

June 20 Board Meeting

Meeting Location: District Office and Virtual

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Members present

Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

Others present

Superintendent Ron Nielson, Assistant Superintendent Christine Fitzgerald, Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt, Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton, Human Resources Director Laura Palmer, Jennifer Johnson, Trevor Olsen, Paul Murdock, Craig Swenson, Todd Jones (Navajo Nation)

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM

A. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Colleen Benally, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

B. SJ Quest Update

1. Spotlight Report- Sincere Appreciation- Ron Nielson- 3 min

Superintendent Nielson thanked the Board of Education and thanked them for the relationship and confidence they have shown in him. He voiced his respect for the Board and their efforts on behalf of the district. He stated it would be one of the highlights of his career.

Board Member Lori Maughan thanked Superintendent Nielson and voiced her appreciation for his work.

C. Board Discussion Items *(Note, discussion items not discussed before 5PM break will be discussed later in the agenda at the board's discretion)*

1. 2023 Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey (NYRBS) – Trevor Olsen & Todd Jones – 10 min

Student Services Director Trevor Olsen, along with Navajo Nation representative Todd Jones presented the Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey and coordinating documents. Data is collected to identify trends in behavior and is distributed nationwide. He clarified that questions for Junior High and High School students are different, based on age. He also confirmed that parents and guardians must opt in to their student participation, and they may opt out. A student who has no response for permission will also not be asked to take the survey. He recommends that the survey take no more than one class period to distribute and complete. Raw data collected is submitted to the federal CDC office. Board Members requested a summary of survey results and follow-up on data for the district.

2. Capital Plan Follow-up BES Site Selection- Tyrel Pemberton - 10 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton presented the Site Evaluation report for the site being considered for the new Blanding Elementary School at the 800 N. 100 W. location. He noted that following the board's review of the evaluation report, the board would need to approve the potential site for further, more specific surveys. Representatives from BDK were available virtually to answer questions from the board. The potential cost for the topography and building will vary based on location selection and school design.

Board Member Nelson Yellowman asked if there has been community survey regarding the location being so far from the present location. Board Member Merri Shumway commented that there are mixed feelings from local residents, but the new lot size would best accommodate a larger school.

3. Report on Architect Selection - Tyrel Pemberton - 5 min

Mr. Pemberton stated that the committee for the architect selection has met and recommended the architectural firm MHTN for the board's approval. The tabulation form for selection was also presented for the board's review. The proposal includes MHTN's involvement in both the Blanding Elementary School construction, and Security Improvements approved previously in the Capital Plan.

4. Spend Plans 023-24 – MHS History Fair & MHS Manhattan Project – 1 of 2 Public Viewings – Julie Holt – 3 min

Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt presented spend plans from Monticello High School for first review by the school board. Superintendent Nielson noted that for National Qualifying events, as included in the History Fair spend plan, the San Juan Foundation has often assisted in student costs to attend.

5. Employee request to make exception to Policy 4132.9 Payment for Unused Sick Leave – Laura Palmer – 5 min

Human Resources Director Laura Palmer presented the request for exception to policy. She noted that all employees are aware of the policy and qualifying deadlines, she further noted that the policy in our district is very similar to several other districts and in many cases, our payout is comparable or better in many ways. Superintendent Nielson noted that the March 1st deadline is a very fair deadline to employees, while still allowing the district to recruit for vacancy replacement.

6. Blanding City/SJSD SRO – MOU Proposal – Julie Holt, Trevor Olsen and Laura Palmer – 10 min

District representatives presented the proposed MOU for the Blanding City/SJSD MOU for a SRO in San Juan High, Albert R. Lyman and Blanding Elementary Schools. The MOU was requested by the City, and City representatives proposed shared cost. The District and City agreed that the law enforcement proactive role in buildings may assist with the increased behavior issues in schools. Funding from the district would come from TSSA. Trevor Olsen noted the 3 tiers of the Prevention Model that the SRO would assist with. Superintendent noted that while this is being considered for a specific location, it may be a successful model that could be used in other locations, with the coordination of law enforcement in those areas, including the Navajo Nation.

7. Possible Remote Work Policy Discussion – Ron Nielson – 10 min

Superintendent Nielson noted that the policy request for Remote Work is coming forward based on the request from the tech department, but may have potential in other areas of the district. He recommends the board consider revisiting the policy and explore it thoroughly.

8. SJH AP/Coaching Position Proposal – Ron Nielson & Ryan Nielson – 10 min

Principal Ryan Nielson, with the support of Superintendent Nielson, presented a request from San Juan High School to ask the board to allow an exception to the current policy 4540 and allow Barkley Christensen to continue his Head Football Coach position, along with his administrative responsibilities as the new Assistant Principal at San Juan High. Principal Nielson noted that Mr. Christensen's relationship with the students and staff has and can continue to have increased positive impact for the students.

9. Special Education Policy Updates – Paul Murdock - 10 min

Special Education Director Paul Murdock presented Policy updates for the board to review and consider for approval in the Action Items portion of the meeting. A copy of the Policy and Procedures Manual, Comprehensive SLD Assessment Statement and USBE Special Education rules Revision were presented to the Board for review.

10. Review and draft official responses to formally submitted suggestions and comments to improve the education of Native American Students and provide equitable access to programs, services, and activities. Ron Nielson- 10 min

Superintendent Nielson presented the questions and answers regarding Native American education opportunities as required by the District's Native American Policy and Procedure manual. The attached questions are presented to the Board for review and revision, if needed. The information has also been submitted to Navajo Nation, Ute Tribe and Chapter Houses within the district.

11. The San Juan School District will assess the extent to which Native American children participate on an equal basis with non-Native children in the District's education program and activities - Ron Nielson- 10 min

Superintendent Nielson presented the participation data regarding Native American participation opportunities in extracurricular and cocurricular activities as required by the District's Native American Policy and Procedure manual. The attached data are presented to the Board for review and revision. The data has also been submitted to Navajo Nation, Ute Tribe and Chapter Houses within the district.

D. School/Director - Board Reflection Opportunity 4:00 p.m.

1. Assessment Director Report - Shannon Dewsnap – 10 min

Assessment Director Shannon Dewsnap presented current WIDA proficiency levels, ACT scores, RISE scores, and Utah Aspire + scores, along with comparisons between SY21-22 and SY22-23. She shared the testing procedures and requirements for qualified testing and raw data collection.

2. SPED Director Report – Paul Murdock – 10 min

Special Education Director Paul Murdock shared SPED registration numbers including specific classifications. He shared the total number of nurses on staff along with their statistics for Health Office visits, as well as any students sent home. He noted that while there were 9623 office visits, there were only 1003 students sent home from the visits, which is an indicator that the nursing staff is proactive in treating students while keeping them present for education. He shared goals, celebrations and challenges from the SPED department.

E. Break - @ 5:00 p.m.

F. Welcome and Recognition of Guests - 6:00 p.m.

G. SJ-2 Recognition Awards

1. San Juan Sweet Job Award: *None*

H. Citizen Comments

1. Citizens' Comments

Craig Swenson thanked Superintendent Nielson for his support and willingness to work with SJEA during his tenure and for his leadership in the district. He personally thanked him for his hard work, and thanked the board for the approval of the salary increases.

I. Closed Session *(At Board Discretion, Closed Session may be Moved)*

1. Purchase, exchange or lease of real property

2. Litigation

3. Personnel

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

Motion by Merri Shumway, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

J. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes

2. Revenue Reports

3. Expenditure Reports

4. School Expenditure Reports

5. Monthly Checks

6. Board Travel Reports

7. Personnel Report(s) and Information

8. Home School Requests

9. Student Hearings

10. School Land Trust Amendments

11. SJSD Revised School Spend Plans

12. Fall 2023 Activity Reports and 150 Mile Forms

13. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

K. 2023-24 SJSD Budget Public Hearing 6:15

1. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Budget- Ron Nielson & Tyrel Pemberton- 20 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton presented the preliminary FY24 budget, noting that there was a slight decrease in our overall property values this year which impacts the auditors certified rate, which is the rate that the proposed budget is based on. The overall decrease was around 10 million which only slightly changes the rates. Changes are reflected in the attached budget document.

We have not yet received the Combined Basic Rate from the State Tax Commission. While the district does not have any control over that rate, we are required to levy it, in order to receive State Support Funding. Regardless of when we receive the Combined Basic Rate, we have enough information to adopt tax rates. A recommended action is noted.

2. Public Budget Hearing/2023-24 SJSD Budget Public Comment

No Public Comment regarding the Budget Hearing 2023-24.

3. 2023-24 Budget Action Item

Motion to approve the 2023-24 Budget, including the following tax rates:

Vote of Leeway, 0.0016

Board Local Levy, 0.000776

Capital Local Levy, 0.003

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.

Motion to amend motion to include the adoption of the revised FY22-23 budget.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

L. Possible Action Items

1. Capital Project Recommendations BES Site Selection

Motion to approve the administration's recommended action to move forward with planning construction on the 800 North 100 West property for the Blanding Elementary construction site.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Lori Maughan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

Discussion: Board Member Merri Shumway suggests to include community input in the process: she noted that the current school lot is not large enough and that the proposed lot may be utilized to include a future Auxiliary Gymnasium on the proposed 800 North property. Board Member MariAnell Barton noted that the community of Blanding has not had a new building in several decades: the current buildings have all been repurposed or remodeled to accommodate growth. It was further discussed that utilizing the new site, as opposed to repurposing the current location, would allow construction without infringing on security, safety or the educational schedule for the community.

2. Architect Selection for Blanding Elementary School and District Wide Security Upgrades

Motion to accept the recommendation from the architect selection committee to enter negotiations with MHTN as the firm to provide design professional services for a new Blanding Elementary School and other district wide security upgrades.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

3. Approval of official responses to formally submitted suggestions and comments to improve the education of Native American Students and provide equitable access to programs, services, and activities

Motion to approve official responses to formally submitted suggestions and comments to improve the education of Native American Students and provide equitable access to programs, services, and activities, with spelling corrections as recommended in discussion.

Motion by Colleen Benally, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

4. MOU Blanding UTAH/ possible SRO

Motion to adopt the MOU with the City of Blanding for the School Resource Officer in Blanding schools.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.

Motion to amend the motion to include acceptance the corelating policy prior to accepting the MOU for the possible School Resource Officer.

Motion by Merri Shumway, second by Nan Barton

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

5. SPED Comprehensive Assessment of Specific Learning Disability Statement

Motion to approve the SPED Comprehensive of Specific Learning Disability Statement.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

6. SPED Policies and Procedures Manual Alternative SLD

Motion to accept SPED Policy and Procedures Manual Alternative SLD.

Motion by Coleen Benally, Merri B Shumway

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

7. SJH Exception Request: Administrator Coaching

Motion to accept SJH Exception to Policy 4540 Request: Administrator Coaching

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton

Nay: Nelson Yellowman, Colleen Benally

8. Remote Work Policy

No Action, deferred for later discussion.

9. Employee request for exception for Policy 4132.9 Payment for Unused Sick Leave

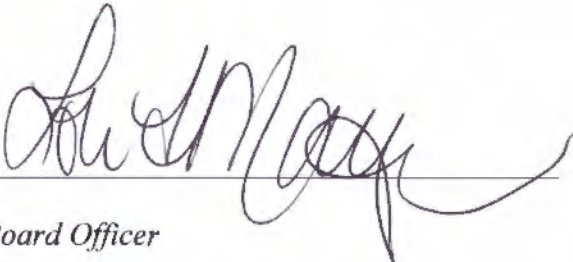
No Motion

M. Information Items

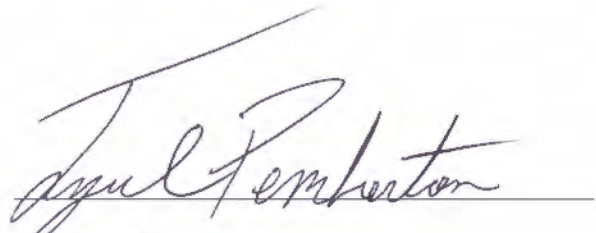
1. Next Board Meeting July 12th (If Needed) August 9th, 2023 @DO/Virtual

N. Adjournment

1. Adjournment



Board Officer



District Administrator