

February 2024 Board Meeting
Meeting Location: District Office and Virtual
Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Members present

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

Others present

Superintendent Christine Fitzgerald, Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton, Human Resources Director Laura Palmer, Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt, Assistant Superintendent Derek Begay, Aaron Brewer, Jeff Winget, Ryan Palmer, Stefanie Turk, Barkley Christensen, Ryan Nielson (virtual)

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM

A. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve Agenda

Motion to Approve the Agenda.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Steve Black.

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- CTE - Christy Fitzgerald- 3 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald highlighted the CTE program success rates, registration numbers, competition numbers, and national participants and qualifiers. She noted the increased efforts and offerings districtwide and commended students and faculty for their continued successes.

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. CTSO Officers Presentation - Jeanna Grover & CTE Students – 5 min

CTE Director Jeanna Grover and CTE students presented as part of National CTE Month. Ms. Grover emphasized the significant impact it has on student's school life and future. CTE students Cooper Yoakam, Brinley Knight and Jaici Sue'Sue shared student perspectives on the positive

impact CTE has had on their lives, opportunities it gives them, and future impact it will have for them. Ms. Grover shared thanked the board for their support of the CTE program.

2. K-6 English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption - 1st viewing - Jeff Winget & Julie Holt - 5 min

Curriculum Director Jeff Winget presented the two, state approved, researched based options that were reviewed for potential curriculum changes. The two options within State compliance were Wonders, which the district is already using but has new upgrades, and Amplify CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts). He noted that the goal is to improve reading output gradewide at 3rd grade levels. Mr. Winget shared steps in evaluating the proposed curriculum options a noted the following pilot groups who participated: MES (school wide) and BES (3rd grade only); all schools were invited to pilot the proposed curriculum, but were not required to participate. Following the pilot period, participants recommended the district adopt the CKLA option. Evaluation team included teachers, parents, administrators and coaches. Following initial recommendation, the board, the proposed curriculum will be presented for two consecutive months.

Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt noted that the cost of the programs was not presented to the evaluation teams for the purpose of an unbiased evaluation. And, while the financial implications are significantly more than Wonders, all programs have increased in cost over recent years and there is also a built-in benefit of substitute teacher plans that will be of significant impact.

The board requests the proposed curriculum be shared with all teachers of the applicable age group for feedback. The curriculum team will report feedback at the March board meeting.

3. 2022-23 School Land Trust Final Report Summary - Julie Holt & Derek Begay - 10 min

Assistant Superintendents Julie Holt and Derek Begay shared highlights and goals associated with the School Land Trust outline from SY2022-23. Ms. Holt noted that this past year was the most successful year for goals met in several years. She complemented the hard work of all involved to make this success happen. Mr. Begay noted that occurrences where goals are not met are likely connected to turnover in River Region schools.

4. SJSD Policy 6130 Tuition, Fees, Fines, and Charges - 2nd viewing - Tyrel Pemberton - 3 min.

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton shared Policy 6130 for a second viewing.

5. SJSD Policy 2270 Board Meetings – 1st Viewing – Tyrel Pemberton – 5 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton shared Policy 2270, noting that the policy updates have been in consideration with the Policy Committee.

6. Proposed 2024-25 Fee Waiver & Spend Plans/Program Sustainability Fees & Policies 6130 Students, Tuition, Fees and Fines & 1145 Relations with the Public and Fundraising and Donations - Discussion- Christine Fitzgerald - 5 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald presented the Fee Waiver and Spend Plans, along with applicable Policy 6130 the board for a second viewing. The board considered raising the meal rates and potential impacts of inflation on program, meal and hotel costs. Board Member Steve Black commented that the board currently utilizes the IRS federal rates for mileage reimbursement, and this may be a useful tool in structuring meal per-diem as well. Concerns regarding student's budgeting their fee waiver meal allotments were also discussed. It was also noted that whenever possible, the schools utilize sack lunches or breakfasts for students when traveling. The board requested numbers regarding students who applied and qualified for fee waivers districtwide.

7. Out-of-State Student Enrollment Procedures - Christine Fitzgerald - 10 min.

Superintendent Fitzgerald shared an overview of currently enrolled Out of State (OOS) students and the details surrounding each student's circumstance or reasoning for requesting OOS enrollment. She noted that updates to State Code have occurred and the current documentation forms will need to be updated. She proposed she would make the redline changes and present the updated forms to the board in March. She also proposed that it may be beneficial for the board to add OOS enrollment requests to the Consent Agenda if the board wishes. Board Member Merri Shumway request that because of the fiscal impact of each circumstance, she requests it not be included on the Consent Agenda.

8. Proposed 2024-25 SJSB Board of Education Meeting Schedule- Christine Fitzgerald- 5 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald shared the recommended Board Meeting Schedule for SY2024-25, with meetings scheduled on the regular second Wednesdays, with a few exceptions for Impact Aid, Conferences and Spring Break.

9. 2024 SJSB School Graduation Dates- Christine Fitzgerald - 5 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald shared the proposed graduation and promotions calendar, as well as currently announced retirees for 2024. The board will review and select the events they will be able to attend at the March board meeting.

10. BES Follow-up - Tyrel Pemberton - 15 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton shared the community and faculty concerns regarding room for growth and number of classrooms/classroom space. In response to the concerns, Mr. Pemberton and MHTN (Brian for MHTN attended this meeting virtually) and proposed potential options that would address the concerns. He also noted that the gymnasium is larger than

previous gymnasiums in previous district construction to accommodate for population and usage. These adjustments of increased classroom space and larger gym will be reflected in cost increases. With the support from the State grant and district reserve, these increases in square footage can be accomplished should the board choose to approve. He noted that some elements in the current design may be simplified and the design team will seek out areas or aesthetics that can be logistically cut back to alleviate some costs. Board Member Merri Shumway request the stakeholder survey results from previous input studies.

11. Capital Project Needs – Tyrel Pemberton – 10 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton shared concerns about potential and pending Capital Project needs that are currently facing the district. Examples such as Montezuma Creek playground replacement, Navajo Mountain High School HVAC units are aged and need replaced, and other smaller projects that may be considered for a closer timeline. The board requests a list of projects to consider with projected costs for review in the March board meeting.

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

1. Report- Albert R. Lyman Middle School - Ryan Palmer - 10 min

Principal Ryan Palmer highlighted growth in CTE, noting that they will be adding more CTE offerings in the coming year as well. He also noted that ARL is currently the only stand alone junior high chapter of FFA in the state of Utah. Growth has warranted the need for another CTE teacher and when a position was vacated, ARL opted to add a CTE instructor and utilize the FTE opportunity to best benefit the students.

Mr. Palmer also highlighted the positive effects of the newly added Student Resource Officer (SRO) to his staff. The SRO has had a positive impact in the school and a great relationship with students. He noted that it seems to have a generally great influence on student behavior and conflict resolution overall.

Mr. Palmer shared goals and academic accomplishments, as well as RISE, attendance and Core Class Pass Rates data. He shared the accomplishment of ARL exiting the TSI status for ELL, and strong staff relationships. Challenges include the increased need for building and drop-off area safety, school is at maximum capacity and is a restriction, and the plumbing issues in the building are severely problematic.

Finally, he invited all to attend the upcoming production of Newsies the week of Feb 26-29. He applauded the new part-time Drama teacher, Bailey Herring for the work in preparing students and involving students in the production. He commented that the Drama program has had great support, with over 100 students enrolled, and over 80 students directly participating in the production.

2. Report- San Juan High School - Ryan Nielson - 10 min

Principal Ryan Nielson (virtual) presented school celebrations, goals, and challenges to the board. He shared attendance, RISE, Math, Science, ACT and Graduation Rates to the board as well, highlighting the continued incremental increases in ACT scores. Mr. Nielson noted the numerous clubs, sports and activities to engage and encourage student participation. He further added that increased concurrent enrollment (CE) offerings, waiving the USU application fee, and assistance with students' books and fees for CE has removed some barriers to lower income students taking CE classes, and increased enrollment from the previous two years. Other highlights include Emotional Support for students and weekly meetings with admin and behavior teams. Mr. Nielson commended the Wrestling team and parents for hosting Region Wrestling at SJH, it was an excellent event and was a great community atmosphere. He gave special recognition to Tracy Johnson who has spent 31 years with the students of SJH, and will be retiring this year.

SJH challenges include accommodations for students with disabilities and individual learning plans, safety and security, including building entry/security, substance abuse and emergency preparedness, and lack of space overall.

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: Michelle Christenson - ARL

2. San Juan Sweet Job Award: Tracy Johnson - SJHS

H. Citizen Comments

1. Citizens' Comments

Citizen Jared Barrett (*in-person*) shared with the board his intentions of starting a Grade 6-8 Soccer Club. The club would be a community sponsored program and is meant to enhance the athletes' skills development beyond the Recreation Department season in preparation for High School level athletic programs.

Citizen and district employee Kaitlyn Lyman (*in-person*) commented regarding the size of the proposed Blanding Elementary school, requesting the board revisit the classroom numbers and allow for increased classrooms as well as plans for growth.

Citizen and district employee Mason Lyman (*virtual*) stated concerns with the currently selected site of the future Blanding Elementary School. He expressed that there may be instability and

drainage issues and that large buildings in the nearby area have had these problems. He requests the district further research this concern and potentially insure the new school for liability should these issues arise.

Citizen and district employee Karen Lee (*virtual*) expressed concerns regarding the size of the proposed Blanding Elementary School and requests that the added classrooms be included in the original construction to allow room for growth, current specials, and adequate space for special programs to come into the school. She noted that there has been occurrence where a particular grade needed 5 classes instead of the standard 4 and the current proposal doesn't address this need. Ms. Lee also commented regarding the curriculum proposal in Discussion Item #2 stating that it would be very helpful if the board could decide on a curriculum plan soon so that the teachers could have adequate time to prepare for the upcoming school year.

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 Colleen Benally, second by Nelson Yellowman.

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. 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. SJSB Revised School Spend Plans

12. Spring 2024 Activity Reports and 150 Mile Forms

13. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Motion by Nan Barton, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. Possible Action Items

1. 2022-23 School Land Trust Final School Reports

Motion to approve 2022-23 School Land Trust Final School Report.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Policy 6130 Tuition, Fees, Fines, and Charges

Motion to refer the policy back to the policy committee to be brought back next month (March 2024).

Motion by Steve Black, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. BES Plan Adjustments

Motion to make plan adjustments to BES combining Option 4 and 1, based on VP's comments and teacher comments and taking in mind we are making a quick decision without allowing public to weigh in.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Lori Maughan, Colleen Benally

4. Capital Projects

No motion until financials for potential Capital Projects are presented at March 2024 board meeting.

5. 2024-25 SJSD Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Motion to approve the SY2024-25 SJSD Board of Education Meeting schedule as presented, to include having the board packet out by the Thursday prior to a Tuesday meeting.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

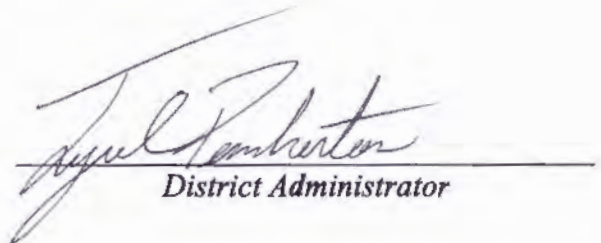
L. Information Items

1. Next Board Meeting March 6, 2024 @DO/Virtual
2. President's Day - No School - February 19, 2024
3. USBA Regional Meeting @ SJSD Board Room - March 19, 2024, 6pm

M. Adjournment

1. Adjournment


Board Officer


District Administrator