

September 11, 2019 Board Meeting
Meeting Location: Whitehorse High School
Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Members present

Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Lucille Cody

Others present

Superintendent Ron Nielson, Business Administrator Kyle Hosler, Human Resources Director Matthew Keyes, Eva Ewald, Kim Schaefer, Connie Todachinnie

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM

A. Approval of Agenda - 3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve the Agenda.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Merri Shumway, Steve Black, Lori Maughan

Not Present at Vote: Nelson Yellowman, Lucille Cody

B. SJ Quest Update

1. Spotlight- SJ Quest Visual Update - Ron Nielson- 3 min

Superintendent shared the new SJ QUEST model visual, designed by former student Swayze Jack. He noted that the imagery in the center of the model signifies quest for district unity, culture of district, and goals of district. The wording surrounding the model indicate ways the district is working to empower students.

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. Safe Schools Training for Students – Matt Keyes- 15 min

Matt Keyes stated that state law require4s adjustments to our current Safe Schools training for students, and that student wide training over a myriad of topics would need to be implemented.

District administration would like to coordinate the Safe Schools Student training during the October weeks of HOPE Week. Mr. Keyes showed a brief example video from the Safe Schools website, a program we have previously used for mandated staff training. He noted that more videos and student focused tutorials are currently in production.

Board member Steve Black also commented that if appropriate, videos could also be shared with grades as young as 7th to 8th. In 4 of our secondary schools, the 7th and 8th graders share buildings with upperclassmen, and while Albert R. Lyman is separate from high school, he noted that they often face similar social and safety concerns.

Mr. Keyes noted that videos can be utilized to provide information to students initially, but also can be used in student remediation if needed.

2. Capital Projects Update (Bluff/Montezuma Creek) – Kyle Hosler – 5 min

Business Administrator Kyle Hosler updated the board on progress of the projects, noting that they are both on target completion dates of June 2020 and January 2020 respectively.

3. UNHS Proposal Ambulance Shed – Kyle Hosler – 5 min

Mr. Hosler shared maps with potential housing locations for district homes in the area being considered by the Utah Navajo Health Systems (UNHS) proposal.

Board Vice President Merri Shumway commented on the school board's responsibility to maintain ownership valuable property for potential future use of the students. Board Member Nelson Yellowman commented that he felt strongly that the relationship between UNHS and SJSD are vital, and crucial to the wellbeing of the students and the local jobs for families and noted that cooperating with UNHS in the proposal would, in fact, be a benefit to the future of the students.

4. Building Use Policy 8220 – Ron Nielson/Kyle Hosler – 5 min

Superintendent Nielson shared recent concerns with community building use and facility use from outside entities. Principals have expressed concerns about time involved with paperwork, communication and monitoring of building use, that has been a very time consuming issue for principals and building administration. Insurance requirements and costs for non-school activities have also been a voiced concern from community members. Kyle Hosler has been working with Risk Management to develop policy and practices that are in the best interest of the School District's liabilities. It was recommended this topic be moved to Board Work Session for future discussion.

5. Bluff Planning and Zoning Recommendations – Kyle Hosler- 5 min

Business Administrator Kyle Hosler shared updates, maps and changes to the Bluff Planning and Zoning recommendations as they apply to San Juan School District property.

6. ACT District Summary Results – Ron Nielson – 5 min

Superintendent Nielson shared the standard school board report for ACT scores for current seniors (test scores are from the end of student's junior school year). Added to the regular annual report is a 10-year historical ACT report and comparison, as requested by the school board.

7. Fee Waiver – Fall Sports and Activities Spend Plan Review – Ron Nielson – 10 min

Superintendent Nielson shared the current plan of addressing the School Fees, Spend Plans, Tracking and Funds Distribution, Letters to Parents and Guardians and action taken by district administration to implement and train school staff in preparation for the incoming school year.

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

1. Montezuma Creek Elementary- Connie Todachinnie- 15 min

Principal Connie Todachinnie presented her completed Board Reflection, along with accompanying data.

Follow-up question from board members focused on parent involvement with academics and activities and what the board and district level administration can do to further support Montezuma Creek Elementary School. Principal Todachinnie noted that while they do have great numbers of volunteers and parent involvement for activities, she would love to see more class-work assistance. Ms. Todachinnie also stated that she feels very much supported by district administration and the school board and appreciates all the help and training. She invited board members, and specifically her local board member Lucille Cody, to visit as often as she would like.

2. Whitehorse High School – Kim Schaefer – 15 min

Principal Kim Schaefer presented her completed Board Reflection, along with accompanying data.

Follow-up comment from Principal Schaefer included clarification on how Graduation Rates are calculated.

Both principals commented that the format for Principal Reflection to Board was helpful.

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: Kristen Bushnell

2. San Juan Sweet Job Award: Carol Reynolds

H. Citizen Comments

1. Citizens' Comments

Phyllis Sam requested more information and clarification regarding fee waivers and why the previous structure has changed. Superintendent Nielson responded by stating it is a new law that will take effect officially in the 2020-21 school year, and that all students who would like to be considered for fee waivers would need to complete the process to apply.

Phyllis Sam expressed concerns regarding cost and requirements for Building usage for the Christmas Bazar.

Virginia Jim requested air conditioned busses and district-provided internet for students who attend classes via web.

Virginia Jim also requested added building security during the school day.

I. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes

2. Revenue Reports

3. Expenditure Reports

4. School Expenditure Reports

5. Monthly Checks

6. Board Travel Reports

7. Personnel Report(s) and Information

8. Home School Requests

9. Student Hearings

10. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Steve Black, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Merri Shumway, Steve Black, Lori Maughan, Nelson Yellowman, Lucille Cody

J. Possible Action Items

1. Fee Wavier Procedures and Practice

No action needed at this time.

2. UNHS Building Approval

Action deferred for further information.

3. Building Use Policy 8220

No action.

K. Closed Session

No Closed Session items to discuss.

L. Information Items

1. Principal's Meeting – September 12, 2019

2. Fall CCR Day – September 18, 2019

3. NAFIS Fall Conference – September 22-24, 2019 @ Washington D.C.

4. Next Board Meeting – October 9, 2019 @ District Office

5. Regional USBA Meeting – October 15, 2019 @ Grand School District Office

6. Board Meeting Schedule 2019-2020

M. Adjournment: 6:23 p.m.

1. Adjournment

Board Officer

District Administrator