

**March 2024 Special Board Meeting**

*Meeting Location: District Office and Virtual*

*Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2024*

**Members present**

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

**Others present**

Superintendent Christine Fitzgerald, Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton, Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt, Aaron Brewer, Mason Lyman

**Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

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**1. Approve Agenda**

*Motion to Approve the Agenda.*

Motion by Nan Barton, second by Collen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**B. Board Discussion Items**

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**1. BES Location Discussion - Tyrel Pemberton – 30 min**

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton shared information specific to the public comment from the March 6 board meeting. Opening with the property evaluation and investigative procedures completed prior to site selection. He also shared potential system modifications that may be added expense if the other, less developed property is considered.

Mr. Pemberton also shared timeline impacts of changing sites, which could delay the beginning of construction by one school year. He further presented potential costs for re-design and time delays applicable to re-design. Construction costs have been continually rising, which could also impact the budget currently allotted.

Board Member Nan Barton noted to the public that the reason for a Special Meeting was to allow the process to move forward as quickly as possible, while considering the public comments. It was noted that the funding received from the State of \$20 million should not be impacted if the property changes caused delays in the project. Board Member Merri Shumway began discussing pros and cons of property being discussed and it was determined that the board should go into

Closed Session to discuss details of pros/cons per Real Property value discussion strategic requirements.

*Discussion following Closed Session:*

Board Member Merri Shumway stated the value in the input from the community and thanked the public for their efforts, noting her favor to considering the current location of the school for the new school.

## C. Citizens Comment – 4:30 pm

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### 1. Citizens' Comments

Citizen Britt Barton thanked the board for their inclusion of comments, their efforts to include public input, be transparent, and expressed appreciation of the board and administration for their time and energy. He encouraged the board to move forward and begin building the new Blanding Elementary School as it will be a great blessing to the community.

Citizen Mason Lyman expressed gratitude to the board for their time and effort on behalf of the students and teachers districtwide, and specifically in the time and preparation of the Blanding Elementary School project and complex processes it entails. He commended the board for the assertive action taken to secure the \$20 million in state funding.

Citizen Kim Hiatt addressed the board requesting consideration of other properties, outside of the two being considered, suggesting considering building on the old Blanding Elementary School site and building vertical, instead of one-story.

Citizen J. Cortlan Lyman suggest the board consider the original property and build a multi-level building, alongside the old building so students can use the old building during the construction phase, making repurposing the current property the school sits on for the location.

Citizen Tiawana Moses addressed the board on behalf of Paul MacDonald and the group who commented in the March 6 Board Meeting. She thanked the board for valuing their comment and efforts made to listen to the public.

Citizen Terri Liechty requested information on alternative board notices and hopes that the building plans currently presented include potential for expansion.

Written letter addressed to the board was read into record by Eva Ewald, Board Clerk. The letter requested increasing the bathrooms to one per classroom, or possibly one shared between two classrooms. This request was presented as a hopeful solution to increase student privacy, safety and potentially decrease graffiti and damage. The letter was submitted via email from Blanding Elementary teacher Jennifer Keith, and signed by 19 other staff and faculty.

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

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**1. Purchase, exchange or lease of real property**

*Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss purchase, exchange or lease of real property.*

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nan Barton.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**E. Possible Action Items**

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**1. BES Project**

*No motion.*

**F. Information Items**

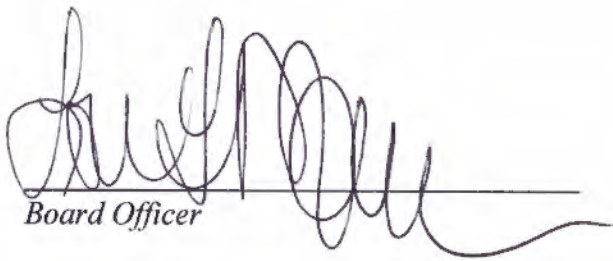
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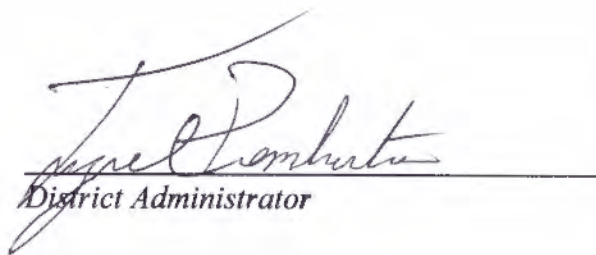
**1. Next Board Meeting April 10, 2024 @DO/Virtual**

**G. Adjournment**

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Board Officer

  
District Administrator