

September 2024 Board Meeting
Meeting Location: District Office/Virtual
Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 18, 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, Jeanna Grover, Jared Brown, Aaron Brewer, Ryan Nielson, Ryan Palmer, Steffanie Turk

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM

A. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda

Motion by Nan Barton, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not present at vote: Nelson Yellowman

B. SJ Quest Update

1. Spotlight Report- Civics & Constitution Day - Christy Fitzgerald- 3 min

Superintendent Christy Fitzgerald highlighted the recent Civics and Constitution Day Event held at USU-Eastern campus on Tuesday, September 17th for all students 9-12th grade. She noted that over 600 students attended. There were 22 panel discussions held regarding civic duties, roles and responsibilities communitywide. Board President Lori Maughan and Superintendent Fitzgerald participated in the panel discussion. Special guest Senator David Hinkins addressed the students. Superintendent Fitzgerald thanked Jeff Winget and JJ Grover for their efforts in bringing this successful event together, and noted the district plans to hold this event annually.

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. USU Monument Valley Lease Assignment – Kristian Olsen – 5 min

Utah State University – Eastern (USU-E) Provost, Kristian Olsen addressed the board along with representatives from USU, Logan to discuss loan, debarment certificates, and real estate lease agreements regarding the new construction project for USU-E in Monument Valley.

The board raised several questions for clarification and recommended that, due to the complexity of the agreements, this discussion would continue on the October board meeting agenda.

2. Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) School Plans - Julie Holt & Dr. Derek Begay - 5 min.

Julie & Derek presented the plans from each school, based on the framework approved by the district in the June 2024 board meeting. School TSSA plans identify school level priorities and allocations for funding. The priorities are determined through input from stakeholders and various data sources. The TSSA school plans are submitted annually for approval by the board. This item is presented as an Action Item later in the agenda.

3. SJSD Policy 8310 Admissions - District Data Security - 1st viewing - Laura Palmer- 5 min

Human Resources Director Laura Palmer and Technology Director Aaron Brewer presented the updates to Policy 8310. The updates include rules and use for data collection, and actions required of the district if there is a data breach, and guidelines for collected biometric data. Mr. Brewer noted that most of the updated language is directly from state code, and currently the only biometrics collected district-wide is the time clock finger print stamp.

4. SJSD Policy 4180 District Employment - Substitute Teachers - 1st viewing - Laura Palmer- 5 min

Laura Palmer noted that the updates in this policy are specific rewording to realign with code.

5. SJSD Policy 6120 Admissions - General Requirements - 2nd viewing - Laura Palmer- 5 min

Laura Palmer presented Policy 6120 for a 2nd viewing. She reiterated the changes regarding requirements for toilet training and kindergarten admissions, as well as full and half day kindergarten enrollment requirements.

Board Member Merri Shumway requested verbiage regarding students with discipline history and expulsion history.

The board requested this policy return for a 3rd viewing.

6. SJSD Policy 6420 Student Rights - Education and Family Privacy - 2nd viewing - Laura Palmer- 5 min

Laura Palmer shared Policy 6420 for a 2nd viewing. The policy addresses student surveys, parent consent for surveys at the time of registration, information access, notice to parents, and options for opting out of surveys. The board did not have questions or suggestions at this time.

This item is presented as an Action Item later in the agenda.

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

Laura Palmer presented the proposed LEA Specific Licenses and Endorsements for board approval.

8. Strategic Planning - Christy Fitzgerald - 5 min

Superintendent Christy Fitzgerald shared an overview of past success and focus on the San Juan QUEST model, as well as next steps for updating the Strategic Process. She noted that at least one member of the board is requested to be on the committee for Strategic Planning with the appointed committee members. Board Member Nan Barton volunteered to be on the planning team.

9. Out-of-State Transfer Students - Christy Fitzgerald - 5 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald shared the Out of State Student applications with the board for board approval.

10. National Johnson O'Malley Conference Report – Nelson Yellowman – 5 min

Board Member Nelson Yellowman shared information from this year's National Conference, the theme being Inclusion Beyond Borders. He noted that there was a request for a 6.5% increase in funding from the federal government as the initiative expanding qualified student criteria may increase the number of qualified funding recipients.

11. Capital Follow-up - Tyrel Pemberton - 10 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton shared that the Navajo Mountain HVAC system is completed, the Montezuma Creek Elementary Playground project is progressing, and the Blanding Elementary school construction remains on schedule. He noted that the MHTN crew is addressing needs for the water retention pond on the property.

12. School Entryway Projects – Tyrel Pemberton – 10 min

Tyrel Pemberton shared some of the security and floor plan details with the board. He noted these are not final plans, but are a good beginning for discussion and input. He noted that the Albert R. Lyman (ARL) has multiple options due to the need to replace a classroom space that will be taken by the proposed entry plan. He noted that the need to replace classroom space would put the project slightly over budget, but would be an opportune time to complete the security project while also making sure there is instruction space as ARL is continually growing and is currently at maximum capacity.

Merri Shumway inquired regarding the plumbing concerns at ARL. Principal Palmer noted that there have not been any incidents this year, so far.

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

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

Principal Ryan Palmer shared celebrations at ARL including overall increase in proficiency for students with disabilities, increased CTE, pathways and CTSO opportunities, and Advisory club opportunities. He noted some challenges including security system and surveillance issues, building at maximum space usage and no room for growth. Principal Palmer also shared school goals and steps outlined to meet the goals.

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

Principal Ryan Nielson shared celebrations at SJH including the newly added Cell Phone Policy for students and increased CTE offerings and enrollment. He shared school goals, progress towards goals and the efforts to promote student involvement through many offerings for clubs and sports. Principal Nielson also shared efforts from the Behavior Team and other agencies that assist in emotional support for students. Some of the challenges he shared from SJH include increased need for SPED and Individualized Support, Safety and Security of the school and grounds, needs for extra space and reading interventions needed.

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: Amanda Black, ARL

2. San Juan Sweet Job Award: Janice Benally, SJH

H. Citizen Comments

1. Citizens' Comments

Cortney Shumway (in person) and Crystal Lessner (via email) commented in support of the district becoming a Utah Fits All vendor. The board agreed to add the Utah Fits All Scholarship to the October Board Agenda for discussion.

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

1. Purchase, exchange or lease of real property (5:08 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.)

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Real Property

Motion by Colleen Benally, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Litigation

3. Personnel

4. Security

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. Fall 2024 Activity Reports and 150 Mile Forms

11. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. Possible Action Items

1. USU Monument Valley Building Lease Assignment

Motion to move USU Monument Valley Building Lease Assignment to the October 9th Board meeting, as a Discussion and Action item.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) School Plans

Motion to approve the Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) School Plans as presented.

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

3. SJSD Policy 6120 Admissions - General Requirements

No Motion

4. SJSD Policy 6420 Student Rights - Education and Family Privacy

Motion approve SJSD Policy 6420 Student Rights – Education and Family Privacy, with grammar edits as suggested by the Board.

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

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

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

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nan Barton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Steve Black

6. Out-of-State Transfer Students

Motion approve presented Out-of-State Transfer Students as presented.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. School Entryway Projects

Motion to approve the conceptual School Entryway Projects, including Option 2 for Albert R. Lyman Middle School.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. Real Property

No Motion

L. Information Items

1. Board Meeting October 9, 2024 @DO/Virtual

2. Native Youth Student Leadership Conference – September 19, 2024

3. Heritage Language Conference – September 20, 2024

4. NAFIS Conference – September 22-24, 2024

5. USBA Regional Meeting – October 1, 2024, 6:00 p.m. @ Grand School District

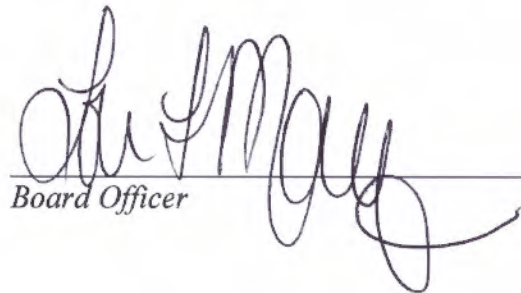
6. NIEA Conference – October 9-12, 2024

7. Fall Break, October 11, 2024

8. Shoes for Kids Event, September 21, 2024 @ USU Eastern

M. Adjournment

1. Adjournment


Board Officer


District Administrator