

August 16th Board Meeting

Meeting Location: District Office

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Members present

Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

Members not present

Elsie Dee

Meeting called to order at 3:07 PM

A. Approval of Agenda - 3:07 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda.

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

B. Board Work Session

1. Governor's Native American Summit

Superintendent Lyman and Elsie Dee attended the Summit. There was a lot of good food and good information from the discussion and courses. The board discussed the concerns surrounding testing scores, student personal life challenges, and graduation rates within our district and compared statewide. It was also discussed that while the information is helpful, it also is concerning that the information gathered is often done so with little or no input or discussion from the San Juan School District, while we enroll 98% of Native American students.

2. Reports: Status of Bluff Elementary Site Study and Property Lease Renewals with Navajo Nation

Superintendent Lyman referred to a pamphlet for distribution to the parents at Back to School night providing information about the new school and district intentions. The hope is to move forward following community outreach and discussion.

Business Administrator Kyle Hosler shared recommendations from site studies indicating that the surveyors, engineers and our internal building and grounds reports do not recommend utilizing the current site and rebuilding on it. Concerns regarding the citizen's request to consider the current site included issues with parking, bus drop off, and other safety features.

It was emphasized that the public be aware that while the district took into consideration their request to utilize the current property, there needs to be clarification that the new school will not fit in that space as it is designed to be much larger, include a gymnasium, accommodate more students and require more parking or bus loading zones.

Nelson Yellowman requested a schematic of the Bluff School on the new property and the options considered for layout for most culturally sensitive construction. He noted that the furthest we could get from the sensitive sites would be best. All were in agreement.

It was concluded by the Board that it is a good time to begin the RFP process and screening and interview process for architectural firms, with the explicit discussion with firms regarding the archeology concerns.

Superintendent Lyman will be at the Back to School Night on August 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm in Bluff to present the informational pamphlet and open discussion. Board members are welcome to come listen, but the preference is that the citizens hold the floor for comment.

3. Navajo Nation v. San Juan County Voting Rights

No updates on the proceedings. Dr. Wright has been subpoenaed to testify and will be working on that with the attorneys.

4. Regulations for out of State and out of District Student Transfers

Board President Debbie Christiansen expressed that she had spoken with other administrators in other states and expressed concern regarding Impact Aide funding. She also stated that we need to be extra cautious that our funding is not compromised simply because our schools are desirable or they are more conveniently bordered by several states.

Superintendent Lyman commented that while the funding is important, but he is focused on providing the student with an education, first and foremost.

Bill Boyle recommended that the Student Transfer forms be reviewed by district legal counsel.

Kyle Hosler will work with USOE and determine what, if any, types of funding would be received for students who are not residents of Utah.

5. Montezuma Creek Fuel Site Progress

Kyle Hosler presented photographs of the current progress of the fuel tank extractions. He confirmed that the State would be paying or some of the construction expense.

Kyle Hosler also noted that the district will soon be prepared to apply for the land lease for the Montezuma Creek gymnasium construction and land lease agreements. Once submitted, it will take 3-4 months to process. He also asked if Nelson Yellowman and Elsie Dee could work with the Chapters in their area to get resolutions in support of the land and construction application.

C. Board Closed Session – 4:45 p.m.

1. Personnel

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

D. Public Session-Welcome and Recognition of Guests - 6:00 p.m.

1. Citizens' Comments

No citizen's comments at this time.

E. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes

Superintendent Lyman noted that the meeting minutes for July 2016 will be added to the September 2016 meeting for approval.

2. Revenue Reports

3. Expenditure Reports

4. School Expenditure Reports

5. Board Travel Reports

6. Personnel Report(s) and Information

7. Home School Requests

There are 2 homeschool requests submitted for approval.

8. Student Hearings

9. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve all Consent Agenda items, with exceptions and additions as noted.

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

F. Action Items

1. October Meeting Date Change

Motion to change the October Board Meeting date from the 11th to the 18th.

Motion by Merri Shumway, second by Bill Boyle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

2. Navajo Mountain High School Trust Land Plan

Motion to accept the Navajo Mountain High School Trust Land Plan.

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

3. Consider Request for students at Monument Valley High School trip to Washington D.C.

Motion to approve out of state travel for student trip to Washington D.C.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Merri Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

4. Update Policy 1150, Parent Involvement Policy

Policy update also omitted specific program and grant titles from the policy to give the district more flexibility to adjust to needs assessments.

Motion to pass Policy 1150 on a 1st reading.

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Bill Boyle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Merri B Shumway, Bill Boyle

5. Non Resident Student Transfer Procedures

Motion to approve the ratification of the presented procedure, pending legal review and response.

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Merri Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

G. Discussion Items

1. Board Travel Updates and Information

Nelson Yellowman requested to attend the JOM Conference in Albuquerque in September. Kyle Hosler reminded all to make sure they have their NAFIS travel confirmed.

H. Adjournment

1. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Merri Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Debbie Christiansen, Nelson Yellowman, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

Next Board Meeting:

September 13, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Bluff Elementary School

Board Officer

Business Administrator