

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Tuesday, December 15, 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 Ms. Stacey Hall to set the agenda with the addition of athletics to the discussion portion of the agenda as requested by Ms. Sheri Noyes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer. Aye: Hooten, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wright, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting**
Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheri Noyes. Aye: Hooten, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wright, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. Motion carried.
5. **Celebration Reports:**
Ms. Haukeness reported that the district had received a rebate check from Empire Electric in the amount of \$48,600. This was due to the installation of the HVAC system at Kemper Elementary. There will be other rebate checks forthcoming. The money will go into the Capital Reserve Fund.
She felt it important to continue to celebrate students. She showed a video (courtesy of Mr. Eric Whyte) of the activities and competitions of the MCHS Cross Country Team.

6. Superintendent Report:

Ms. Haukeness thanked the four board members who attended the 80th Annual CASB Convention. Due to COVID, this was a virtual meeting.

She gave a brief report on the upcoming board member recall election. The timeline is included in her written report to the board.

She and Ms. Mehesy attended the board meetings for both the Kiva and Battlerock Charter Schools with regard to charter renewals.

Melissa Brunner has completed the 20-21 budget revisions.

She acknowledged Ms. Melissa Brunner who will be vacating the Director of Finance position on December 31. She thanked her for the outstanding job she did while in that position. She will be replaced by Mr. Kyle Archibeque who will report for work on January 4, 2021.

She noted that she sent out the new *Roadmap to In-person Learning* as released by Governor Polis's office. This is an outline of beginning the process to bring students back to in-person learning. During the Health and Safety report later in the agenda, Ms. Haukeness will discuss the new guidance. She thanked board members Dr. Schuenemeyer and Mrs. Wright for their participation on the health advisory committee.

7. Staff Reports:

Ms. Carol Mehesy discussed a recent staff survey (copy given to the board) and the district's *Staff Retention Plan*. She addressed questions and concerns from board members.

Ms. Mehesy showed a PowerPoint with regards to the charter school renewals which will be an action item on the January 2021 board agenda. Both Battlerock charter and Kiva charter are up for renewal. Renewal recommendations were reviewed.

Ms. Jeanette Allen referred to comments in her written reports with regard to the upcoming program evaluations. She gave an update on the Read-Act requirements.

Ms. Melissa Brunner referred to her written report given to the board. The 20-21 budget and corresponding resolutions will be discussed in the action item portion of the agenda. It was agreed that Ms. Tammy Hooten, board treasurer, would be invited to meet with Melissa and the new finance director, Kyle Archibeque, sometime in January.

Mr. Jamie Haukeness also referred to his written report to the board. He gave a report on the ongoing discussions with CDOT in regards to highway safety and the Lewis/Arriola Elementary School. The PTO has taken an active part in these discussions. A 300 ft. guardrail has been installed. A consideration to move the playground further back on the school property is being studied.

He reported that the HVAC systems have been completed in three of the four schools. Mesa Elementary is on schedule to be completed by December 31.

He reported that the roof on the outbuilding at MCMS had been installed. The building was inspected and determined that there was nothing there to be abated. The bat infestation there seems to have stopped after installation of the new roof.

He gave a brief report on the cameras slated for the MCHS parking lot. He thanked Mr. Mark Knox and his tech department for their expertise and assistance with this project.

Approval for the bid will be discussed later in the action items of the agenda. Sheri Noyes posed the question of why the same type of system could not be installed at the bus garage. A discussion ensued.

8. Board Requests/Reports:

Mrs. Haukeness reported that only Ms. Hooten had an opportunity to return the CASB topic survey that she sent out. This will be followed up on at a later date.

9. Citizens Address the Board:

Members in the virtual audience were invited to enter questions/comments into the Virtual Chat Room which would be addressed by the Board/Administrators.

Various topics addressed included: Staff shortage due to COVID, financial records posted on the district website, is the health clinic offering mental help assistance, athletics, open gym, teams, intermural teams, code of ethics, addressing concerns students have, the superintendent answering emails, Americorps and the MCHS health clinic administering COVID tests.

10: Action Items:

a. Consent Calendar

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

b. Annual Statutory Mill Levy Certification Resolution C.R.S. 22-40-102: 39-5-128

After the resolution was read out loud, Ms. Stacey Hall made a motion to approve the Annual Statutory Mill Levy Certification Resolution as read. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheri Noyes. Aye: Hooten, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wright, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. Motion carried.

c. 2020-2021 Appropriations Resolution

After the resolution was read out loud, Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Appropriations Resolution as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Hooten, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wright, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. Motion carried.

d. 2020-2021 Beginning Fund Balance Resolution

After the resolution was read out loud, Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Beginning Fund Balance Resolution as read. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tammy Hooten. Aye: Hooten, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wright, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. Motion carried.

e. Capital Reserve Resolution \$6,165.00

Ms. Stacey Hall made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution in the amount of \$6,165.00 for outside cameras/supplies at MCHS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Hooten, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wright, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. Motion carried.

f. Policies for a First reading

These policies were discussed by the board and administration. Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to accept the listed policies for a first reading with the exception of Policy GRGG-Staff Sick Leave. This is to be reviewed more in depth and brought back for a first Reading in January. Mr. Lance McDaniel seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wright, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Policies read were:

- GBGG – Staff Sick Leave
- GBGH – Sick Leave Bank
- GBGJ - Staff Bereavement
- GBGL - Staff Victim Leave
- KBA – District Title I Parent and Family Engagement

g. Policies for a Second Reading

The following policies were reviewed for a Second 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 review and discussion on Policy IKF-2 Graduation Requirements, Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to accept/adopt the policies listed for a second reading and he noted that the wording in IKF-2 Graduation Requirements, subsection Early Graduation, the word “may” would be changed to “will”. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Noyes, Schuenemeyer, Wright, McDaniel, Flaherty, Hall. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Discussion Items:

Set Board Work Session for January

A board work session and board training was set for February 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Health and Safety

Lori Haukeness and Carol Mehesy reviewed the *Governor’s Road Map to In-Person Learning*. PowerPoint slides were reviewed and discussed. The report was released on 12/15/2020. A lengthy discussion followed which included how COVID is impacting student learning, activities and sports. After the discussion Mrs. Haukeness asked for each board members feeling on returning to in-person classes on January 6. The majority of board members agreed to the January 6th date.

Athletics Update

Athletics as it relates to current practice, proposed changes, etc. was discussed in the health and safety discussion.

12. Items to Add to the Next Agenda

Student Achievement Data

This will be prepared and presented at the January board meeting.

Annual Board of Education Evaluation

Board evaluation forms will be sent out to board members in early January. The board evaluation will be on the January 2021 agenda. President Wright would like board members to be thinking of two goals they would like the board to accomplish in the upcoming year.

Superintendent Evaluation

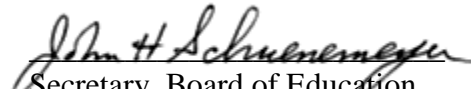
The superintendent’s evaluation will be held in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. at the January 19th board meeting. The evaluation form will be sent out to board members in early January.

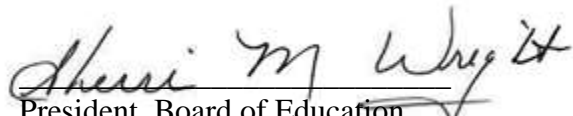
Other

Some board members would like the board meetings to go back to an in-person session for board members, administrators, etc. Public would still attend via Zoom. A consensus could not be reached and Dr. Schuenemeyer had already signed off at this point. Ms. Wright said she would personally call each member to discuss the possibility.

Ms. Noyes inquired about the progress on Policy EBCE – School Closings and Cancellations. Ms. Haukeness stated that she was in the process of writing a regulation for that policy. It would be presented at the January board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education


President, Board of Education