

**Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1
June 30, 2020**

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

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

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:**
A motion was made by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer to set the agenda as presented. Ms. Sheri Noyes seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Regular and Executive Board Meetings**
A motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 regular board and executive session meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.
5. **Celebration Reports:**
Ms. Haukeness reported that through May 31, the school cafeteria and transportation departments had served 19,432 breakfast meals and 27,357 lunch meals to students. She showed portions of a brief video done by the Panther Chefs.

6. Superintendent Report:

Ms. Haukeness referred to her written report that was sent to each board member earlier. She said CASB would be formulating new policies to deal with the requirements brought on by the COVID19 Virus. She reported that there was ongoing work being done to address the reopening of classes in August, 2020. She is asking for a new MTSS Coordinator position to be approved. The funding will be through grants.

7. Staff Reports:

Jeanette Allen reported on the work being done to address how classes would look in the fall. They have been looking at the 20-21 guidelines from various agencies. At this time, plans are being made for students to return to school in person with safety measures in place. Several committees have been formed with staff, teachers, board members, etc. serving on the committees. There has been one Town Hall held with more planned. Ms. Allen also gave a brief overview of the proposed new math curriculum adoption. Elementary will look different than secondary. She has enclosed a detailed review/description in her written report to the board.

Ms. Allen also gave background for the need of the new proposed position of a MTSS Coordinator. She has been working closely with SJBOCES for the new class and new position.

Carol Mehesy referred to her written report to the board. There are still a few staff positions to fill. The exit surveys were briefly discussed. They will be sent to the board twice a year at the end of each school semester.

Mr. Jamie Haukeness brought the board up-to-date on the installation of the HVAC systems at each school. The contractor will start with Kemper Elementary, moving to MCMS, L/A and ending at Mesa Elementary hopefully on August 24.

Even though we had made the final list for the BEST grant the district applied for, our district not approved. This was due to the BEST grant funds being greatly reduced because of state budget cuts.

Mr. Haukeness also reported on the status of working with the Colorado Department of Transportation with regard to highway safety measures at Lewis/Arriola Elementary School. CDOT has agreed to share the cost with the District for installation of a guardrail on the highway in front of the school. Lowering speed limits near the school is still being discussed.

8. Board Requests/Reports:

Board member, Ms. Tammy Hooten said it was a privilege to serve on the CASB Legislative Committee. She gave a brief summary of the educational legislation that was discussed and/or passed. Education was hit hard in cutting the budgets due to the COVID19 Virus. BEST grant will be greatly reduced. Lance McDaniel is working hard to get signatures to put Resolution #271, Fair Tax Initiative, on the ballot.

Ms. Sherri Wright reported that CASB will be doing most of their meetings/conferences via ZOOM format due to the COVID19 Virus restrictions. CASB hopes to have the December Conference in person. CDE and CASB feel school is best in person with attention to health and safety rules being put in place. Ms. Wright would like to see the district address the Board of Education Code of Conduct at a future meeting.

9. Citizens Address the Board:

Several members of the public, which included Gina Lopez, Lillian Jamison-Cash, Kelli Unhrein, Cedar, and Caitlin Munroe, submitted Zoom Chat comments regarding removing/replacing school resource officers in school buildings.

10. Action Items:

a. Consent Calendar

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented to the board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tammy Hooten. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

b. Approve the 2020-2021 Appropriation Resolution

After review and discussion, Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Appropriation Resolution as presented. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

c. Approve the 2020-2021 Resolution to Use Beginning Fund Balance

Ms. Sheri Noyes made a motion to approve the Resolution to Use Beginning Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,459,289 as presented. Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Sheri Noyes to approve the CASB membership dues in the amount of \$12,535 and the policy support fees of \$750 for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

e. Math Program Evaluation and Adoption

After discussion, Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to adopt the new Instructional Materials for Math Grades K-12 that Mrs. Jeanette Allen, Director of Curriculum presented. Mr. Chris Flaherty seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

f. Approve New Position – MTSS Coordinator

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to approve the MTSS Coordinator position as outlined in the job description presented to the board. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

g. Resolution Giving Emergency Powers to the Superintendent

The board collectively felt that the resolution passed in April had served its purpose through the onset of the COVID Virus. Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to revoke the Resolution Giving Emergency Powers to the Superintendent at this time. Ms. Sheri Noyes seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

h. Capital Reserve Resolution for \$1,073,029.89

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution in the amount of \$1,073,029.89 for installation of HVAC at Kemper, Mesa and Lewis Elementary schools and at Montezuma-Cortez Middle School. Mr. Lance McDaniel seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

i. Capital Reserve Resolution for \$104,467.11

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution in the amount of \$104,467.11 for Kemper HVAC. Mr. Chris Flaherty seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

j. Capital Reserve Resolution for \$210,900.00

Ms. Sheri Noyes made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution for \$210,900.00 for the replacement of three school buses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

k. Capital Reserve Resolution for \$26,624.00

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution for \$26,624.00 for the replacement of the roof on the M-CMS Art Room. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tammy Hooten. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

l. Capital Reserve Resolution for \$67,336.70

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution in the amount of \$67,336.70 to replace the roof on the annex building. Ms. Sheri Noyes seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

m. Supplemental Budget Fund 229 - \$15,516.70

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to approve the Fund 229 Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$15,516.70 for the Homegrown Town Initiative grant. Mr. Lance McDaniel seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

n. Supplemental Budget Fund 430 - \$13,013.74

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to approve the Fund 430 Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$13,013.74 for Full-day Kindergarten Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

o. Supplemental Budget Fund 213 - \$86,100.00

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the Fund 213 Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$86,100.00 for adjustments to the Food Services Program. Ms. Sheri Noyes seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

p. Supplemental Budget Fund 228 - \$2,043.00

Ms. Sheri Noyes made a motion to approve the Fund 228 Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$2,043.00 for the BOCES Gifted & Talented and ESS Preschool grants. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lance McDaniel. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

q. Policies – Second Reading/Adoption

The Board reviewed the policies presented and asked that Policy JICDA – Code of Conduct be pulled from the list for further study.

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to adopt the following listed policies. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer.

LBD – Relations with District Charter Schools

EF – School Nutrition Program

EFC – Free and Reduced-Price Food Service

GCQC/GCQD – Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff

GCQC/GCQD - R – Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff
(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

Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None
Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

r. Policies First Reading

After review and discussion Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to accept the policies listed below as the First Reading. Ms. Sheri Noyes seconded the motion.

IHCDA – Concurrent Enrollment

IHCDA-R – Concurrent Enrollment – Regulation

IKF-2 – Graduation Requirements

IKF-2-E – Graduation Requirements

JEB – Entrance Age Requirements

JKD/JKE – Suspension/Expulsion of Students

JKD/JKE-R – Suspension/Expulsion of Students - Regulation (Hearing Procedures)

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

JICDE - Bullying Prevention and Education

JICDE-E-1- Bullying Report Form (New)

JICDE –E-2 –Bullying Investigation Form (New)

GBEBA – Staff Dress Code

JICA – Student Dress Code

Aye: Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, McDaniel, and Flaherty. Nay: None
Absent: Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

11. Discussion Items:**a. Update Re-Opening School Plans**

Ms. Lori Haukeness updated the Board on the current state of the planning process to re-open school in August. Committees have been formed to address the different components of the plan. She outlined the challenges that were being discussed. They have met with the various county departments and the hospital to ensure that the district was following COVID19 recommendations. Ms. Tammy Hooten would like to serve on the committee.

b. Resolution #271 – Fair Tax Initiative

Ms. Sherri Wright advised the board regarding information that CASB has distributed with regards to Resolution #271. She encouraged everyone to secure and complete a form for individual petition in favor of getting the resolution on the ballot in November. Signatures must be obtained prior to July 25. Mr. Lance McDaniel will have a booth at two different farmer's market obtaining signatures.

c. School Resource Officers - MOU

Mr. Lance McDaniel gave a report concerning a small peaceful protest at a local park recently with regard to students of color. Some of them expressed negative feelings about having school resource officers in our school buildings.

Mrs. Haukeness gave a brief background regarding the school resource officers. There are currently 1.5 officers serving our schools at a cost to the district of only \$23,000 as the City of Cortez Police Force picks up the remaining cost as well as the Montezuma County Sherriff contributing to this effort.

It was asked what specific training the resource officers had. The board felt that students were their main concern and that some sort of meeting should be set up to hear individual student concerns regarding the school safety officers. It would also be important to gain all students

input on the subject. Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer and Mr. Lance McDaniel will work together to put together a plan/process.

d. Bullying – Behavior and Social Emotional Issues

No discussion as this will be a topic when the new policy and regulation come before the board for a second reading at the next board meeting.

e. July Board Meeting

The Board set a tentative work meeting to continue re-opening plans for July 23, 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

f. Other:

President Wright noted that board member, Ms. Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk has been absent from several recent meetings without a valid excuse. There is policy and law that governs attendance. She would like to discuss this at the July/August board meeting.


12. Items to Add to the Next Agenda

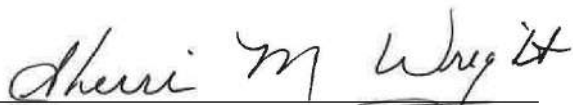
School Resource Officers MOU

Discussion regarding board member non-attendance at meetings

Board of Education Code of Conduct

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.


Board Secretary, Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer


Board President, Ms. Sherri Wright