

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Administration Building – 400 North Elm Street

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

Attendance:

Sherri Wright
Jack Schuenemeyer
Tammy Hooten
Sheri Noyes
Stacey Hall
Cody Wells
Chris Flaherty – attended via telephone

Lori Haukeness – Superintendent
Carol Mehesy – Asst. Superintendent
Jeanette Allen – Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Kyle Archibeque – Director of Finance

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sherri Wright.
2. The pledge to the American Flag was led by President Sherri Wright.

3. Set the Agenda

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer moved to set the agenda with the exception of the elimination of discussion item d. Four-Day School Calendar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Lengthy discussion followed. Dr. Schuenemeyer referenced Roberts Rules of Order, paragraph 37-20. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Flaherty. Nay: Hooten, Noyes, Wright, Wells and Hall. Motion failed.

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Ms. Stacey Hall seconded the motion. President Wright said she would like to amend the motion to allow the MCHS Softball team to make a presentation. Ms. Hooten amended her motion to include the softball team presentation and Ms. Hall seconded the amendment. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for: April 13, Executive Session; April 15, Regular Session; April 21, Executive Session; April 29, Regular & Executive Session

Mr. Chris Flaherty moved to accept the minutes for April 13, April 15, April 21, and April 29 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tammy Hooten. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Student Presentation: It was noted that funds were now available to make necessary repairs and upgrades to Englehart Softball Field. The softball girls' team, their coach and sponsors were in attendance to thank the administration and board for this effort.

5. Celebration Reports:

Playground Grant Award

Mr. Jim Parr, Lewis/Arriola Principal, made a presentation with regard to the district being awarded a grant to update the playground areas at Lewis/Arriola Elementary and Montezuma-Cortez Middle School. He thanked the L/A PTO and parents for their continued effort to make this happen. Ms. Amber Rosenbaugh, Ms. Nikki Young and Ms. Jennifer Flaherty were in attendance. This grant totals more than \$700,000.

Ms. Haukeness congratulated the MCHS Volleyball Team who will be competing at the state level.

She explained CMAS testing with the COVID rules.

She thanked the Board for approving the 3% appreciation bonus for all staff. We were in-person learning for all but 24 days.

Graduation will take place next week at Panther Stadium. It will be an in-person ceremony.

Phyllis Lockhart will be retiring from the school district after 24 years of service. Ms. Tammy Hooten presented her with a gift certificate.

6. Superintendent's Report

She referred the board to her written report.

With regards to the district calendar, it was developed according to district policy. She thanked both administrators and teachers who served on the calendar committee.

For the audience, she clarified the mask rule.

Jim Parr will be giving an explanation of both the CMAS testing and the online program.

Transition program for 18-21 year olds that need extra support. This will be held in the New Wings building next year. The program will be ran by SJBOCES.

Lori reported that she has been in contact with the incoming superintendent and she felt that Dr. VanderWey would be a good fit for our district and community.

Kyle Archibeque will be presenting the 2021-2022 budget. She was happy to report that the general fund budget is fiscally sound.

She gave a preliminary report on the ESSER funds.

Discussion later on the agenda with regard to changing the salary category for the Human Resource Position. We are not competitive with our salaries and it is difficult to get qualified applicants. This is a crucial position with a very high level of responsibility.

Our high school graduation will be held outside with no limit on attendance.

7. Staff Reports:

Ms. Jeanette Allen and Ms. Lissa Lycan gave an in depth report on the 6-12 ELA and High School French curriculum. The adoption of these is on the agenda for action. She thanked all the staff who were involved in this year-long review of the proposed curriculum.

Ms. Carol Mehesy referred to her written report to the board. She thanked the board for approving the 3% bonus payment to all staff.

Mr. Kyle Archibeque referred to his written report. He will be explaining both the preliminary 2021-2022 budget and the Facilities Master Plan more in depth later in the meeting.

Mr. Jamie Haukeness reported on HVAC bids for Beech Street Pre-School and the administration building. He reported that the high school would be having replacement carpet installed this summer. Englehart Softball Field will receive repairs and upgrades. There are new bleachers in storage that will be assembled and installed. Ms. Hooten inquired about carpet for the middle school library.

Mr. Jim Parr reported on the study being done to continue online learning in the fall of 2021. The initial plan was to offer online learning for grades 3-8 for next year. There was a parent survey that went out to all parents. Results from that survey indicated only 24 families were interested in online learning. With these statistics, there is no online option being planned. He also reported on CMAS testing.

8. Board Requests/Reports

CASB Legislation – Tammy Hooten - CASB Report – Sherri Wright

Ms. Wright reported on the CASB meeting to be held on October 22-23 in Ft. Collins. She suggested to obtain reservations early.

Ms. Tammy Hooten arranged for a video presentation by Dawn Reinfeld – co-author of a bill to be presented to the state legislature with regard to more controls regarding high potency Marijuana. At the end of the presentation, Ms. Hooten asked her to send a copy of the presentation to her and she would distribute it to those who wanted it.

At this point in the meeting, Ms. Wright allowed Ms. Nancy Dickerson-Shaw to address the board with concerns regarding elementary teacher planning time. Ms. Dickerson-Shaw also thanked the board and administrators for the recent 3% one time staff bonus pay.

9. Citizens Address the Board *

Since there were numerous requests, both pro and con, with regard to the LBGTQ+ Youth club at Montezuma-Cortez Middle School, President Wright asked people to sign up to speak. Speakers were then called on to speak in order of sign up. A maximum time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker was established. The board also read chat comments from those attending the meeting via Zoom.

10. Action Items:

a. Consent Calendar (see list)

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright,

Wells, and Flaherty. Nay: None. Ms. Hall abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

b. Approve 2021-2022 Contracts (see list)

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 contract list as presented. Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer seconded the motion. Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright, Wells, and Flaherty. Nay: None. Ms. Hall abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

c. Approval of Superintendent Contract

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the Superintendent Contract for Ms. Risha VanderWey. Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

d. Approval of the Playground Grant Award

Ms. Sheri Noyes made a motion to accept the L/A and MCMS Playground Grant Award. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cody Wells. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

e. 6-12 ELA & High School French Curriculum Adoption

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to accept the 6-12 ELA and High School French Curriculum Adoption. Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

f. HR Director Position Recommendation

A motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten to approve the HR Director Position as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Carol Mehesy and endorsed by Superintendent Haukeness. Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

g. School Land Dedication/Fee Resolution

A motion was made by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer to approve the updated School Land Dedication/Fee Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Wright, and Flaherty. Nay: Noyes and Wells. Ms. Hall abstained. Motion carried.

h. HVAC Approval for Beech Street and Administration Bldg.

A motion was made by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer and seconded by Mr. Cody Wells to approve the HVAC bids for Beech Street of \$151,495 and the District Administration Building for \$176,500. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: Noyes and Wright. Motion carried by majority vote.

i. Facilities Master Plan

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to move forward with the Facilities Master Plan. Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

j. Kiva Montessori Charter School Approved Waivers

Mr. Chris Flaherty made a motion to approve the Kiva Montessori Charter School Approved Waivers as presented to the board. Ms. Sheri Noyes seconded the motion. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

k. Capital Reserve Resolution – Englehart Softball Field \$20,000.00

Ms. Sheri Noyes made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Resolution for the Englehart Softball Field in the amount of \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stacey Hall. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

l. Supplemental Budget Rural Schools Distribution \$389,427.58

A motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten to approve the Supplemental Budget for the Rural Schools Distribution in the amount of \$389,427.58. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheri Noyes. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

m. Policy Adoption – First Reading

JKD/JKE-R – Suspension/Expulsion of Students
JKD/JKE-E – Grounds for Suspension/Expulsion
GBGM – Staff Discretionary Leave

A motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten to approve the first reading of the policies listed on the agenda with a request to write in a statement dealing with approving emergency leave in Policy GBGM – Staff Discretionary Leave. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Flaherty. Aye: Hooten, Schuenemeyer, Noyes, Wright, Wells, Hall and Flaherty. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Discussion Items:

Mr. Kyle Archibeque, Director of Finance, reviewed the preliminary 2021-2022 budget. He explained in detail the items he presented to the board in his written report. The budget will come back for approval in June.

a. 2021-2022 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

The board agreed they felt a need to hold two board meetings per month on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The first monthly meeting would be a work session and the second one would be the regular action meeting. This board calendar would come back for action at the next board meeting.

b. ESSER III Grant Development Process

Mr. Archibeque informed the board about the ESSER III Grant Development Process. He explained about the pre-planning phase. This is a heavily monitored grant. He explained why we were getting these dollars. All district locations and departments are involved in the pre-planning process.

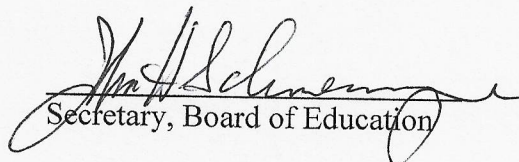
c. 2022-2023 Four-Day School Calendar

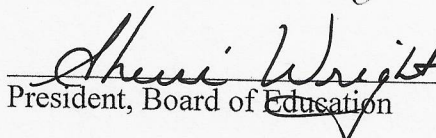
The board felt it was important to keep this subject moving forward. It would be wise to see what the October Count numbers are. Transportation options would continue to be examined. It has already been determined to do away with the consolidated bus stops for the coming school year.

12. Items to Add to the Next Agenda

- Non-curricular clubs – Policies JJA1 and JJA2
- Coordinate future graduation dates with surrounding schools
- Nancy Shaw – Elementary Teacher Planning Time
- Second reading of policies
- Board meeting calendar (going to two meetings per month)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education


President, Board of Education