

**MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**Tuesday Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Meeting held virtually by ZOOM / Broadcast publically on the district's YouTube Channel**  
**Some directors were at the District office building**  
**400 N. Elm Street, Cortez, CO 81321**

**MINUTES**

**Special Board Meeting 12:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

Sherri Wright, President, District C  
Sheri Noyes, Vice President, District F (ZOOM)  
Tammy Hooten, Treasurer, Director, District E (ZOOM)  
Stacey Hall, Director, District D  
Cody Wells, Director, District A (ZOOM)

**Absent:**

Jack Schuenemeyer, Secretary, District B  
Chris Flaherty, District G

**1. Call to Order**

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Sherri Wright at 12:00PM.

**2. Pledge to Flag**

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by President Sherri Wright.

**3. Set the Agenda**

- a. Stacey Hall moved to set the agenda. The motion was seconded by Tammy Hooten. Aye: Hall, Hooten, Noyes, Wells and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**4. Discussion Item:**

- a. The board had a discussion about the process we are using for quarantining students. Cody Wells wanted to vote on the quarantining of students but Dr. VanderWey explained it was mandated by the state so it was not made an action item. Mrs. Richard explained the difference between quarantine and isolation. Dr. VanderWey reported that today there were 65 staff members out and Dolores Schools are now on a week of remote learning to shortages and increasing coronavirus cases.

**5. Action Items:**

- a. President Wright reported that the CASB attorney had suggested we revisit this issues since the last meeting had some gray areas. She said calling by phone for a vote would not be the best for transparency. A motion was made by Cody Wells to provide the



Superintendent authority to have schools move into remote learning when needed due to emergency. The motion was seconded by Stacey Hall.

- i. Dr. VanderWey reported that today there were 65 staff members out and Dolores Schools are now on a week of remote learning due to shortages and increasing coronavirus cases. The board and VanderWey had a discussion about what giving her this authority might look like and if it was needed. Dr. VanderWey said that under the pandemic policy she is allowed to act in an emergency situation, which was verified by Tammy Hooten. She was hoping to be transparent and courteous by asking.

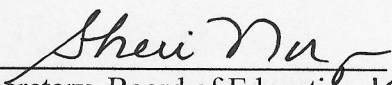
Aye: Hall and Wells Nay: Hooten, Noyes, and Wright Motion failed.

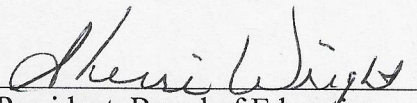
- b. A motion was made by Stacey Hall to recommend the district require students to wear masks during high Coronavirus infection incidences in RE-1 Schools. The motion was seconded by Cody Wells.

- i. Cody Wells confirmed with the district staff that if the students were masked, the district would not be required to quarantine the students like has been the practice. A discussion ensued about cohorts, outbreaks, and the use of the word recommend being used in the district's plan. The board asked Dr. VanderWey who would be required to wear masks and she clarified that mask would be required for all RE-1 students and any extra-curricular activities inside the building. Visitors to the building would not be required to mask, with exception of those students with medical exemptions. This could run until Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Aye: Hall Nay: Hooten, Noyes, Wells and Wright Motion failed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.

  
 Secretary, Board of Education *VP position*

  
 President, Board of Education