

## **November 15th Board Meeting**

*Meeting Location: Monument Valley High School*

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

### **Members present**

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

### **Others present**

Superintendent Ed Lyman, Business Administrator Kyle Hosler, Matthew Keyes, Kit Mantz, Board Member Elect Lori Maughan, Eva Workman, Spencer Singer, Christine Fitzgerald, Devon Gosney

**Meeting called to order at 3:22 PM**

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

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### **1. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve the Agenda.*

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Bill Boyle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **B. Board Work Session**

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### **1. Auditor Report**

A summary of the state auditor's report was presented to the board outlining budgetary highlights, contributing factors to tax base and enrollment changes, and an overview of financial statements.

### **2. Capital Projects Update**

See report below.

### **3. Report on Architect Selection**

Kyle Hosler reported that MHTN Architects were selected from the 6 firms who submitted bids for the Montezuma Creek Elementary gymnasium project. An environmental and biological

clearance has been completed on the proposed gymnasium location, the archeological clearance is pending but so far looks promising for progress.

#### **4. Second Reading on Medical Insurance Policy 4162.2**

Second reading approved with minor regarding potential future premium adjustments.

#### **5. SJ Foundation - Facility Use Request**

Superintendent Lyman presented a proposal drafted for San Juan Foundation usage of the Conference Building (Old Seminary Building) for after school programs. Mr. Lyman commented that our technology director did not foresee any issues from a technology standpoint. The board presented questions regarding janitorial, utility and scheduling. The board determined that the District would draft a contract proposal that would better fit the District's needs and address the above issues more clearly.

#### **6. White Mesa Playground Contribution**

Recent elections with the White Mesa Tribe have delayed response regarding potential contribution from the White Mesa Tribe. The request received positive response, but has not been officially addressed. This item is tabled until further follow-up from Tony Done and the White Mesa Tribe.

#### **7. Bluff Property Quit Claim Deed**

Superintendent Lyman shared the legal review of the potential to return the most controversial portion of land to Simpson, too difficult to return that piece of property. It was concluded that this process would create more complication in the future and overall is not a feasible solution to the social issues surrounding the property.

#### **8. Advanced Placement Report**

A report was presented regarding Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered in the District, which currently only involves San Juan High School. Board President Debbie Christiansen requested the report with concerns including best use of instructor time for the return, and the number of students enrolled vs. number of students successfully completing the AP exam.

#### **9. Schedule Board Orientation and Team Building Workshop**

Superintendent Lyman presented a potential agreement with a law firm in Salt Lake City titled Leer & Leer who specialize in School Law. They proposed an orientation and team building workshop for new board members.

Board Vice President Merri Shumway recommended that the board members attend the USBA training session the first week of December, and then coordinate an in-house training prior to the

regularly scheduled Board Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The board agreed this would be a more cost effective route and scheduled the in-house orientation to begin at 1:00 pm December 13, 2016 in Blanding.

## **10. Turnaround Efforts and Dr. Lyman's Recommendations**

Dr. Lyman and several administrators reported "turnaround" progress to the State School Board on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Lyman compiled several recommendations for academic interventions and teacher retention at the southern SJSD schools in accordance with the ESSA plan developed by the Utah State School Board. If current efforts to improve academic performance at low-performing schools do not work, the USSB will explore options such as charter schools, campus restructuring, or leadership changes.

### **C. Closed Session (if needed)**

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#### **1. Personnel**

#### **2. Litigation**

### **D. Department Report - 4:00 p.m.**

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#### **1. Tsepii'nidzisgai Elementary Christine Fitzgerald, 4:00 pm**

Principal Christine Fitzgerald shared current efforts in curriculum, turnaround efforts, and behavioral helps that have been beneficial to the students. She commented overall community support has been good, and that one of the highlights to the current academic and behavior plans includes a cultural aspect, which has potential to be very powerful.

#### **2. Monument Valley High School, Spencer Singer 4:10 pm**

Principal Spencer Singer shared some a summary of behavior programs, and benchmark data at the school. He also commented that the Social Worker support program in school has been a good resource. Vice Principal Devon Gosney shared information regarding the Principal's 225 Club which engages students with positive reinforcement, independent and group rewards and consumable rewards for positive behavior.

### **E. Break - 5:30 p.m.**

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

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## **1. Citizens' Comments**

Student Erwin Cly and former instructor Antoinette Dee commented on the benefits of Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and how it has been beneficial in his High School Career both academically and socially. They spoke in effort to revive the program at Monument Valley High School and/or be allowed to compete.

Darlene Valentine discussed concerns regarding SAGE testing and preparation in schools.

## **G. Consent Agenda**

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- 1. Minutes**
- 2. Revenue Reports**
- 3. Expenditure Reports**
- 4. School Expenditure Reports**
- 5. Board Travel Reports**
- 6. Personnel Report(s) and Information**
- 7. Home School Requests**
- 8. Student Hearings**
- 9. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items**

*Motion to accept Consent Agenda.*

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Bill Boyle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **H. Action Items**

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### **1. Annual Financial Audit Report**

*Action deferred to December 2016 Board Meeting so Board Members can have time to review the report details.*

### **2. Benefits Policy Update--Classified Personnel Insurance (Second Reading)**

*Recommended action to allow greater flexibility in adjusting to the continually changing regulations related to health benefits. Returned for further revision.*

### **3. Internet Policy Revision, 2nd reading**

*This is the second reading for the new internet policy that enhances internet options and clarifies responsibilities for employees currently renting housing from the district.*

*Motion to pass on a 2nd and Final Reading. Policy 5340.*

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **4. Out of State Student Enrollment Request**

*Motion to accept Out of State Enrollment Request, without tuition charged.*

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **5. San Juan Foundation Request for Use of School Facility**

*No action taken.*

### **6. Change January Meeting from the 10th to the 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Motion to move the January 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting to the 17<sup>th</sup> as school starts on the 4<sup>th</sup> and several administrators will be at the State Board meeting in SLC January 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Moving the meeting date will allow more time to properly prepare for the meeting.*

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Nelson Yellowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **7. Architect Selection for Montezuma Creek Gym and Bluff Elementary**

*Accept the recommendation from the architect selection committee to enter negotiation with MHTN as the firm to design and oversee construction of the Montezuma Creek Elementary Gymnasium and the new Bluff Elementary.*

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Bill Boyle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **8. Set a Date and Time for Board Workshop**

**December 13, 2016**

**1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Board Room, District Office**

## **I. Discussion Items**

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### **1. Board Travel Updates & Information**

Board Members were updated on arrangements for upcoming USBA and NIISA Workshops.

### **2. Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

1:00- 3:00 PM, Board Training

3:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting

Board Room, District Office

## **J. Adjournment**

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### **1. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn.*

Motion by Nelson Yellowman, second by Merri Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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*Board Officer*

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*District Administrator*