

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting Platform

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Lori Haukeness – District Superintendent
Carol Mehesy – Assistant Superintendent
Jeanette Allen – Director of Curriculum & Instruction
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. Schuenemeyer to set the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lance McDaniel. Aye: Wright, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Noyes. The motion carried.

Note: Vice President Noyes arrived and took over to conduct the meeting as President Wright was out of town and attending via telephone.

4. Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2020 Regular and IPP Board Meetings:

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Flaherty to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Regular and IPP meetings. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. The motion carried.

5. Celebration Reports:

Mrs. Haukeness reported there is strong participation with the online classes. MCHS students are receiving notices of being accepted into various colleges. The district has received a check in the amount of \$48,600 from Empire Electric as a rebate for the newly installed HVAC system at Kemper.

6. Superintendent Report:

Mrs. Haukeness reported that on tonight's agenda the board would have an opportunity to listen to and ask questions of guests, Dr. Kent Aikin, Mr. Marc Meyer, Ms. Bobbi Lock and Ms. Sue Ciccina who all serve on the Montezuma County Health Advisory Committee. They will be talking about the current COVID crises.

The district administration has presented Zoom meetings for both staff and parents regarding the closing of in-school classes due to the outbreak of the COVID virus. Each school site has also presented parent town halls.

Ms. Lori Haley with Majors and Haley PC will be presenting findings of the 2019-2020 finance audit later in the agenda.

7. Staff Reports:

Sue Ciccina, Montezuma County Health Department and SW Health Systems

A State of Montezuma County Report was presented. It was announced that Montezuma County has now entered Stage Orange in the COVID Pandemic. There has been a significant increase in the number of COVID cases reported in the past week. This has led to an increase in hospitalizations. Dr. Kent Aikin, Mr. Marc Meyers, Ms. Bobbi Lock and Ms. Sue Ciccina were in attendance for comments and to answer questions.

Finance Audit Report – Ms. Lori Haley:

Ms. Haley presented slides from the official district audit. She went over the highlights and concerns of the recently completed audit and answered questions from the board. Melissa Brunner, Director of Finance, joined in the discussion.

Administration Staff Reports:

Melissa Brunner: Ms. Brunner made reference to her written report given to the board. She will be working on adjustments to the current budget due to a lower student count in the official October Count. She wanted to publicly thank the board members for their support while she served as Director of Finance. She will be resigning her position on December 31, 2020.

Carol Mehesy: Ms. Mehesy made reference to her written report. She had nothing further to add to that.

Jeanette Allen: Ms. Allen referred to the Distance Learning Plan in her packet. She was pleased about the positive response to having to shift to blended learning. The shift was mostly seamless as work had gone into the plan earlier this year. There have been parent videos, staff and parent town halls. A special plan for at-risk ESS students was being worked on.

Jamie Haukeness: Mr. Haukeness reported the latest progress on the installation of the HVAC systems throughout the district. A rebate of \$48,600 has been received from Empire Electric for the system at Kemper Elementary and more rebates are expected for other sites.

He reported that there were continuing talks with the Colorado Department of Transportation regarding lowering the speed limit on the highway at Lewis/Arriola Elementary School. At this point, CDOT is not in favor of lower speed limits. Talks are continuing and the PTO from L/A Elementary is actively involved.

8. Board Requests/Reports:

Ms. Wright reminded everyone of the upcoming CASB Annual Convention on December 4-5. This year's convention will be a virtual presentation.

Ms. Hooten, our official CASB delegate, gave a brief report on her attendance at the CASB Fall Assembly. Board members will hear complete reports at the December 4-5 meetings.

9. Citizens Address the Board:

Members in the virtual audience were invited to enter questions/comments into the CHAT ROOM which would be addressed by the Board/Administrators. There were no comments.

10: Action Items:

a. Consent Calendar

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. Sherri Wright seconded the motion. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty. Abstained: Hall. Nay: None. The motion passed.

b. Approval of the 2019-2020 District Audit

A motion was made by Ms. Wright to approve the 2019-2020 district audit as performed by the firm of Majors and Haley, PC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stacey Hall. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. The motion passed.

c. Approve CDE Assurances for Financial Accreditation

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to approve the CDE Assurances for Financial Accreditation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tammy Hooten. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. The motion passed.

d. Resolution to Reserve a Portion of the General Fund Balance

A motion was made by Ms. Sherri Wright and seconded by Ms. Tammy Hooten to approve the Resolution to Reserve a Portion of the General Fund Balance as read. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. The motion passed.

e. Supplemental Budget Fund 223 \$7,500.00

A motion was made by Ms. Stacey Hall to approve the Grants Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$7,500 in Fund 223. These funds were received from the El Pomar Foundation. This motion was seconded by Ms. Sherri Wright. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. The motion passed.

f. Capital Reserve Resolution \$3,807.16

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution in the amount of \$3,807.16 for a freezer at the Lewis/Arriola Elementary School kitchen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. The motion passed.

g. Capital Reserve Resolution \$6,155.00

Ms. Sherri Wright made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution in the amount of \$6,155.00 for asbestos sampling and lab analysis costs associated with the HVAC installation project. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. The motion passed.

h. Annual Review/Approval IPP Policy KJG

After the required annual review of the policy, a motion was made by Ms. Sherri Wright and seconded by Mr. Lance McDaniel to approve Policy KJG Relations with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council. There are no amendments or additions to the policy. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. The motion passed.

i. Policies for a First Reading:

The following policies were reviewed for a first reading:

HICDA – Concurrent Enrollment

IKF-2 – Graduation Requirements

BCA – Code of Ethics for School Board Members

(change from exhibit to policy)

DJB- Federal Procurement

DJE – Bidding Procedures

GBEB – Staff Conduct

GBI- Criminal History Record Information

JEB – Entrance Age Requirements

JLCDB - Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students

After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten to accept the policies presented for a first reading. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer. Aye: Wright, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. The motion passed.

11. Discussion Items:

Policy EBCE – School Closings and Cancellations

After discussion of the intent of the policy, Superintendent Haukeness said she would compose a Regulation to the Policy which would further define the intent/practice.

School Board Budget Work Session Moved to December


The board and administrators set a budget work session for December 8, 5:30 p.m. to discuss the budget in more detail. This will be a virtual meeting.

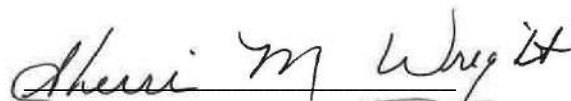
12. Items to Add to the Next Agenda

Superintendent/Board Evaluations for December Agenda

The board asked to receive the evaluation forms prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education


President, Board of Education