

**Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1
Cortez, Colorado
Board of Education**

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Minutes**

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Sherri Wright
Sheri Noyes
Kara Suckla
Jack Schuenemeyer
Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk
Lance McDaniel
Tammy Hooten

Lori Haukeness, Superintendent
Dan Porter, Assistant Superintendent
Melissa Brunner, Director of Finance
Carol Mehesy – Director of School Improvement
Jeanette Allen – Director of Curriculum and Instruction

The meeting was called to order by President Sherri Wright.

Ms. Wright led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Set the Agenda:

A motion was made by Ms. Tammy Hooten to set the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheri Noyes. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Student Presentation:

None

Approval of the Minutes:

Ms. Sheri Noyes made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 regular board meeting as presented. Ms. Lopez-Whiteskunk seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Celebration Reports:

Ms. Haukeness reported that Eric Chandler had been hired as the high school principal. She reported on the progress being made at Panther stadium: stadium lights are completed and they are very nice, the track is completed and looks very good. Construction to improve the safety at school sites is progressing well. Beech Street Kindergarten received a grant for \$72,000 to furnish the extra two classrooms.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Haukeness reported that the old bleachers from Panther Stadium were donated to the Montezuma County Fairgrounds.

The all staff convocation will be on August 12.

New staff will be reporting to work on August 5.

She highlighted Eric Chandler, the newly appointed principal at M-CHS.

She announced that Cynthia Haupt and Jeanne Daggs had joined the staff at the administration building.

M-CHS will have five (5) foreign exchange students this year.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Dan Porter reported on staff positions recently filled and those still vacant. Mr. Don Deavila, assistant principal at Manaugh Elementary will be transferring to the assistant principal position at M-CHS.

Ms. Melissa Brunner reported that the yearly district finance audit will begin in August. Her monthly finance report is included the in board packet.

Ms. Sandi Vanhoutean gave a report/data on lunches and lunch prices for the district schools. She stressed the need to increase lunch prices. Her costs have increased partly due to having to meet the new minimum wage law.

Board Requests/Reports

Ms. Sheri Noyes reported that she had taken 11 past graduates from her class reunion for a tour of the new high school. Mr. Lance McDaniel said he had a concern with school facilities, including the district office, regarding proper ways to fly the United States Flag and observing half-staff occasions.

Citizens Address the Board:

None

Action Items:**a. Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by Ms. Kara Suckla to accept the consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

b. Proposal to Increase Paid School Lunch Prices

Kara Suckla made a motion to increase paid school lunch prices by .50 cents as proposed by the Nutrition Services Director. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

c. Staff Authorization for District Credit Cards

Ms. Sheri Noyes made a motion to approve the request to change the staff names on the credit card authorization letter. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye:

Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

d. Call for Nominations for School Directors

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the Call for Nominations for School Directors for the November 5, 2019 election. The motion was seconded by Ms. Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

e. Mill Levy Override Resolution

A motion was made by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer to approve the wording presented for the official Mill Levy Ballot paying special attention to the exact wording in the 2nd paragraph of the presentation. Seconded by Mr. Lance McDaniel. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

f. Panther Stadium Resolution \$116,795

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the Panther Stadium Resolution in the amount of \$116,795 for new surfacing for the running track and field event areas at Panther Stadium. Ms. Sheri Noyes seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

g. Supplemental Budget – Grants \$408

Ms. Kara Suckla made a motion to approve the Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$428 for ELPA PD as presented. Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

h. Supplemental Budget – Grants \$1,908

Ms. Kara Suckla made a motion to approve the Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$1,908 for the ELPA grant program as presented. Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

i. Supplemental Budget – Grants \$123,099

Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$123,099 for the Retaining Teachers Grant. This was seconded by Ms. Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

j. Policies for First Reading

JJH – Student Travel

JJH-R Student Travel – Regulation

GCDB – Administrative Staff Vacations and Holidays

GDD – Support Staff Vacations and Holidays

After discussion, Ms. Kara Suckla made a motion to approve the first reading of Policies JJH and JJH-R. Seconded by Ms. Tammy Hooten. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Note: Since only the JJH-R Regulation will be changed, this does not have to come back to the Board for a second reading.

A motion was made by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer to accept policies GCDB and GDD for a first reading. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sheri Noyes. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

- k. **CASB Bipartisan Resolution** (this was duly moved from a discussion item to an action item)
 Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion that this board send a resolution to CASB with the wording that “CASB discussion/action remain relevant to Colorado education topics both in action and messaging.” This was seconded by Kara Suckla. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Discussion Items:

a. Secure Rural School Funding – Montezuma County Government

Melissa and Lori gave background information they had received from the Montezuma County Government. Discussion followed.

b. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Charter School Institute

Ms. Haukeness gave a brief outline of the process for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to implement a charter school in Towaoc. Carol Mehesy explained the charter process to get permission for a charter school. Ms. Tina King-Washington and Ms. Charell Lang with the UMUT Education Division were present to discuss this with the Board. This process has just begun and they will keep our administration informed.

c. CASB Bipartisan Resolution

After discussion, Ms. Sheri Noyes made a motion that his item be moved to an action item on the agenda. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Schuenemeyer, Suckla, Wright, Noyes, Hooten, Lopez-Whiteskunk and McDaniel. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Items to Add to the Next Agenda

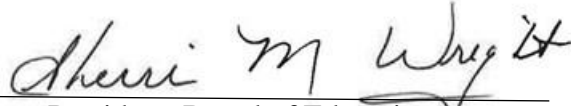
Plan for a work session so that the Board Members can tour and view all of the new construction and safety upgrades throughout district buildings.

Tammy Hooten will be out-of-town for the August board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Secretary, Board of Education



President, Board of Education