

**MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**  
**Administration Building – 400 North Elm Street**

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

Sherri Wright, President, District C  
Sheri Noyes, Vice President, District F  
Jack Schuenemeyer, Secretary, District B  
Chris Flaherty, Director, District G  
Stacey Hall, Director, District D  
Cody Wells, Director, District A

**Absent:**

Tammy Hooten, Treasurer, Director,  
District E

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sherri Wright at 7:00 PM.
2. The pledge to the American Flag was led by President Sherri Wright.

**3. Set the Agenda**

Stacey Hall moved to set the agenda. The motion was seconded by Sheri Noyes.  
Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**4. Student Presentations**

There were no student presentations.

**5. Approval of Minutes for: May 11th, Regular & Executive Session**

Chris Flaherty moved to accept the minutes for May 11<sup>th</sup> as presented. The motion was seconded by Cody Wells.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried

**6. Celebration Reports:**

Superintendent Haukeness welcomed and introduced Debra Ramsey to the meeting. Ramsey is the new Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education.

**RISE Grant**

Superintendent Haukeness displayed the plaque RE-1 received in recognition of our status as a grant recipient. Winning recipients showed passion and commitment to education in their applications.

The Panther Girls Golf Team was able to travel to state and compete. Track will be heading to state next week.

President Wright celebrated making it through a tough school year.

## 7. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Haukeness pointed out this was her last meeting and she thanked the district for allowing her to make a difference with our students. She recognized Mehesy, Allen, Archibeque, and Brunner for their dedication to the district. She feels the new 2.0 team will be very dynamic.

She referred the Board to her written report.

Ms. Haukeness and Ms. Mehesy presented a PowerPoint titled **The Journey towards Excellence** that they coordinated as a tool for the many new leadership positions explaining our "Why" we do what we do. The presentation focused on the district's improvement timeline.

**Accreditation:** This current rating is a carryover from 2019-2020 that was paused due to COVID. The rating voted on by the board tonight will be for June 2021 –December 2022 (18 months instead of the usual 12 months).

## 8. Staff Reports:

**Ms. Carol Mehesy** also was attending her last Board meeting with Re-1. She thanked everyone the opportunity to serve. She also introduced the new Human Resources Director Cindy Eldredge and said she would be a great asset to the district. Carol referred to her written report to the board.

### **Staff Retention Report** (provided in June and December)

The districts data shows we are still not competitive nationally or regionally. Our highest turnover is in Paraprofessionals. Strategies were presented to the board for recruitment and retention. She introduced a pilot program where Re-1 will look to hire J1 Visa teachers to help out with our critical shortage. The board asked that they receive a report in August on this new program.

**Mr. Jamie Haukeness** handed out a School Safety and Facilities Report. The work to repair the damage on the Kemper roof is complete. The rehabilitation project at the Softball Field is ongoing but almost complete. The project has remained within budget. A new concern to add to the 10 year plan is the retaining wall at M-CMS, but may need to be much sooner. High School carpet is completed with a walk through Thursday that Hooten will attend. The new security alarms at the Warehouse and Bus Garage will help us be more proactive. Kemper's new air conditioning is very "cool" – thank you.

**Mr. Kyle Archibeque** referred to his written report.

**Proposed Budget 2021-2022** there is minimal change from the Preliminary report except the School Finance bill passed and property tax revenues changed. Our self-insurance was higher than projected but should go back down next year.

**Lewis Arriola / Middle School Playground** The district will be awarded \$500,000 from CHF and another \$200,000 in January; along with the \$10,000 from the LA PTO. The district will need to provide \$180,000 to get the project going but that will come back to the district.

**2021-2022 ESSER III Site Application Packet, Funding Proposal, Allowable Examples** The District was awarded 9.3 million, that we expect to receive in September. We requested applications from our schools for allocations. The Finance Office received back great responses that were very thoughtful and based on learning loss.

**Capital Reserve Summary** Mr. Archibeque noted that bid work is taking longer than usual to get a project started due to material issues and contractors being booked up.

**Rural Funding Initiative** We are looking at about \$472,000 coming to us if the Rural Schools funding passes again per HB21-1427.

**Mill Levy Implications** When the bill was passed (10 years ago) the calculation was incorrect. The county will now enforce 1 more mill to correct the original error. Kyle thanked the leaving administrators for setting up the next team for success.

Report submission from Jeannette Allen on District Improvement Framework.

**Nancy Dickerson Shaw** voiced that there was a concern over teacher plan time at the elementary due to bus riding students arriving so early. Her suggestion was to form a group to look into the issue.

## 9. Board Request / Reports

- a. **Legislative Update** – Not Available
- b. **CASB Resolution Rural Schools:** President Wright feels that rural school districts are underrepresented. She suggested the board consider a resolution to address this issue. She can contact other districts to see if they are interested as well.
- c. **The CASB Regional Meeting** will be held in Cortez at Montezuma-Cortez High School this year. The legislative meeting is in November.

## 10. Citizens Address the Board

Four community members were given 3 minutes to address the board. Concerns were voiced about the accountability of the LBGTQ+ Youth Clubs and the lack of access to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. A brief update on the softball field project was addressed along with much appreciation from the parents. Austin Cope introduced himself and said he would be doing freelance education coverage/articles.

*A break was taken from 8:40 PM and called back into session at 8:52 PM.*

**11. Action Items:****a. Consent Calendar** (see list)

Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented and was seconded by Chris Flaherty. Discussion to follow was to point out that a few contract totals were omitted on the boards copies.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**b. Approve 2021-2022 Appropriation Resolution** –Read by Jack Schuenemeyer

Chris Flaherty made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented and was seconded by Stacey Hall. Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**c. Approve 2021-2022 Resolution to use Beginning Fund Balance**–Read by Jack

Schuenemeyer. Sheri Noyes made a motion to approve the Resolution to use Beginning Fund Balance FY21-22. The motion was seconded by Cody Wells.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**d. Approve CASB Membership Dues, \$12,535 and Policy Support \$750**

Stacey Hall made a motion to approve the CASB Membership Dues of \$12,535 and Policy Support of \$750. The motion was seconded by Chris Flaherty.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**e. Approve 2021-2022 Board of Education Meeting Calendar**

A motion was made by Stacey Hall and seconded by Cody Wells to approve the Board of Education Meeting Calendar. Mrs. Haukeness informed the Board that July 5<sup>th</sup> would be a National Holiday since the 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday. Her recommendation was to cancel the July Work Session meeting to give the new Superintendent more prep time. The Board also asked to revise December to only 1 Regular Session Meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried with requested changes to be made by Ramsey.

**f. 2020-2021 District Accreditation Contract**

A motion was made by Chris Flaherty and seconded by Sheri Noyes to approve the District Accreditation Contract. Mrs. Haukeness pointed out that this contract covers the time period for 2019-2020 because 2020-2021 was an Accreditation pause. This rating will go for 18 months.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**g. Capital Reserve Request - Mesa Elementary Roof \$99,994.00**

Read by Jack Schuenemeyer

A motion was made by Chris Flaherty to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution for the re-roofing of a 1985 classroom at Mesa Elementary School projected to cost \$99,994.00. The motion was seconded by Jack Schuenemeyer. Mr. Haukeness reported that white membrane will be used to replace the aged rock. Bids have been received.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**h. Capital Reserve Request - Transportation Light Pole \$15,114.00**

Read by Jack Schuenemeyer

A motion was made by Sheri Noyes to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution for a Yard Light Pole to be installed at the Transportation Department with a projected to cost \$15,114.00. The motion was seconded by Chris Flaherty. Mr. Haukeness reported that power will be run to the pole along with a light fixture and security camera in the fueling area. This work will be bid out.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**i. Capital Reserve Request - Backhoe Purchase \$45,000.00**

Read by Jack Schuenemeyer

A motion was made by Chris Flaherty and seconded by Stacey Hall to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution for the purchase of a new Backhoe for the Facilities Department. Mrs. Haukeness reported that the bid had actually come in much cheaper than the original estimate. This purchase would help the department avoid the rentals and time lag waiting on rentals to become available. The quote was provide to the board for review for a Kubota Tractor with a backhoe bucket and auger attachments at a price of \$31,827.16. The quote included a governmental discount over \$7,000. Flaherty suggested having tires that are best for grass. Mr. Haukeness will discuss this with the vendor and Mr. Archibeque will turn in a supplemental budget later if this changes the amount. The motion will be revised to purchase a tractor with a backhoe attachment at a cost of \$31,827.16.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**j. Policy Adoption – Second Reading / Adoption**

**JKD/JKE-R – Suspension/Expulsion of Students**

**JKD/JKE-E – Grounds for Suspension/Expulsion**

**GBGM – Staff Discretionary Leave**

A motion was made to Chris Flaherty to approve the second reading of the policies as listed on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Stacey Hall.

Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wells, and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**11. Discussion Items:**

**a. BOE Venue**

Sherri Wright proposed making upgrades to the District Office gym area that would result in a permeant boardroom. A discussion about the options to make this happen followed.

**b. Student Organizations JJA-2R**

Lori Haukeness provided feedback from the district’s attorney that the district would potentially face legal action if they disbanded clubs. President Wright asked Mrs. Haukeness to have Dr. VanderWey work with the High School and Middle School Principal’s to make sure they have a solid understanding of the policy to ensure full implementation for the 2021-2022 school year.

**c. Beech St and Administration Building HVAC proposal**

Mr. Haukeness expressed concern with the current bid. The decision was made to table the proposal as it stands now until we can get an engineer to come design the system. This will make it much easier to bid out. The board directed administration to obtain an engineer to design the system and post for new bids.

**d. Teacher Plan Times**

A discussion about the staff report from Nancy Dickerson Shaw pertaining to teacher plan times took place. It was decided that Ms. Dickerson Shaw would set up a meeting in July with the new Superintendent and Director of Curriculum to identify the problems and troubleshoot. She thanked the board for listening to her concern.

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

Action Items: Supplemental Budgets from Grant Office

BOE Venue Update

Staff Report: VanderWey, Parr & Dickerson Shaw Plan time review feedback

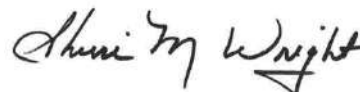
Staff Report: Archibeque update on used playground equipment at Lewis-Arriola

**The next Board of Education meeting is a regular session at 7:00 PM, on July 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Administration Building Board Room.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 PM.



Secretary, Board of Education



President, Board of Education