

September 2023 Board Meeting

Meeting Location: District Office and Virtual

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Members present

Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton
Colleen Benally (virtual);

Members absent

Nelson Yellowman

Others present

Superintendent Christine Fitzgerald, Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt, Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton, Human Resource Director Laura Palmer, Aaron Brewer, Jeff Winget, Eva Ewald, Kim Schaefer (virtual), Jenny Atcitty

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM

A. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve Agenda

Motion to accept Agenda.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. SJ Quest Update

1. Spotlight Report- Heritage Language Program - Christy Fitzgerald- 3 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald highlighted the work being done by the Heritage Language Team. She noted the information and data being collected and analyzed by their internal DLT, shared the dates for the upcoming Heritage Language Conference and student pre-conference leadership workshop. She also highlighted our SJSD Teacher of the Year Christine Rock who will be representing our district at the state level later this month and is being recognized at the National Johnson O'Malley conference this week in Chicago, IL.

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. Spend Plans 2023-24 - MVHS Esports, Cheer, and Girls' Basketball - 2nd public viewing - Derek Begay - 5 min

Asst. Superintendent Derek Begay shared information regarding the questions about the costs noted in the spend plan for Monument Valley Cheer, noting that the increase of cost for this year is due to start-up costs, and including costs for team camps and state-level activities that may not be applicable this year, but are included for the sake of equity in comparable schools of the same size. Similarly, the ESports Spend Plan is drafted identically to the Whitehorse High School's plan for program consistency within the district.

2. USU Students' Computational Thinking Assessment - Jeff Winget - 5 min

Jeff Winget and USU representative presented the second step of the Computational Thinking Assessment process which entails gathering data via student survey. The team shared the parental and student consent form, along with an overview of the process they will use to administer the survey. The survey would take approximately 45 minutes, is completed on a Chromebook and is done by opt-in only, in an afterschool setting.

Currently the questionnaire is to be distributed to students where permission is granted, however the team has not received permission to travel to the Navajo Nation schools. USU will administer the survey, and will make all attempts to alleviate any burden on staff or faculty in the process. It was also noted that the survey is prepared to be administered in English or Spanish; the board requested that if a student prefers the survey in the Navajo language, the survey team would make accommodations.

3. LEA Specific License(s) and Endorsement(s) Request - Laura Palmer - 5 min.

Human Resource Director Laura Palmer presented the LEA specific licenses. Many of those on the list are out of state certified teachers who are working on a temporary licensure basis until their Utah endorsement is approved. Certificates must be approved by the board prior to allowing the temporary certification, and the information is posted on the website for the stakeholders' information.

4. SJSD Policy 4311 Bullying & Hazing - 1st viewing - Laura Palmer - 5 min.

Human Resources Director Laura Palmer shared a redline draft of Policy 4311 to better align with the USBA verbiage. The biggest changes are in the action plan for bullying investigations, as well as corrective actions taken.

Steve Black requested clarification for routes of for definition of abusive conduct from students or parents towards a student employee, and vice versa. Laura Palmer noted that they would look into a process to identify and correct that instance.

5. SJSJ Policy 6130 Tuition, Fees, Fines, and Charges - Tyrel Pemberton - 3 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton noted that R277-407 updates required the district to include SNAP as an automatic qualification for Fee Waiver.

Board President Lori Maughan requests a review of the policy to be more concise and potentially shorten the policy to simplify it.

6. BES Follow-up- Tyrel Pemberton - 5 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton shared an update on the Blanding Elementary School construction project. He noted that we have held several successful meetings with stakeholders, design team and the committee appointed by the district. The design team has taken the input from the groups and continue to update the plan to help design a building to meet stakeholder needs. The geo-technical survey has been completed, and the civil survey should be completed in the next few upcoming days. On the design schedule, the community presentation is still to be determined, but will still be held when the opportunity is appropriate and the design has advanced. The public comment can be a meeting with suggestions, or any format we choose that allows for the most public input as possible. Brian from MHTN was online to answer any questions.

7. District Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Framework - Christy Fitzgerald - 5 min.

Student Services Director Trevor Olsen prepared the draft of the TSSA Framework, but was unable to attend. Superintendent Christine Fitzgerald shared the 3 main priorities of the updated TSSA plan.

Board Member Merri Shumway inquired as to who would determine the use of funding. Superintendent noted that it may vary from school to school and the Administrator in that school gives advisement or incorporates School Community Council or other input from the school for usage of funds. At a minimum the Administrator will coordinate with and/or inform the SCC of how the funds would best serve the schools. The grant application is due at the end of September.

8. October Board Meeting Date Change - Christy Fitzgerald - 5 min.

Superintendent Fitzgerald requests moving the October board meeting from the 11th, to October 4th. Board Member Merri Shumway noted that the USBA Regional Meeting is October 3rd.

9. Report - USBA Leadership Academy Sept 7th-9th, 2023

Board Member Nan Barton updated the board on highlights from the USBA Leadership Academy. She noted that it was a good conference and there was a lot of great information shared on leadership, communication and teamwork. Merri Shumway also attended and shared a recommendation that board members work on committees. She noted there was a lot of information on working with public, as well as the presentation from Superintendent Dodds on helping teachers love their jobs, positivity, earning trust and other topics. Shumway's recommendation was a route of trying to incorporate the things learned from the conference into our board practice.

10. Report - USBA Pre-Delegate & Delegate Assembly Aug 25th & 26th, 2023

Board Member Merri Shumway shared Joint Legislative Committee (JLC) Priorities summary for 2024. She also shared important events for Regional Board meeting, the 2024 Delegate Assembly dates, which have been moved up considerably, Days on the Hill and other events. She recommended that the district share positive public education stories on social media, specifically on the month assigned to each district. Superintendent Fitzgerald will have the information for the month that San Juan is assigned.

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

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: Kolby Tsosie

2. San Juan Sweet Job Award: Phyllis Sam

H. Citizen Comments

1. Citizens' Comments

No citizens comments.

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

1. Purchase, exchange or lease of real property

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Real Property (4:26 pm – 5:38 pm).

Motion by Merri Shumway, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Litigation

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Litigation (4:18 pm – 4:23 pm).

Motion by Nan Barton, second by Merri Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Personnel

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. SJSB Revised School Spend Plans

12. Fall 2023 Activity Reports and 150 Mile Forms

13. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion to accept Consent Agenda

Motion by Nan Barton, second by Steve Black.
Yea: Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton
Not present at vote: Colleen Benally

K. Possible Action Items

1. USU Students' Computational Thinking Assessment

Motion to allow USU Students' Computational Thinking Assessment.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton
Not Present at Vote: Colleen Benally

2. LEA Specific License(s) and Endorsement(s)

Motion to accept the LEA Specific License(s) and Endorsement(s) as presented.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nan Barton.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton
Not Present at Vote: Colleen Benally

3. SJSD Policy 4311 Bullying & Hazing

No action taken. This is a First Reading, board requests further review.

4. SJSD Policy 6130 Tuition, Fees, Fines, and Charges

Motion to approve changes to Policy 6130 as presented.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton
Not Present at Vote: Colleen Benally

5. TSSA Framework 2024

Motion to accept the TSSA Framework 2024 as presented.

Motion by Nan Barton, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not Present at Vote: Colleen Benally

6. October Board Meeting Date Change

Motion to change the October 2023 Board Meeting from Oct. 11th, to Oct. 4 and request that the information be highlighted on the website.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not Present at Vote: Colleen Benally

L. Information Items

- 1. NJOMA Conference – September 11-13, 2023**
- 2. NAFIS Fall Conference - September 17-19, 2023**
- 3. 30th Annual Heritage Language Conference – September 29, 2023**
- 4. Next Board Meeting October 11, 2023 @DO/Virtual**
- 5. Fall Break, October 13, 2023**

M. Adjournment

1. Adjournment

Board Officer

District Administrator