

June 2026 Board Meeting
Meeting Location: District Office & Virtual
Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026)

Members present

Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

Others present

Superintendent Christine Fitzgerald, Business Administrator Jacob Swanson, Human Resources Director Laura Palmer, Assistant Superintendent Paul Murdock, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Derek Begay, Guy Corrado, Patricia Atcitty, Jennifer Johnson, Jonathan English, Jeff Winget, Eva Ewald, LT Erickson, Anna Fredericks, Spencer Singer (virtual), Jacob Gardner, Rob Henderson, Mason Lyman

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM

A. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve Agenda - 3:00 pm

Motion to Approve the Agenda.

Motion by Colleen Benally, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

B. 3:00 PM SJ Quest Update

1. Spotlight Report- District Team Day - Dr. Christy Fitzgerald- 3 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald shared an overview of District Team Day including an synopsis, introduced the new logo and theme for the school year. She noted the basics of the Deloitte platform and how it was utilized for District Team Day, as well as how it will be incorporated into principal and directors' events throughout the year. The District Team day concluded with a service activity at the local food bank. work function general information and application at dist. team days; shared service activity at food bank.

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. Secondary Reading Intervention Curriculum Adoption - Jeff Winget - 5 min

Jeff Winget shared the recommendation from the SJSD Curriculum team for the middle school and high school reading intervention programs, beginning SY26-27. He noted that public comment is encouraged and appreciated.

2. LEA Specific License and Endorsement – Laura Palmer – 3 min

Human Resources Director Laura Palmer shared the current (1) recommendation for LEA Specific License and Endorsement.

3. Board Stipend Adjustment – Laura Palmer – 8 min

Laura Palmer shared board compensation recommendations, along with compensation schedules for school boards across the state. She also shared relevant statutes related to Board Compensation and requirements for amending the pay amounts, as published by the State Code.

4. July Board Meeting and Policy Work – Laura Palmer – 5 min

Laura Palmer shared proposed dates and policies to be reviewed for the July Policy Work Sessions. She recommended that two board members be present, if possible, noting that three would not be allowable as it constitutes a quorum and must be advertised and held public. The intention is to discuss in work session, and present suggested edits for public review and Board consideration at the August Board Meeting.

5. The San Juan School District will assess the extent to which Native American children participate on an equal basis with non-Native children in the District's education program and activities - Dr. Christy Fitzgerald- 10 min

The Federal Impact Aid funding process requires LEAs to monitor equal access to extracurricular activities. Our Native American Policy and Procedures Manual states that the district will do this by tracking participation numbers of both Native and Non-Native students and discussing in a board meeting any notable concerns or trends. In the spirit of the Federal Impact Aid process, districts set action steps to address any obvious disparities or inequities. Whitehorse High and MV High are nearly 100% Native, so all participation is by Native students. Monticello High has very few Native students. San Juan and ARL are the two schools that have the most even split in numbers of Native and Non-Native students, consequently drawing most of the focus.

6. Review and draft official responses to formally submitted suggestions and comments to improve the education of Native American Students and provide equitable access to programs, services, and activities - Dr. Christy Fitzgerald- 10 min

Superintendent Fitzgerald presented the draft responses to the questions received this year regarding Native American Education. The district's Native American Policy and Procedure

manual states the Board of Education will formally answer all questions submitted regarding the education of our Native Students. With the approval of these responses, we will fulfill that commitment. Superintendent requests the board recommend any changes to the proposed responses.

7. Whitehorse High/Montezuma Creek Housing Xeriscape RFP - Jacob Swanson - 4 min

Business Administrator Jacob Swanson shared proposed bids for the Xeriscape RFP's. As of this date, there is only one respondent to the RFP.

8. Montezuma Creek Elementary Floor Covering RFP - Jacob Swanson - 4 min

Business Administrator Jacob Swanson shared proposed bids for the Montezuma Creek Elementary Floor Covering RFP. As of this date, there are two respondents to the RFP.

9. New Blanding Elementary School Updates - Jacob Swanson - 5 min

Business Administrator Jacob Swanson shared the current construction status of the Blanding Elementary School. The board discussed dates for the Open House. It was determined to hold the traditional building blessing by invitation only on the morning of August 4th, followed by the Ribbon Cutting and Open House for public starting at 10:00 am.

10. Capital Follow-up - Jacob Swanson - 5 min

Business Administrator Jacob Swanson shared current progress on the Monticello High School Vestibule and Albert R. Lyman Vestibule construction projects.

11. Board Training & Development - President Nan Barton - 8 min

Board President Barton shared www.usba.cc website where a databank of School Board training opportunities can be viewed. She encouraged the board to study current Legislative Documents and Summaries from March 2026, located on the website.

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

1. Report- Food Service - Anna Fredericks - 10 min

Foodservice Director Anna Fredericks shared the department served 545,097 meals this year. She noted new USDA regulations incorporated this year, and noted decreased servings at breakfast and lunch per day, averaging 89 and 39 fewer, respectively.

Challenges include staffing concerns and new USDA regulations. She also noted goals for the department, completion of required testing, District Wellness policy review and updates as needed, possible menu changes and continual adaptations to the “second breakfast”.

Ms. Fredericks complemented her staff for perfect scores in every kitchen from their two health department inspections this year. She thanked the administrative staff and para professionals within the schools who stepped in to assist serving students when staffing was short, and kitchen staff at MES and ARL who stepped up when their staffing was short handed at the end of the year.

2. Report- Special Education - Spencer Singer - 10 min

Special Education Director Spencer Singer shared virtually. He opened discussion by sharing numbers by disability classification from the most recent school year, as well as SPED enrollment by grade. He shared challenges regarding students whose needs exceed our capability. He also noted department goals in academics, social outcomes, professional development, and file review commitment.

Mr. Singer shared celebrations, including: resilient staff, implementation of SPED Coach, veteran staff, increased collaboration between SPED and General Ed Teachers, targeted school support from USU partnership, and furthering teamwork and collaboration.

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: Danelle Shumway

H. Citizen Comments

1. Citizens' Comments

LT Erickson shared gratitude and farewell after his year at the district as Student Support Services Director.

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. (5:09 – 5:36 p.m.)

Motion by Ron T Nielson, second by Don Mose III.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

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 Letters of Intent

9. Exchange Student

10. Student Hearings

11. SJSD Revised School Spend Plans

12. Fall 2025 Activity Reports and 150 Mile Forms

13. School Land Trust Amendments

14. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Discussion: Board Requests review of 150-mile forms and Activity Schedules with intent to streamline.

Motion by Ron T Nielson, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

K. 2025-2026 SJSD Budget Public Hearing 6:15 p.m.

1. Revised Fiscal Year 2026 and Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget- Dr. Christy Fitzgerald & Jacob Swanson- 20 min

Business Administrator Swanson and Superintendent Fitzgerald shared revisions to the 2026 budget and the proposed 2027 budget.

2. Public Budget Hearing / 2026-27 SJSD Budget – Public Comment

Denise Clawson commended the district for the budget and the user-friendly presentation. She offered suggestions regarding LaSal Elementary School improvements, including marquee and building exterior.

3. 2026-27 Budget Action Item

Motion to adopt the revised Fiscal Year 2026 budget and the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget and to also set the tax rate at the certified rate by setting the Board Local Levy at 0.0004, the Voted Local Levy at 0.0016, and the Capital Local Levy at 0.002999.

Motion by Colleen Benally, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

L. Possible Action Items

1. Read 180 Curriculum Adoption

Motion to approve the Read 180 reading intervention curriculum beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Lucille Cody, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

2. LEA Specific License and Endorsement

Motion to approve the LEA specific license and endorsement as presented.

Motion by Don Mose III, second by Ron T Nielson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

3. Official responses to formally submitted suggestions and comments to improve the education of Native American Students and provide equitable access to programs, services, and activities

Motion to approve the official responses to formally submitted comments as provided.

Motion by Ron T Nielson, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

4. Whitehorse High/Montezuma Creek Housing Xeriscape RFP

Motion to approve the base bid AND Bid Alternate 1 for Ward Landscapes to install Xeriscaping and Whitehorse High School and Montezuma Creek Housing.

Motion by Ron T Nielson, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

5. Montezuma Creek Elementary Floor Covering RFP

Motion to approve the bid for Creative Floors to replace floor coverings at Montezuma Creek Elementary School.

Motion by Colleen Benally, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Colleen Benally, Nan Barton, Ron T Nielson, Lucille Cody, Don Mose III

M. Information Items

1. Board Meeting July 21st (if needed) & August 4, 2025 @DO/Virtual

2. July 4th Holiday

3. July 24th Holiday

N. Adjournment

1. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn.

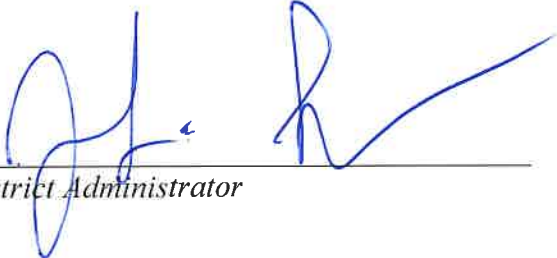
Motion by Ron T Nielson, second by Colleen Benally.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Board Officer



District Administrator