chris Flaherty

Absent:

Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk

Administration:

Lori Haukeness - Superintendent
Carol Mehesy – Asst. Superintendent
Jeanette Allen – Director of Curriculum
Melissa Brunner – Director of Finance

Topics for the work session were budget and the HVAC proposal. Mr. Dean Matthews was present to answer questions regarding the air conditioning proposal.

Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Platform
Minutes

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Wright.

2. The Pledge to the American Flag was led by President Wright.
3. **Set the Agenda:**

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to set the agenda as presented. Mr. Chris Flaherty seconded the motion. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty: Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.
4. **Student Presentation:**

None
5. **Approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session and March 24, 2020 Special Board Meeting**

A motion was by Ms. Tammy Hooten to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2020 regular board meeting, March 17, 2020 executive session and the March 24, 2020 special meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheri Noyes. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty: Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.
6. **Celebration Reports:**
 - The M-CMS was honored by the NAMM Foundation as a 2020 SupportMusic Merit Award Winner. Congratulations to Andrew Campo and his middle school band.
 - Tammy Hooten thanked all of the district staff for their work during the COVID19 crisis.
 - A community Adopt a Graduating Senior program has formed.
 - The Montezuma County Sherriff's department was praised for their efforts to assist in the delivery of chrome books.
7. **Superintendent Report:**
 - In addition to Superintendent Haukeness' written report, she reported on the following:
 - Gave a brief report on the ever changing COVID19 crisis and how the district is reacting to keep students/staff save and healthy
 - Reported on student online learning and delivery of meals
 - Colorado Governor Polis has made the decision to keep all Colorado schools closed to the end of this school year.
 - A committee is being formed to address the impact on schools and ideas to move forward with the "new normal". Board members Sherri Wright and Jack Schuenemeyer volunteered to serve on that committee.
 - Budget forecast and tight timelines for budget process. A committee is looking at the budget process. Ms. Tammy Hooten volunteered to serve on this committee.
 - Health insurance rates are projected to increase by 5%.
 - The Stay at Home order will be lifted on April 26.
 - Graduation plans are being discussed.

8. Staff Reports:

Ms. Melissa Brunner reviewed the written budget report she gave the board. She is considering changing the staff pay date from the 25th of the month to the last day of the month. She outlined her reasons for doing so. Because of contract time lines, it was decided to add this to an item on tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten and seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer to add changing the staff pay dates to tonight's agenda. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty: Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

Ms. Jeanette Allen expanded on her written report to the board. She briefly touched on the success and the struggles of implementing an online learning program. Social/emotional needs for students were also being addressed. Surveys have been sent out. There was still work to do on the grading system under this emergency situation.

Mr. Jamie Haukeness reported that the online classrooms were going well and that the teaching staff was doing a great job.

Ms. Carol Mehesy said plans for displaced staff were underway. HR was in the process of hiring for the 20-21 school year. Presently it looked like we had 11-15 vacancies. An evaluation of staff process was being formulated. Her department was keeping up with safety procedures for staff.

9. Board Requests/Reports:

Ms. Tammy Hooten who serves on the CASB legislative team gave a brief outline of what was happening with the legislative process. CASB is looking for outstanding, positive examples of what is happening in each district during the COVID19 crisis. She will keep the board informed as decisions are made with regard to education.

Mr. Lance McDaniel outlined the efforts of the Four Corners Youth Clinic presentations on Facebook.

Ms. Sheri Noyes reminded board members to tune in online to the Honor Diploma Presentations by graduating seniors.

Ms. Sherri Wright announced that the political meeting set in Mancos in the fall has now been postponed. Anna with CASB is retiring.

10. Citizens Address the Board:

Ms. Asha Moore addressed the board with her concern over Policy JEB-Entrance Age Requirements. She advised the board of her concerns that the date was set too early in the year. Ms. Haukeness made the comment that the district would look at the policy and decide if it should come before the board with revisions.

11. Action Items:**a. Consent Calendar**

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to accept the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Lance McDaniel seconded the motion. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty: Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

b. HVAC Proposal

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to proceed with the installation of the entire HVAC proposal to include the elementary schools and the middle school for a total of \$1,165,781. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lance McDaniel. Aye: Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty: Nay: Wright, Noyes and Hooten. Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk Vote: Tied 3/3. President Wright voted no to break the tie (as is her privilege as president). Motion failed.

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer said he would amend his motion to read: to proceed with the cooling system project at the Montezuma-Cortez Middle School in the amount of \$173,651 and to reconsider the elementary school project at a later date. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Wright, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty: Nay: Noyes. Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. The motion carried with a majority vote.

c. Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers and Suspend Policies in Order to Address COVID-19 Issues

A motion was made by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer to approve the Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers and Suspend Policies in Order to Address COVID-19 Issues as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lance McDaniel. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty: Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

d. 2020-2021 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 board meeting calendar as presented. Mr. Lance McDaniel seconded the motion. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty: Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

e. Supplemental Budget Grant Fund 226 \$44,540

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the Supplemental Budget for Grant Fund 226 in the amount of \$44,540. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty: Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

f. Policies 1st Reading:

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the following listed policies for a First Reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, McDaniel, and Flaherty; Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

EF –School Nutrition Program

EFC – Free and Reduced-Price Food Service

GCQC/GCQD – Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff

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(Mandatory Reporting Requirements)

GCQF – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff (And Contract Nonrenewal)

GCQF-R- – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff (Mandatory Reporting Requirements)

GDQB – Resignation of Support Staff

GDQD – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff

g. Change Payroll Date to the Last Working Day of the Month

Ms. Sheri Noyes made a motion the change the staff payroll date from the 25th of the month to the last working day of the month effective July 1, 2020. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Schuenemeyer, and Flaherty; Nay: McDaniel Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried by majority.

12. Discussion Items:

a. 2020 Graduation Ceremony

Due to the Coronavirus emergency situation, the traditional senior graduation ceremony will not be allowed. There are 147 graduating seniors. Mr. Eric Chandler and Ms. Susan Wisenbaker apprised the board of different ideas that have emerged. A committee is being formed to discuss and finalize plans. Lance McDaniel and Lori Haukeness stated they would like to be part of that committee.

13. Items to Add to the Next Agenda:


HVAC System

Policy JEB Entrance Age Requirements

Panther Stadium Completion Report

20-21 Staff Contract Approval

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.


Board Secretary, Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer


Board President, Ms. Sherri Wright