

## **June 2022 Board Meeting**

*Meeting Location: District Office and Virtual*

*Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022)*

### **Members present**

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

### **Others present**

Superintendent Ron Nielson, Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton, Human Resources Director Matthew Keyes, David Brown (virtual), Aaron Brewer, Ginette Bott (Utah Food Bank)

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 Steve Black, second by Lori Maughan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not Present at Vote: Merri B Shumway

## **B. SJ Quest Update**

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### **1. Spotlight Report- Update: SJSJ Portrait of a Graduate Work- Ron Nielson- 3 min**

Superintendent Nielson shared the current draft of the Portrait of a Graduate plan, and the vision statement and the QUEST Model. In the near future the committees involved will include the stakeholders in the collaboration of updating and educating all to be involved in sharing and learning about the QUEST Model and Portrait of a Graduate plan.

## **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. Responsible Use of Technology Agreement, Updated - David Brown - 10 min**

David Brown noted that the current Acceptable Use Agreement did not meet UETN Requirements. The Technology Team, along with guidance from UETN and District Administration have drafted new guidelines, including the seven criteria from UETN. Mr. Brown opened the floor for questions from the school board. Technology Director Aaron Brewer also noted that the Acceptable Use Policy for Staff and Faculty will be provided at a later date, as the Children's Internet Protection Act does not require Board Approval.

## **2. Utah Food Bank - Ginette Bott- 15 min**

Utah Food Bank representative, Ginette Bott, presented the current project status of foodbanks in Blanding, Montezuma Creek and Monument Valley, along with current concerns and hurdles in areas. Ms. Bott invited Utah Navajo Trust Fund representatives Maury Bergman and Tony Dayish, as well as project contractor, Joe Hurst, who all voiced their support for the projects.

Ms. Bott shared the steps taken over the past few years in regards to establishing effective food banks in the Montezuma Creek, Monument Valley and Blanding Area, with Blanding being the distribution hub to all three locations. The property in Blanding (7 acres) and Montezuma Creek (1.5 acres) have been secured.

Ms. Bott provided potential building renderings to the board, with architect design intentionally complimentary to the surrounding architecture. She noted that the ideal land agreement be a land purchase, not a lease. This has been successful in Blanding and Montezuma Creek, but expressed concern regarding the lack of progress in securing property in Monument Valley to move forward with the project. Ms. Bott indicated that a minimum of 3/4 acres would be needed. She noted that they have reached out to the Navajo Nation via the County Commissioners, and ongoing conversations with the Navajo Nation including process directives. The Navajo Nation has made some suggestions, but noted that the wait process could be as long as 5 years. Ms. Bott noted that this would not work for the project timeline, as the funding for the building (which has been awarded by the State of Utah) must be in motion by June 30, 2023.

Ms. Bott requested feedback from the Board on the efficacy of the project, and requested suggestions on how the board felt they could best proceed. Board Member Lucille Cody voiced her support of the project and emphasized the need for the project and the project consistency in the area. Board Member Nelson Yellowman voiced his empathy regarding the difficulties navigating the Navajo Nation process of land acquisition. He asked where the current products that are being distributed are coming from, and noted that this current distribution indicates a vital need in the community.

Board Member Steve Black noted that it seems that the land restrictions that are written for Public Services. Superintendent Nielson noted that Health Care meets the need of the Public Service restriction, and noted that he feels the Food Bank would fall under that capacity. He expressed his concern with the Navajo Nation land acquisition process, and hoped that the Food Bank need in the area for Navajo Nation constituents would encourage more cooperation.

Board Member Merri Shumway inquired if they could extend the deadline. Ms. Bott indicated that the initial response from the Utah Department of Health was they would not extend the deadline. She further commented on the positivity of employment opportunity and how

consistent the funding will be in future years. Ms. Bott confirmed that they have not had to lay off employees in the past and it has been stable, despite hard economic times.

Delegate Daniels and President Nez have communicated with Superintendent Nielson that it needs to begin at a local Chapter level, progress through Navajo Nation funding/acquisition channels. Superintendent Nielson noted that, because of this process, the property acquisition for the gymnasium in Montezuma Creek Elementary became a 7-year process.

Board President Lori Maughan noted that the board needs to be very particular about the criteria of use of land. She requested the Business Office bring maps and options be explored, initially suggesting the location near the current ambulance garage. She noted that, since there is not a meeting scheduled in July 2022, the board would be willing to research possibilities and what the district had available. Superintendent Nielson noted there has been resolutions passed and expressed community support. Matthew D. Keyes noted he has some information that may be of help, and would provide that to Ms. Bott. Mr. Dayish and the Food Bank Staff intend to meeting with the Lt. Governor in the near future as well to share the status and potential solutions. Ms. Bott closed with reiterating their dedication to the project and commitment to continue working forward.

### **3. OTC and Standing Order-Policy 6330- Paul Murdock-3 min**

Paul Murdock added the edits suggested by the board from the previous meeting. The policy is being presented as third reading, and added as an Action item later in the meeting.

### **4. 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. Ron Nielson- 10 min**

Superintendent Nielson presented the official comments and suggestions regarding improvement of the education of Native American Students, and the written responses submitted to questioner from district administration.

### **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 - Ron Nielson- 10 min**

Superintendent Nielson presented a data overview of Native American student participation in various clubs, sports and activities during the 2022-23 school year.

### **6. Spend Plans: WHS Revised Spend Plan- Miss Indian Broken Trail 22-23, MHS Softball 2022-23, MVH Student Council 2022-23, MVH Volleyball & JV Volleyball 2022-23 - First Public View- Ron Nielson- 1 min**

Spend plan submissions and/or revisions of current spend plans were presented to the board for a first reading. Two further reviews will be required prior to board approval.

## **7. Selection of Board Member Representative to Pre-Delegate and Delegate Assembly- Merri Shumway- 5 min**

The board discussed which member to best represent the district at the Pre-Delegate and Delegate Assembly. As Merri Shumway has represented the board at the assemblies for the past several years, the board members spoke in favor of her continuing that assignment, with Lori Maughan serving as a substitute if needed. This item is presented as an Action item later in the meeting.

## **8. Travel Reimbursement Rates Proposed Changes- Tyrel Pemberton- 5 min**

The board discussed increasing the per diem meal allowances from \$8.00 (breakfast), \$11.00 (lunch), and \$17.00 (dinner) to \$10 (breakfast), \$12.00 (lunch), and \$18.00 (dinner).

The board requested that administration also visit fuel mileage reimbursement rates, and incentives for using district vehicles for travel when available, instead of personal vehicles.

## **9. Secondary Schools Fall 2022 Activity Report and 150 Mile Forms - Ron Nielson - 3 min**

The board reviewed Secondary Schools sports and activity schedules, including applicable 150-Mile forms. Recommendation to edit the Monticello High School schedule header from Spring to Fall 2022.

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

### **1. Food Service Director Report- Anna Fredericks- 10 min**

Food Service Director Anna Fredericks shared highlights 490,817 meals (2789 per day); reimbursable amounts were at their highest than they have been in the past 8 years. Ms. Fredericks also noted that equipment upgrades are in progress at several schools. Ms. Fredericks noted challenges facing the food service department, most importantly hiring issues and difficulty finding staff. She also noted that the current staff are still adapting to the A/B schedule in secondary schools, which has been challenging. The board commended Ms. Fredericks and thanked her for her work.

### **2. SPED/Assessment Director Report- Paul Murdock- 10 min**

Mr. Murdock expressed his appreciation and love for his job. He stated that this would be his last report outlining Assessment, as it is being handled by a different department in the future. He shared goals, progress towards goals, challenges and celebrations of the department.

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

## 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: None

## H. Citizen Comments

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### 1. Citizens' Comments

Guest Selwyn Whiteskunk from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council commended the board on their adherence and attentiveness to Native American student education and voiced his support of the district in their work. He expressed his appreciation for communication between the district and tribes.

## I. Closed Session *(at Board discretion, Closed Session may be moved)*

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

### 2. Litigation

### 3. Personnel

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

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Deferred for public comment.**

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

Motion by Steve Black, second by Merri Shumway.

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. 2022-23 SJSB Budget Public Hearing 6:15 p.m.**

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**1. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2023 Budget - Ron Nielson & Tyrel Pemberton- 20 min**

**2. Public Budget Hearing / 2022-2023 SJSB Budget- Public Comment**

*No public comment regarding the proposed 2022-2023 budget.*

**3. 2022-2023 Budget - Action Item**

*Motion to adopt the revised Fiscal Year 2022 budget and the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget and to also set the tax rate at the certified rate of .006913 by increasing the capital local levy to .003000 and reducing the board local levy to .000650.*

Motion by Steve Black, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**L. Possible Action Items**

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## **1. OTC and Standing Order Policy 6330**

*Motion to approve Policy 6330, OTC and Standing Order.*

Motion by Steve Black, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **2. Board Member to Attend Pre-Delegate and Delegate Assembly**

*Motion to appoint Merri Shumway to attend the Delegate Assembly.*

Motion by Steve Black, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Nelson Yellowman

## **3. Utah Food Bank MV Land Proposal**

*Motion to defer to next meeting.*

Motion by Steve Black, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **4. Secondary Schools 150 Mile Travel Schedules**

*Motion to approve the Secondary Schools 150 Mile Travel Schedules for the Fall.*

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **5. SJSD Travel Reimbursement Rates**

*Motion to approve the increase in the meal rate, from \$8.00 (breakfast), \$11.00 (lunch), and \$17.00 (dinner) to \$10 (breakfast), \$12.00 (lunch), and \$18.00 (dinner), starting July 1.*

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

## 6. Responsible Use of Technology Agreements

*Motion to accept the Responsible Use of Technology Agreements for Secondary and Elementary Schools.*

Motion by Steve Black, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## 7. Business Administrator's Contract Adjustment

*Motion to adjust the Business Administrator's contract to allow for normal salary step advancement similar to all other admin positions, starting with the 2023 fiscal year.*

Motion by Steve Black, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Nelson Yellowman

## 8. Recommendation to Appoint a Hearing Officer

*Motion to appoint a hearing officer for upcoming hearing.*

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

## M. Information Items

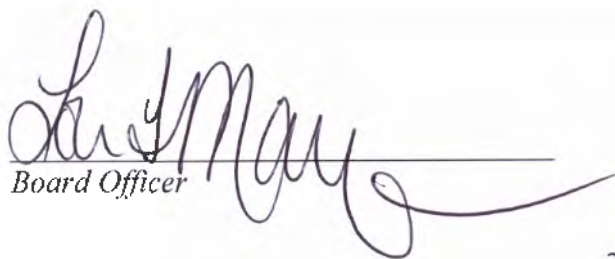
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**1. Next Board Meeting-August 10th, 2022 @DO/Virtual**

**2. August 15th District Wide Staff Day @SJH**

## N. Adjournment

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Board Officer

  
District Administrator