

November 8 Board Meeting

Meeting Location: District Office and Virtual

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Members present

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

Members absent

Colleen Benally

Others present

Superintendent Christine Fitzgerald, Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton, Human Resource Director Laura Palmer, Aaron Brewer, Julie Holt, Derek Begay, Eva Ewald, Paul Murdock, Barbara Silversmith (virtual)

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM

A. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda

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: Nelson Yellowman

B. SJ Quest Update

1. Spotlight Report- Early Learning Program - Christy Fitzgerald- 3 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald reported on projected goals for Early Learning, with confirmation that the State did notify San Juan School District that the goals for last year have been met. She noted that a lot of the initiatives take extra training on behalf of teacher, with 67% of Early Learning instructors having certified in the LETTERS training, which takes approximately two years to complete. She noted that SESC has proposed additional funding to assist with hiring two early learning coaches for the schools in San Juan and Grand districts.

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 - MHS Girls' Golf 1st public viewing & MHS Boys' Golf 1st public viewing; - Julie Holt - 5 min

Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt requests that discussion and viewing for these items is deferred to the December 2023 meeting.

2. Spend Plans 2023-24 – NMHS Student Council, 1st Public Viewing; Derek Begay – 3 min

Assistant Superintendent Derek Begay presented the NMHS Student Council Spend Plan for 1st Review. He noted that the extra meal costs are due to the extended travel time from Navajo Mountain to necessary destinations. He also noted that there are currently participants representing the school as Student Council members so the program looks promising to be successful and beneficial for students. This spend plan will be on the agenda for a 2nd required public review and potential action item in December.

3. Advanced Placement / Concurrent Enrollment Annual Data Review - Derek Begay - 3 min

Assistant Superintendent Derek Begay presented the early college data snapshot, noting several categories with positive increases in college course enrollment.

4. School Calendar 2024-2025 school year adoption discussion- Laura Palmer- 10 min

Human Resource Director Laura Palmer shared three potential options for school calendars for the 2024-25 school year. She noted differences in start dates, teacher days, CCR days and Spring Break alignment with USU. Ms. Palmer collected data from staff and recommended the calendar that faculty and staff requested in their survey feedback.

Board Member Merri Shumway requested a survey be sent to parents districtwide to collect their opinions on the various options. Following the public survey distribution, this item will be added to the discussion and possible action items in the December board meeting.

5. BES Follow-up and Early Contractor Involvement Selection – Tyrel Pemberton – 8 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton shared the selection criteria and tabulation sheet of the evaluation conducted by the Evaluation Committee. Based on the tabulation, it was proposed by the committee to hire Westland Construction as the General Contractor for the Blanding Elementary School.

6. Board Committee Proposal – Christy Fitzgerald – 5 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald shared the proposed board assignments for the following Committees: *Capital Planning Committee* (Nan Barton, Merri Shumway; Steve Black – for any Capital Projects not pertaining to Blanding Elementary); *Audit Committee* (Lori Maughan, Steve Black); *Teaching and Learning Committee* (Nan Barton, Colleen Benally); *Policy Committee* (Lori Maughan, Merri Shumway); *USU CTE Advisory Committee* (Nelson Yellowman); and *JOM & Tribal Consultation Support Committee* (Nelson Yellowman, Colleen Benally).

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that committee assignments were weighed by the board member requests, time and travel constraints, and board member specialties. She further noted that if there are any concerns regarding the assignments, they are open to further discussion.

It was further encouraged that board members or committees give ongoing presentations to the board to share committee highlights, concerns and progress.

7. 2022-23 Utah School Report Cards – Christy Fitzgerald – 8 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald shared the 2022-23 Utah School Report Cards which were released on October 31. She noted that schools no longer receive letter grades, but instead receive numeric ranking and growth comparisons. She shared the location where all reports can be found in detail either districtwide or by individual school.

8. SJSO Oct 1 2023 Enrollment Count - Christy Fitzgerald- 3 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald shared the updated enrollment data via the October 1 Report submitted to the State.

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

1. Report – Bluff Elementary School, Barbara Silversmith – 10 min

Principal Barbara Silversmith shared goals, benchmark information, RISE data, reading and math progress for Bluff Elementary. She highlighted attendance data for the year so far, and noted that a celebration is that attendance is in the 90th percentile currently. She noted positive communication with parents about attendance, the increased relationships from Home Visits and incentive programs for celebrations as well.

Some challenges noted by Ms. Silversmith include issues with students consistently reading at home and a need for more small-group targeted instruction.

2. Report – Technology, Aaron Brewer – 10 min

Technology Director Aaron Brewer shared a report from the Technology Department. He noted team goals including: Cybersecurity, Reliability of Access, School Security, Digital Equity, Student Data Privacy, and Innovation and Support. He shared the current progress towards each of the goals, as well as some celebrations and challenges.

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: Ellisia Black - Bluff**
- 2. San Juan Sweet Job Award: Courtney Hurst - SJHS Girls Soccer Coach**
- 3. San Juan Sweet Job Award: Nidia Jones - SJHS Girls Soccer Coach**

H. Citizen Comments

1. Citizens' Comments

Griselda Rogers submitted comment via email requesting the district consider implementing transportation for students of White Mesa Preschool.

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 B Shumway, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

J. Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes**
- 2. Revenue Reports**
- 3. Expenditure Reports**
- 4. School Expenditure Reports**
- 5. Personnel Report(s) and Information**
- 6. Monthly Checks**
- 7. Board Travel Reports**
- 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 Consent Agenda.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. Possible Action Items

- 1. 2024-2025 School Calendar Adoption**

No Action.

- 2. New Blanding Elementary School General Contractor Early Involvement Selection**

Motion to select Westland as General Contractor for Blanding Elementary.

Discussion: Board Member Steve Black asked about the bid details prior to vote; Tyrel Pemberton confirmed that as part of the proposal request, the district included cost parameters for various aspects of the project so in order to be considered for approval, applicants must meet the pre-set pricing criteria.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

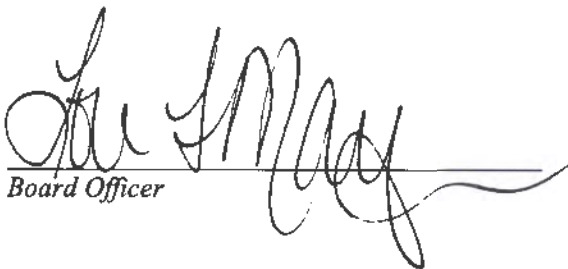
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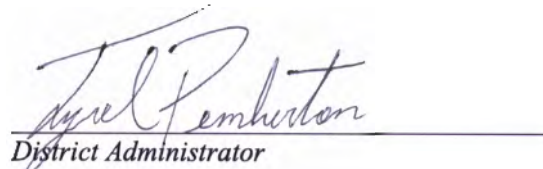
1. Next Board Meeting December 13, 2023 @DO/Virtual

2. Thanksgiving Break, November 22-24, 2023

M. Adjournment

1. Adjournment


Board Officer


District Administrator