

## **December 2021 Board Meeting**

*Meeting Location: District Office and Virtual*

*Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

### **Members present**

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

### **Others present**

Superintendent Ron Nielson, Human Resources Director Matt Keyes, Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton, Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt, Assistant Superintendent Christine Fitzgerald, Trevor Olsen, Brenda Whitehorse, Aaron Brewer, Eva Ewald, Jennifer Johnson

### **Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM**

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

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### **1. Agenda Approval**

#### ***Motion to Approve the Agenda.***

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black

Not Present at Vote: Lucille Cody

## **B. SJ Quest Update**

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### **1. Spotlight Report- A2A School Leadership Teams- Ron Nielson- 3 min**

Superintendent Nielson highlighted the A-to-A (Assessment to Achievement) impact on school support, which is being used in eight of the twelve schools. The program helps identify root causes of issues and plan implementation to correct issues. Support includes quality professional development, putting action on QUEST model, support in schools to teachers and administration.

## **C. Board Discussion Items** *(Note, discussion items not discussed before 5PM break will be discussed later in the agenda at the board's discretion)*

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### **1. SJSD FY 21 Audit Report - Doug Rasmussen - 25 min Virtual**

Doug Rasmussen from Sumin, Rich & Marsing Accounting firm presented the audit review of the financial statements from the year ending in 2021. The report notes that "no transactions entered into by the District during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which,

under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.” The opinion from the Audit Report concludes that San Juan School district complied with the state requirements for the year ending June 30, 2021.

## **2. Update on Redistricting of Voting Districts- Mack McDonald - 30 min**

Lyman Duncan from San Juan County and Mack McDonald presented various map options to the school board. They noted that the county and legal teams responsible for the maps are currently accepting comments and concerns regarding the Redistricting proposal in process.

Some notable concerns include maps proposed may shift school board members out of their current voting areas. Some proposals have been received by the Navajo Nation. Current proposals being considered are: Option B and the NN Recommendation Map; Option B meets law and code the most, keeps everyone true to their current voting districts, and is minimal in adjustments. Mr. MacDonald noted that there is no State or District Code to rule keeping incumbents in their current voting districts, however Superintendent Nielson noted that the previous maps designed by the Special Master focused heavily on the incumbents remaining in their current voting districts.

Board Member Shumway noted that the Navajo Nation presented map or proposed Option B maps don't represent the constituents as they pertain to the schools they attend. As it is proposed, the board members may be included in areas in which they live and communicate best with the community so the parents and students in the communities can be served by the board member who understands the needs of the area.

Board Member Nelson Yellowman noted the proposed map splits schools in towns like Montezuma Creek and he agrees with Merri that Board Members should represent areas and not have communities that are so rural be split for the sake of percentages. It was further requested from the School Board members that the Board be allowed to present a map option that they believe will best represent their constituents, stakeholder and students. Mr. McDonald noted that the law for districting doesn't necessarily consider best representation of constituents, but focuses on equal opportunity.

Mr. McDonald stated that he will bring the concerns and requests to his committee and work with Superintendent Nielson regarding a proposal map from the School Board.

## **3. SJSJ Concurrent / Early College- Christy Fitzgerald - 5 min**

Christy Fitzgerald shared the annual update on Early College and Concurrent Enrollment registrations. She indicated that some enrollments were lower, likely due to Covid-19 and internet access for students.

## **4. BES School Land Trust Amendment- Julie Holt- 3 min**

Blanding Elementary School Community Council requests that an amendment be made by taking remaining funds from the Take Home Library as a school-wide program, instead shifting the

program to a classroom-based program. This change will allow the para professional funds used for the program to be more directly focused on literacy and math goals, incentives, teacher stipends, and training, as well as increased focus on the 90-Day plan and ELA goals.

#### **5. School Land Trust Training- Julie Holt & Christy Fitzgerald- 15 min**

Julie Holt and Christy Fitzgerald shared an overview of the responsibilities of the School Board as it pertains to School Land Trust plans and processes. They shared resources and publications from the State Website for the board, administration and School Community Councils to reference. They also shared the cycle of the School Land Trust plan development, state law and key groups involved.

#### **6. School Land Trust 2020-2021 Final Report - Julie Holt & Christy Fitzgerald - 5 min**

Julie Holt and Christy Fitzgerald shared the School Land Trust 2020-21 Final Report Summary for all schools including allocations, carry-over (if any) and the Goals and Implementation Summaries for each school.

#### **7. MHS Baseball Spend Plan - 2nd Opportunity for Public Input- Julie Holt- 1 min**

Julie Holt presented the proposed Spend Plan for MHS Baseball for a 2<sup>nd</sup> review.

#### **8. ARL Grades 6-8 FFA Spend Plan- 3rd Opportunity for Public Input- Julie Holt- 1 min**

Julie Holt presented the proposed Spend Plan for ARL for a 3<sup>rd</sup>, and possibly final, review.

#### **9. Secondary Schools Winter Activities Schedule and applicable 150 Mile Forms - Ron Nielson - 5 min**

Adjustments to the Secondary Schools Winter Activities Schedules and applicable 150 Mile forms were presented for approval. Changes continue to be presented as delays in scheduling from Covid-19 caused some question in original schedules.

#### **10. 2022-2023 School Calendar- Matt Keyes- 10 min**

Matthew Keyes presented three (3) options for potential 2022-2023 School Year Calendars for the board consider review.

#### **11. Mastering Council Meetings Snapshot- Steve Black- 10 min**

Board Member Steve Black provided training from the text Mastering Council Meetings, with a focus on the topic of making, amending and completing motions made.



## **12. COVID 19 2021-22 School Entry Plan- Ron Nielson- 5 min**

Superintendent Nielson shared the current district data regarding Covid-19 numbers in schools and protocols being conducted as applicable to the district Covid-19 plans. He noted there is no change needed as of this date.

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

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### **1. Bilingual/Heritage Department Report - Brenda Whitehorse - 10 min**

Heritage Language Director Brenda Whitehorse shared an overview of the Indian Education Programs and Goals, including Title VI and Johnson O'Malley. She noted celebrations such as the Virtual Heritage Language Conference, the traditional hogans being added at Bluff Elementary School and Montezuma Creek Elementary School, the district-wide recognition of Native American Heritage Month and the many correlated activities being conducted, ongoing curriculum development in the secondary Navajo language classes and Heritage Language PLC's.

### **2. Federal Student Program Department Report – Trevor Olsen – 10 min**

Student Services Director Trevor Olsen shared the list of current Student Services and Federal Programs currently being utilized by the district, which is approximately 30 different programs. He shared goals for the department overall, which include: 1) implementation, sustainability and support, 2) prevention, 3) increase educational opportunities. Mr. Olsen shared some celebrations and collaborations with University of Utah, Tava Mental Health and San Juan County Youth Coalitions. Some major challenges for the programs and students include the increased need for mental health services, while the current agencies are simultaneously experiencing a decrease in resources. He also noted that there are pandemic related needs for increased social, emotional and basic needs supports for students district wide.

## **E. Break - @ 5:00 p.m.**

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## **F. Welcome and Recognition of Guests - 6:00 p.m.**

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## **G. SJ-2 Recognition Awards**

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### **1. San Juan Sweet Job Award: Celeste Dayish**

### **2. San Juan Sweet Job Award: Cambria Palmer**

## **H. Citizen Comments**

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## **1. Citizens' Comments**

### **I. Closed Session**

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

#### **2. Litigation (6:25 pm – 6:27 pm)**

*Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent Litigation.*

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **3. Personnel (6:28 pm – 7:18 pm)**

*Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.*

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **J. Consent Agenda**

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#### **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 Consent Agenda.***

Motion by Lucille Cody, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**K. Possible Action Items**

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**1. COVID 19 Student Re-entry Plan Revisions**

*No Action Needed.*

**2. ARL Grades 6-8 FFA Spend Plan**

***Motion to Approve the ARL Grades 6-8 FFA Spend Plan.***

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**3. BES School Land Trust Amendment**

***Motion to Approve the BES School Land Trust Amendment.***

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Steve Black.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**4. School Land Trust Timeline Approval 2021-22**

***Motion to Accept the School Land Trust Timeline.***

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**5. 2022-2023 School Calendar**

***Motion to table the action item for the school calendar and look at an additional calendar Option with Fall Break a week later in October.***

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black  
Abstain: Lucille Cody

## **6. School Land Trust Final Report**

*Motion to Accept the School Land Trust Final Report.*

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Merri B Shumway.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Lucille Cody

## **7. Secondary Extra Curricular Schedule and 150 Mile Request**

*Motion to Accept Secondary Extra Curricular Schedule and 150 Mile Request.*

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Merri B Shumway.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Lori Maughan, Steve Black, Lucille Cody

## **8. School Board Redistricting Maps**

*No Motion.*

## **L. Information Items**

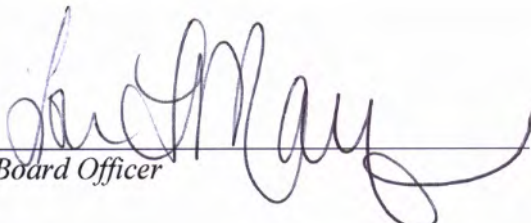
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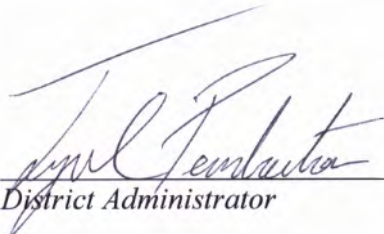
- 1. Teacher Work Day – No School – December 22, 2021**
- 2. Christmas Break Holiday – December 23, 2021-January 3, 2022**
- 3. Next Board Meeting-Jan 19th, 2022 @WHS/Virtual**

## **M. Adjournment**

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### **1. Adjournment**

  
Board Officer

  
District Administrator