

October 2022 Board Meeting
Meeting Location: District Office & Virtual
Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Members present

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

Others present

Superintendent Ron Nielson, Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton, Human Resources Director Laura Palmer, Julie Holt, Aaron Brewer, Paul Murdock, Jeff Winget, Monique McDermott, KC Olson, Ryan Carlson, Barkley Christensen, Barbara Silversmith, Jesse Grover, Anna Hart

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM

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

1. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Lucille Cody, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. SJ Quest Update

1. Spotlight Report -K-3 Reading Goal Announcement- Ron Nielson- 3 min

Superintendent Nielson shared positive news regarding literacy goals for K-3 Acadience Reading Data. SJSD will not require the system of support from the State for the 2022-23 school year. He commended the staff and support staff for their dedication to meeting this goal.

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. District Leadership Team (DLT) Update on Portrait of a Graduate (POG) Work – Ron Nielson & DLT – 30 min

District Leadership Team shared a group presentation regarding the work they are doing with Portrait of a Graduate. Portrait of a Graduate (POG) work is strongly encouraged by the state

with the goal of producing well-rounded graduates with the community support of stakeholders, and educators. The DLT shared current projects and input into future next steps.

The DLT also shared an updated district mission statement for the board's comment.

2. Native Youth Community Project (NYCP) Grant – Brenda Whitehorse – 10 min

Heritage Language Director Brenda Whitehorse shared objectives, budget information, and goals for the NYCP Grant.

3. LEA Specific Licensees – Laura Palmer – 5 min

Human Resources Director Laura Palmer presented the current roster of LEA specific licenses for board approval and opened the floor for comments or questions from the school board.

4. Utah Food Bank Request for Land Discussion – Ron Nielson – 1 min

Superintendent Nielson shared the proposed Real Estate Purchase & Sale Agreement between the Utah Food Bank and San Juan School District. The board offered comment and requested more opportunity to review the contract. It was discussed that comments and edits be submitted to Tyrel Pemberton for the month and the item be added to the November 2022 Board Meeting.

5. Capital Plan Development -Tyrel Pemberton -10 min

Business Administrator Tyrel Pemberton updated the board on the application process for funds available for HB 475 of \$50 million which is now open, with November 1st deadline for application. At this time, 13 districts have qualified. He also noted that it is the district's intention to apply for three projects: Building a new Blanding Elementary School, building a new Transportation Department, and Renovating the entryways of Monticello High School, ARL Middle School, San Juan High School, and Montezuma Creek Elementary School. Regarding the last of these projects; each of these schools have an entryway that does not direct anyone coming into our schools through the front office. There are safety and efficiency concerns related to this. The district will apply for 2:1 matching grant on each of the above projects.

Superintendent Nielson also noted that the Blanding Elementary project will require architect evaluation and estimate to compare potential remodel or potential rebuild and what the best investment and route would be. The potential cost for the evaluation could be as high as \$70-80,000. He stated that part of the competitive aspect of the HB 475 grant inquires if districts are ready to move forward if awarded. Because the district does not have an evaluation of cost of the Blanding Elementary project, we are not able to add it to the grant request. This concern may be addressed in the Action Items later in the meeting.

6. Spend Plan – Whitehorse High School Football – Ron Nielson – 10 min

Whitehorse High School submitted an amendment to their football spend plan which incorporates possible post-season participation fees. This is a second and final opportunity for public comment and is included as an action item later in the meeting.

7. Whitehorse High School Winter Sports & UHSAA 150 Mile Forms – Ron Nielson – 1 min

Superintendent Nielson presented the proposed WHS Winter Activity Schedule and applicable 150-mile forms as required by UHSAA, for comment from the school board. This is an action item later in the meeting.

8. SJSJ ESSER II and ARP ESSER Care Act Funding Expenditure Overview – Tyrel Pemberton 7 Ron Nielson – 15 min

Superintendent Nielson and Tyrel Pemberton presented an overview of ESSER II and ARP Care Act funding expenditures. A significant portion of the funds were spent on learning loss, mental health services, social work services, educational technology, classroom technology, and the RLA intranet project. He noted that the committee meets every 6 weeks to review the budget and discuss potential future expenditures. Superintendent Nielson noted that in the ESSER II carryover amount or unbudgeted funds available. In working with the budget committee, it is the recommendation from the committee and the Superintendent that the board approve an employee stipend for extra time and effort dedicated to learning loss district wide.

9. Land Trust Training for the SJSJ Board of Education – Julie Holt – 15 min

Assistant Superintendent Julie Holt presented the proposed due date and training required for School Boards for School Land Trust procedures. She shared links for the board members to reference and research on their own time and shared responsibilities of the board and pertinent updates from the State as required.

10. SJSJ October 1 2022 Enrollment Count – Ron Nielson – 3 min

Superintendent Nielson presented the Fall Enrollment Report for 2022 reporting that there are no significant rises or declines in enrollment.

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

1. Blanding Elementary School Report – Monique McDermott – 10 min

Principal Monique McDermott presented the Blanding Elementary School report for 2022. She shared current year goals, challenges, data and celebrations.

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: Jesse Grover**
2. **San Juan Sweet Job Award: Anna Hart**

H. Citizen Comments

1. Citizens' Comments

Comment submitted via email by Waylon Toledo.

Please, SJSD Board of Education, make masks optional at WHS ASAP!

Comment submitted via email by Reid Sifford.

SJSD Board,

My name is Reid Sifford. I am a teacher of the visually impaired for San Juan and Grand County employed through the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind. I come to White Horse High School four times a week for about 2 to 3 hours each day and teach braille to a student there (I've been coming to Montezuma Creek schools every week for the last 8 years). I've talked to Kim Schafer the principal, and she gave me your email to discuss the mask mandate. I am requesting that the school board allow all San Juan schools to lower the mask mandate, and make it one's personal choice in accordance with state and federal law. We are moving into year three of still having to wear masks at WHS, and I don't see an end in the near future. Are we going to have to wear masks for five more years or ten? I think that the mandatory requirement to wear masks does not create safety, but the illusion of safety. I watch every day as the students have to wear their masks in the hall as they line up for lunch, but right as they sit down in the lunchroom they take their masks off for 30 minutes, and are exposed to each other for 30 minutes as they eat and talk. When they leave they put their masks on. It's as if we pretend they didn't just take their masks off for 30 minutes. I think it is ridiculous, and should be seen as such. It is beyond time to return to normalcy even though masks are required by the Navajo Nation. We can follow the state and federal mandate and make it voluntary instead of mandatory. Please help. It is for the benefit of the students and the teachers that the long overdue mandatory requirements be rescinded.

Sincerely,
Reid Sifford TVI
812-480-7452
reids@usdb.org

Comment submitted via email by Izaya Bob.

Please SJSD board of education, make masks optional at WHS ASAP.

Comment submitted via email by Lyrell Primeaux.

Good morning, I am a student here at Whitehorse High School, it has been brought to my attention that masks are becoming a huge part of our lives. From someone who has asthma and finds masks uncomfortable, I think that masks should be optional for those who are vaccinated and show no signs of any sickness symptoms. This idea is generated from me and others who share the same opinion. If you can in any way help me and others who can't speak for themselves, by making masks optional, that would create a stable understanding of masks in our school. I appreciate your time and hope you can take this into consideration.

Kindly,
Lyrell Primeaux

I. Closed Session

- 1. Purchase, exchange or lease of real property**
- 2. Litigation**
- 3. Personnel**

No Closed Session needed at this time.

J. 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. School Land Trust Amendments**
- 11. SJSD Revised School Spend Plans**

12. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. Possible Action Items

1. LEA Specific Licenses

Motion to approve the list of LEA Specific Licenses as presented.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Portrait of a Graduate Next Steps

Motion to have a process to include the School Board involvement relating to the mission statement.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Merri B Shumway, Steve Black, Lucille Cody

Abstain: Nelson Yellowman

Discussion: Board Member Merri Shumway requested the board be involved in the process and be given time to review and work with the District Leadership Team to develop a mission statement with the board members.

Superintendent Nielson recognized the work and effort involved in the lengthy process of drafting the mission statement as presented and noted that adding this step will extend that timeframe; he further noted that the current mission statement is outdated and does not create connection or driving focus or motivation so he feels it does need to be updated.

Board Member Nelson Yellowman commented that he would also like to see the mission statement translated into the Navajo Language.

Merri Shumway suggested that the next steps be to use the proposed mission statement as a starting point and create a separate Board Statement and keep the two statements separate.

Superintendent noted that the proposed changes to the mission statement reflect the current work being done in the schools regarding the Portrait of a Graduate work and is an evolving statement as needed.

3. Utah Food Bank Request

Motion to have the contract to be added to the agenda for November Board Meeting, and to bring suggested changes to the Administration to consider between now and then.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Discussion: Superintendent inquired as to how suggested changes should be handled and expressed concerns about the timeline for the Utah Food Bank funding deadlines. It was clarified that all suggestions can be submitted to Tyrel Pemberton to be considered and are only recommendations, which can be applied at the discretion of Administration.

4. Capital Plan Next Steps

Motion to allow administration to proceed with RFP drafting to begin for Blanding Elementary School regarding possible remodel or rebuild.

Motion by Lucille Cody, second by Merri Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Approval of Land Trust School Deadline Dates

Motion to accept the Land Trust School deadline dates as presented.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. Future ESSER ARP Care Act Fund Expenditures

Motion to accept the future ESSER ARP Care Act Fund Expenditures including stipend for all employees of San Juan School District to be paid in November 2022.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Lucille Cody.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. Whitehorse High School Winter Activity Schedules and 150 Mile Requests

Motion to accept the Whitehorse High School Winter Activity Schedules and 150 Mile Requests as presented.

Motion by Lucille Cody, second by Merri Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

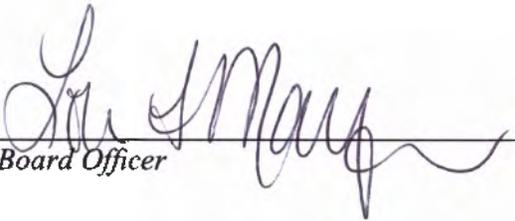
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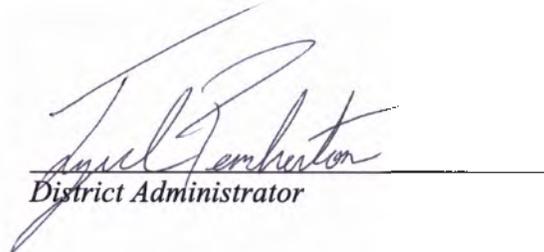
1. Next Board Meeting – District Office & Virtual - November 9, 2022

2. USBA Annual Conference – Little America, SLC – January 5-7, 2023

M. Adjournment

1. Adjournment


Board Officer


District Administrator