

October 4 Board Meeting

Meeting Location: District Office and Virtual

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Members present

Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton, Nelson Yellowman (virtual, arrived 3:10 pm), Colleen Benally (virtual, arrived 3:27 pm), Merri Shumway (virtual, arrived 3:27 pm)

Others present

Superintendent Christine Fitzgerald, Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton, Human Resources Director Laura Palmer, Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt, Assistant Superintendent Derek Begay, Brenda Whitehorse, Eva Ewald, Mason Lyman, Shannon Dewsnup, Michael Johnson, Katilyn Lyman, Jeanna Grover

Meeting called to order at 3:06 PM

A. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton

B. SJ Quest Update

1. Spotlight Report - DLT District Leadership Team - Christy Fitzgerald- 3 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald thanked the outgoing District Leadership Team (DLT) for their work and welcomed the new members of the DLT for the upcoming service period.

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. School Land Trust Training for the SJSD Board of Education - Julie Holt & Derek Begay - 15 min.

Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt presented the changes and timeline updates for the School Land Trust process. She also reminded the team regarding due dates for this academic year,

approval guidelines, requirements for school websites for School Community Councils, as well as guidance for Appropriate Expenditures guidance for Trust land funds. Ms. Holt also shared some further training opportunities for Board and Administration with coordinating links for the trainings in the presentation content. and suggested some items that may be included as part of the educational goals.

The proposed timelines and School Land Trust outline is presented for Board Approval later in the meeting.

2. SJSD Policy 4311 Bullying & Hazing - 2nd viewing - Laura Palmer - 15 min.

HR Director Laura Palmer presented the policy for a 2nd reading with the updates on the suggested grammar updates from the 1st reading. She also followed up to Member Steve Black's question regarding bullying or hazing towards the faculty or staff. She noted that it would be handled on a situational level, considering the behavior matrix and utilizing the chain of command up to and possibly including law enforcement.

3. SJSD Native Youth Council NIEA Convention - Brenda Whitehorse - 5 min

HL Director Brenda Whitehorse requested permission for students to attend a field trip to NIEA in Albuquerque. She leadership, cultural and educational benefits it can be for students who attend.

Ms. Whitehorse presented the proposed itinerary for the students, if board approves attendance. The request for approval is included in the Action Items later in the meeting.

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

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton stated that the design team at MHTN has prepared a few designs in draft. He noted that these drafts will be helpful in completing the upcoming funding application to the State for the Rural Schools Capital Projects Application, which will need to be submitted before the next Board Meeting. He noted that the design team has received a lot of suggestions from the stakeholder groups and plans to schedule presentations and discussions with the groups soon. Plans are also in process for a public information meeting.

5. SJSD ESSER III, ESSER II and ARP ESSER Care Act Funding Expenditure Overview- Tyrel Pemberton & Christy Fitzgerald - 15 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton and Superintendent Fitzgerald shared an overview of the use of ESSER funding in the district, including Covid Prevention & Wellness, Educational Technology, and Learning Loss needs from supplies to staffing. Mr. Pemberton noted that there is one funded year remaining, with the current funding to expire September 2024. Superintendent Fitzgerald proposed a stipend for classified and licensed staff of 1% or minimum of \$400 paid to all fulltime staff, approximately \$404,000. Board Member Nelson Yellowman requests a budget

for all ESSER funding received. Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton stated that all funds have been budgeted and should be successfully spent by the deadline.

6. Board Committee Proposal - Christy Fitzgerald - 5 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald shared a list of proposed district committees recommended by administration. They include: Capital Planning Committee, Audit Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee, Policy Committee. Board President Lori Maughan requested each board member submit their preferred committee participation.

7. Report – National Johnson O’Malley Conference - Sept 11th-13th, 2023

Board Member Colleen Benally shared congratulations to district employees receiving recognition. She also commended the district on a successful Heritage Language Conference held at the end of September.

Board Member Nelson Yellowman reported that the conference was successful and noted that Elsie Dee is the new representative at the National Board Level of Johnson O’Malley. He also stated that a resolution was proposed and passed regarding secure funding of Johnson O’Malley in the event of a government shutdown. A second resolution allowed for students without a Certificate of Indian Blood due to homelessness, or lack of paperwork, can be enrolled in Johnson O’Malley with alternative identification/credentials if necessary.

8. Report – National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) - September 16th-19th, 2023

Superintendent Fitzgerald and Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton updated the board on contacts and meetings held with political dignitaries during their NAFIS Conference.

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

1. Report – Blanding Elementary School, Michael Johnson – 10 min

Principal Michael Johnson shared the 90-day Plan for School Improvement, along with school challenges and accomplishments so far this year. He expressed his enthusiasm and love for the students and community. Challenges include improving areas of behavior concerns, student attendance and chronic absenteeism. He added an overview of a tiered program to address the issues early and rewarding good attendance and behaviors. He expressed appreciation for the District Leadership for guidance and support.

2. Report – Assessment, Shannon Dewsnap – 10 min

Assessment Director Shannon Dewsnap shared updated figures from WIDA, ACT, Utah Aspire +, RISE, and Accadience assessments districtwide. She included previously year data and state comparisons where applicable.

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: Roxanne Eldredge

2. San Juan Sweet Job Award: Rachel Jacobsen

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 (4:50 pm – 5:10 pm)

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Lori Maughan, Steve Black*, Nan Barton, Colleen Benally, Nan Barton

**Board Member Steve Black recused himself from the discussion stating potential conflict of interest*

2. Litigation (5:12 pm – 5:18 pm)

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Litigation.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Personnel (5:20 pm – 5:34 pm)

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

Motion by Nan Barton, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton, 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. SJSJSD Revised School Spend Plans

12. Winter 2023 Activity Reports and 150 Mile Forms

13. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Nan Barton, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton, Nan Barton

Not Present at Vote: Colleen Benally, Merri Shumway

K. Possible Action Items

1. School Land Trust Final Report & Plans/Signature Forms Due Dates

Motion to accept School Land Trust Final Report & Plans, including proposed School Land Trust proposed due dates as stated in letter to School Board.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton

Not Present at Vote: Colleen Benally, Merri Shumway

2. SJSD Policy 4311 Bullying & Hazing

No Action.

3. SJSD Native Youth Council NIEA Convention

Motion to allow SJSD students to attend NIEA Convention.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton

Not Present at Vote: Colleen Benally, Merri Shumway

4. Future ESSER ARP Care Act Fund Expenditures

Motion to accept Future ESSER ARP Care Act Fund Expenditures of stipend of 1% compensation, subject to minimum of \$400.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Nan Barton

Not Present at Vote: Colleen Benally, Merri Shumway

L. Information Items

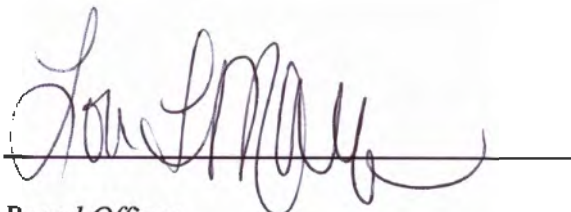
1. Next Board Meeting November 8, 2023 @DO/Virtual

2. Fall Break, October 13, 2023

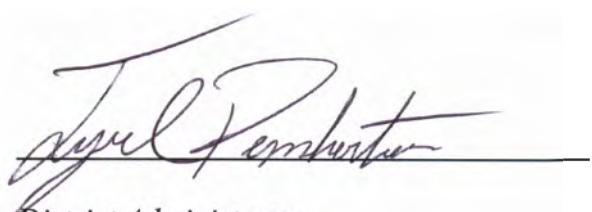
3. White Mesa Mill Open House Invitation

M. Adjournment

1. Adjournment



Board Officer



District Administrator