

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Monday, May 16, 2022
400 N. Elm Street, Cortez, CO 81321

MINUTES
Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Board Attendance:

Sheri Noyes, President, District F
Sherri Wright, Vice-President, District C
Jeanette Hart, Treasurer, Director District B
Stacey Hall, Secretary, Director, District D
Ed Rice, Director, District E
Cody Wells, Director, District A
Layne Frazier, Director District G

Absent:

Avery Wright, M-CHS Student Rep.
Amita Crowley, M-CMS Student Rep.

Administration Attendance:

Tom Burris, Interim Superintendent
Jim Parr, Exe. Director of Academics
Kyle Archibeque, Exe. Director of Finance
Cynthia Eldredge, Exe. Director of Human Resources
Debra Ramsey, Exe. Assistant
Katie Nelson, Principal
Robert Laymon, Principal

1. Call to order

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Sheri Noyes at 6:00 PM.

2. Pledge to Flag

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

3. Set the Agenda

Vice President Wright moved to set the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Rice.
Aye: Frazier, Hall, Hart, Noyes, Rice, Wells and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Student Presentation: The Board was invited to attend the Middle School's Community night in lieu of presenting at the meeting.**5. Approval of Minutes** for Executive Session on 4/19/22, Board Meeting on 4/19/22, and Work Session on 5/3/22.

A motion was made by Vice President Wright to accept the minutes for Executive Session on 4/19/22, Board Meeting on 4/19/22, and Work Session on 5/3/22. The motion was seconded by Director Wells. Mrs. Ramsey noted that on the agenda for the last meeting a correction had been made to say the minutes that were approved were in fact for March and not February. She said the minutes the board approved were correct, it was just written wrong on the agenda.

Aye: Frazier, Hall, Hart, Noyes, Rice, Wells and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Celebration Reports:

- President Noyes had attended the M-CMS Community Night and enjoyed the Jazz Band.
- Mrs. Wright highlighted that school was almost finished.
- Director Rice attended the FFA Banquet and he had been subbing in the schools. Hall & Wright had been subbing as well.
- Director Hall called student Joseph Linton to come before the Board. She had been made aware at her CHSAA conference that Mr. Linton was one of only two students in the State of Colorado to receive the prestigious “Heart of the Art” Award from NFHSAA. He had been nominated by Band director Alex Mohr. This recognition comes with an opportunity to be in the running for the national award. Joseph Linton plays the euphonium and the trombone for Montezuma-Cortez High School.
- M-CHS Girls Soccer won the IML and went to playoffs.

7. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Burris submitted his report to the board. He thanked them for moving the meeting to allow for the staff and board to attend awards night events. He thanked Ms. Hart for attending the Title IX training and Mrs. Eldredge for organizing the opportunity. Burris reported having held another Superintendent’s Advisory Meeting on May 11th. He had meet earlier today with 2 of the UMU tribal councilmen and our district executive team, were he said very good conversations took place. He highlighted work was still being done on the “Grow Your Own” program. Mr. Burris had also met with Nicci Crowley of the LOR Foundation. He gave dates for the upcoming Strategic planning sessions of June 13, 14, and 15th. Burris said the district was looking into AESOP Frontline software to assist in updating our system for booking substitutes. He thanked the board members for their service on the board and for their efforts in substituting.

8. Staff Reports

Mr. Archibeque submitted his report to the board. He highlighted that public notices have gone out for the preliminary budget for the 2022-2023 school year. The salary schedule needs a few more edits but will be ready for June approval. He said policy IC/ICA will be an action item for the board’s consideration of waiving the policy for 22/23 school year (like the board did for this semester to allow for the 4 day weeks).

Mr. Parr submitted his report to the board. He reported that he was waiting to hear from the Colorado Department of Education on the 4 day week approval, but he expected it to be approved. Parr was anticipating the arrival of the K-5 Curriculum prior to the teachers leaving. He reported that the Assessment Committee was looking at 2 different platforms: NWEA (MAP) & Renaissance (STAR). The committee identified the goals as: data driven instruction, timely process to access all students, and results in a district wide format. They had decided to complete this process before they start work on the elementary report cards as it might affect the final product. Parr informed the board that all testing was completed in April. Upcoming curriculum to be reviewed should be secondary Spanish and 6-12th grade Health. Parr had also spoken with the consulting group that assisted on our recent playground projects and they are willing to help us on Manaugh, if we need that option.

Mrs. Eldredge submitted her report to the board. She showed a PowerPoint presentation from USI (the districts Broker of Record) on their progress and a benefits timeline was also presented. John Corbett from USI will be at the June meeting. A third PowerPoint presentation was shown on our service team breakdown. Eldredge said she was working on extending all deadlines until the end of the year. Final presentations shown were on the districts Delta Dental benefits plan. She updated the board on the current FMLA & Worker Comp claims. A recognition was given for School Nurse's Day. Eldredge said her staff had provided the list of renewals in the board packet for their consideration. She highlighted that that the format had undergone much revisions to reflect current positions and departments. Human Resources planned to have contract signings next Tuesday and Thursday. Eldredge ended with a special thank you to those board members that had substituted.

Principal Katie Nelson reported having less than expected attendance at the Kemper Sock Hop, but those that attended had a great time.

9. Board Requests/Reports

Vice President Wright asked that we add "cell phones" as a discussion item at June work session. Burris suggested they include it in the strategic planning in June. She gave a hand out to the board titled "CASB Legislative Report". Wright pointed out to Mrs. Eldredge that Title IX and FMLA changes were coming. Eldredge was aware and stated the district would decide to opt in or out prior to Feb. 1st. Archibeque also pointed out that the PERA retiree passed and this will help us.

Director Rice had been approached with concerns about the Preschool start time. Mr. Archibeque reported that the way it is funded is changing. He will have to review it and bring an answer back. Rice had attended a meeting at the transportation department. The staff had lots of questions but did seem relieved.

10. Citizens Address the Board * 1 Hour limit (3 minutes each / Must turn in a filled out ticket)

No one choose to address the board. One email was provided to the board that had come in before the meeting time. Mrs. Ramsey gave the letter to the board but reminded publicly the district is no longer using this process to address the board. The letter was from Cayce Hamerschlag.

11. Discussion Items: N/A

12. Action Item:

a. Consent Calendar (see list) (May Renewals)

Mr. Burris recommended the board approve the consent calendar and the May Renewals list.

Vice President Wright moved to approve the consent calendar and the May Renewals list, with Director Wells seconding the motion. There was discussion about the number of counselors in each building. Rice also acknowledged that a resignation letter mentioned frustration over poor attendance of the students and he said this needs to be addressed.

Aye: Frazier, Hart, Noyes, Rice, Wells and Wright Nay: None Abstain: Hall. Motion carried.

b. CASB Online District Policy Maintenance / CORE Policy Manual Project

Mr. Burris suggested the board approve the district's purchase of the CORE Policy Manual now, then in July the district would purchase the ODPM program. Director Hall moved to approve the purchase of both the CORE Policy Manual Project and the Online District Policy Maintenance service as suggested by Mr. Burris. Director Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Burris reported that M.B. McAfee (in attendance) and the policy committee had talked about this and recommended that district move forward.

Aye: Frazier, Hall, Hart, Noyes, Rice, Wells and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

c. Policy IC/ICA for 2022/2023 School Year

Mr. Burris recommended that the board waive items in policy IC/ICA for the 2022-2023 school year to allow for the 4 day week calendar to work. Vice president Wright moved that the board waive policy IC/ICA for school year 2022-2023 as it effects the already approved 4 day school calendar. Wells seconded that motion. Mr. Parr said that having teachers in the hallways during passing periods would suffice the requirement.

Aye: Frazier, Hall, Hart, Noyes, Rice, Wells and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

d. Donations – LOR Manaugh Playground \$25,000

Mr. Burris suggested the board table this issue and look at it during strategic planning. Vice President Wright motioned to table this issue and Hall seconded the motion.

Aye: Frazier, Hall, Hart, Noyes, Rice, Wells and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

e. Policy Revisions – First Reading**a. GBE – Staff Participation in Political Activities****b. AC-R-2 Title IX Policy and Procedure for Sexual Harassment**

Mr. Burris said first reading would not require a vote. He had reviewed these policies with the Policy Committee, The district's attorney, and the CASB attorney. We will be able to sub this one in if we like it better than what is in CASB CORE policy set. The second one reduces the wording of policy from several pages to just 3. We will need to fill in the inserts before second reading.

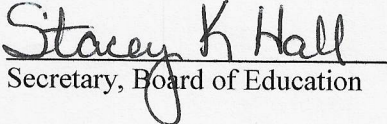
f. Policy Revisions – Second Reading**a. IIB-R Class Size**

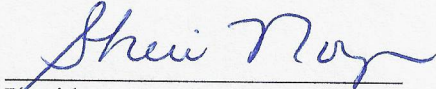
Mr. Burris said the Policy Committee had reviewed this and found no issues. He recommended the board approve it into policy. Director Wells moved to approve policy IIB-R Class Size policy and Director Rice Seconded the motion. A discussion about where or not a Kindergarten class should have an aide ensued.

Aye: Frazier, Hall, Hart, Noyes, Rice, Wells and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.


Secretary, Board of Education


President, Board of Education