Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1
August 18, 2020

Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Platform
Minutes

Attendance:
Board Members
Sherri Wright
Sheri Noyes
Tammy Hooten
Jack Schuenemeyer
Lance McDaniel
Chris Flagherty

Resigned: Regina Lopez Whiteskunk

Administration
Lori Haukeness
Carol Mehesy
Jeanette Allen
Melissa Brunner

1. President Sherri Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge to the American Flag was led by President Sherri Wright.

3. **Set the Agenda**
   A motion was made by Ms.Tammy Hooten to set the board agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheri Noyes. Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Absent: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

4. **Student Presentation**
   None

5. **Approval of Minutes of the June 30 and July 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and June 30, 2020 Executive Session**
   Mr. Chris Flagherty made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 30 and July 28, 2020 regular board meetings and the executive session for June 30, 2020. Mr. Lance McDaniel seconded the motion. Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Absent: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

6. **Celebration Reports**
   It was announced that Rodney Ritthaler, a former teacher and high school band leader, recently received the Colorado Bandmaster Association's 2020 Hall of Fame Award. The board expressed congratulations to Mr. Ritthaler. Ms. Haukeness requested that a congratulations card be sent to him.

The approved sports (limited due to the COVID Pandemic) softball, golf, and cross country are underway.
It was announced that our schools would open on Monday, August 24 for the 2020-2021 school year.
It was mentioned that our school district was featured in the CDE publication *The Chalk Beat*. It was of a positive nature.

7. **Superintendent's Report**
Ms. Haukeness referred to her written report sent to the board. She told the board she has asked that all district department directors be present at tonight's meeting in case the board had questions pertaining to their departments for the schools re-opening plan later in the discussion portion of the agenda.
The board will be asked to approve new positions for one district and one site coordinator.
Most of her report will be covered later in the meeting during the district schools re-opening plan.
The board will be reviewing policies for a second reading/adoption tonight. When the policy committee met to review/discuss the policies, all comments from the board were considered. She thanked Ms. Tammy Hooten for being a part of that review and discussion.

8. **Staff Reports**
Mr. Jamie Haukeness, Director of School Safety and Facilities, reported that on-going meetings with the Colorado Department of Transportation with regards to safety measures for Lewis/Arriola Elementary School were taking place. These talks are in regard to safety measures due to an earlier vehicle accident involving the playground at the school site. CDOT has agreed to split the cost of a guard rail at the site. There are on-going discussions regarding a reduced speed zone on the highway near the school. Mr. Haukeness stated that having parents attend the meeting was very beneficial.
He reported that ten (10) tents that were ordered with COVID relief funds had arrived. It is the hope that some classes could be held in the open tents outdoors to further respond to the COVID health/safety mandates. The tents will be available at all schools.
Mr. Haukeness and Mr. Dean Matthews from Matthews Electric gave a report on the current timeline to have HVAC installed at district schools. There has been a delay in completion dates at some schools mostly due to difficulty obtaining copper pipe and other materials due to manufacturing delays due to the COVID Pandemic. They outlined current deadlines and answered questions posed by board members.

In addition to her written report, **Ms. Carol Mehesy, Assistant Superintendent,** advised the board that she was working closely with the three charter schools in our district in regard to the district calendar. She thanked all of the charter schools for their cooperation during these unprecedented times.

Ms. Jeanette Allen, Director of Curriculum, reported on the CDLS online program. It will begin on Wednesday, August 26. It will be CDLS curriculum and our teachers. She also referred to her written report.

Ms. Melissa Brunner, District Finance Director, outlined a financial statement she had sent to the board. She reported that the auditors from Majors & Haley were onsite to perform the annual audit. She and the auditors were working with the charter schools in order to submit all reporting via the CDE pipeline at once. She answered questions from board members.

Ms. Lena Galloway, Transportation Director, outlined the school bus system that will be used this year to accommodate health/safety mandates due to COVID. She is working closely with the Ute Mountain Ute Education Department. She expects to be able to travel over the Labor Day weekend to pickup three (3) newly purchased buses.

9. **Board Requests/Reports**
   President Wright reported that the CASB Fall Assembly with be a virtual meeting. CASB is asking for legislative resolutions now. Contact Ms. Tammy Hooten if you are interested in receiving the official form. If need be, the board can call a special meeting to discuss proposed resolutions. Ms. Tammy Hooten said she would like the playground at Lewis/Arriola be added to the September board meeting for discussion.

10. **Citizens Address the Board ***
    Ms. Wright opened the Zoom chat box to the public in attendance. Ms. Haukeness and board members read and responded to all comments in the chat box. The concerns were with regard to transportation, HVAC, safety, procedures, and reopening of schools.

    Ms. Wright was having technical problems with her computer connection for the Zoom meeting, and she asked Ms. Sheri Noyes, Vice-President to take over conducting the remaining portion of the meeting.

11. **ACTION ITEMS:**
    a. **Consent Calendar**
       Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented to the board. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Absent: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

    b. **Accept Resignation from Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk**
       Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to accept the resignation from board member, Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk effective August 4, 2020. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sherri Wright. Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Resigned: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

    c. **Resolution to Declare Board Member Vacancy District D**
       Ms. Sherri Wright made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Declare a Board Member Vacancy in District D. Mr. Lance McDaniel seconded the motion. Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Resigned: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

    d. **Approve Positions for District and Site Online Coordinator**
       Ms. Tammy Hooten made a motion to approve the request for two new positions, a district and a site online coordinator. One of those positions would serve the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe at Towaoc. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer. Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Resigned: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

    e. **Supplemental Budget Fund 225 ESSR $718,384.00**

Ms. Sherri Wright made a motion to approve the Supplemental Budget for Fund 225 for ESSR funding under the Title I grant in the amount of $718,384.00. The motion was seconded by Ms Sheri Noyes. Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Resigned: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

f. **Policy Exhibit for FIRST Reading** –

BCA-E-1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

A motion was made by Ms. Sherri Wright and seconded by Mr. Lance McDaniel to accept the First Reading for BCA-E-1 as presented to the board by President Wright. After discussion, Mr. Chris Flagherty made a motion to amend the motion to accept the Policy Exhibit BCA-E-1 with the noted changes proposed by Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer. Ms. Tammy Hooten seconded the motion. Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Resigned: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

g. **Policies for a FIRST Reading**

Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer made a motion to accept the policies listed below as a first reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sherri Wright.

ADC - Tobacco-Free Schools
GBA - Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity
GCE/GCF – Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring
GDE/GDF – Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring
IKA – Grading/Assessment Systems
JB – Equal Educational Opportunities
JF – Admission and Denial of Admission
JFBA – Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment
JFBB – Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment
JICDD – Violent and Aggressive Behavior
JICEA – School-Related Student Publications
JICEC- Student Distribution of Noncurricular Materials
LBD – Relations with District Charter Schools

Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Resigned: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

h. **Policies for SECOND Reading**

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Sherri Wright and seconded by Ms. Sheri Noyes to approve the policies listed below as a second reading and adoption with the exception of Policy JICA Student Dress Code which will be brought back to the board in September.

JEB – Entrance Age Requirements
JKD/JKE – Suspension/Expulsion of Students
JICDA – Code of Conduct
JICDE - Bullying Prevention and Education
GBEBA – Staff Dress Code
~~JICA – Student Dress Code~~

Aye: Flagherty, McDaniel, Schuenemeyer, Hooten, Noyes, Wright. Nay: None. Resigned: Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk. Motion carried.

Note: On Policy JICA Student Dress Code, board members questioned the wearing of hats in school buildings and the wearing of a midriff blouse. These two items were not listed in the new proposed policy.

12. Discussion Items:

Mrs. Wright asked that a discussion item to address future board meetings location and format be added to the Discussion Items.

a. **Report on District Schools Re-opening**

Ms. Lori Haukeness showed a PowerPoint with the plans for re-opening the district schools for in person and online instruction on August 24, 2020. She was joined in the discussion by Ms. Carol Mehesy and Ms. Jeanette Allen. There were no questions from the board.

b. **MCHS Electives**

Due to the COVID Virus restrictions and mandates, it was decided to not permit students who were not enrolled in our system (i.e. home schooled etc.) to participate in our extra-curricular activities. After listening to concerned parents and staff, that decision was reversed. Those students will be allowed to participate as outlined during the 2019-2020 school year with all fees applicable.

c. **Transportation**

The board expressed concern at not being informed about alleged recent vandalism/theft at the bus garage. Ms. Sheri Noyes stated that she was aware of the police incident reports and she detailed what she had been told. The board asked if some type of cameras and alert system could be installed. This will be investigated. Tri-State Generation & Transmission occupies the lot next to our bus garage and they reported illegal activities also. Mr. Chris Flagherty will talk to Tri-State to see if they would share the cost of surveillance equipment.

d. **Future Site and Format for School Board Meetings**

Members discussed this and ideas were exchanged. Board members expressed a desire to return to in-person board meetings with all COVID safety measures in place. Options and locations will be reviewed. Hopefully something will be in place by the September 15 board meeting.

13. **Items to Add to the Next Agenda**

Cameras or Surveillance Equipment at the Bus Garage
Discussion of Playground at Lewis/Arriola Elementary School

Meeting adjourned at: 9:39 p.m.

John H Schuenemeyer

Board Secretary, Dr. Jack Schuenemeyer

Sherri M Wright

Board President, Ms. Sherri Wright