

# October 18 Board Meeting

*Meeting Location: District Office*

*Tuesday, October 18, 2016*

## **Members present**

Elsie A Dee, Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

## **Members absent**

Nelson Yellowman

## **Others present**

Superintendent Edward Lyman, Business Administrator Kyle Hosler, Kit Mantz, Toy Done, Lynette Johnson, Ron Nielson, Colby Davis, Trevor Olsen, Kim Schaefer, Eva Workman

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

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

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

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

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Elsie A Dee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Elsie A Dee, Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

### B. Board Work Session

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#### **1. Capital Projects**

District Administrator Tony Done approached the board requesting funding for outdoor playground equipment and installation for the White Mesa Preschool, which currently has 9 students. The current building has a fenced area suitable for the equipment, but there is currently nothing in place. The estimated cost would be less than \$20,000.

The board positively responded, but noted that while the proposal is a sound one, it would be wise to explore and secure the legal ramifications of the project. Property liability, insurances, security, repairs, and other details would need to be considered before investing. Further, it may behoove the board to approach the White Mesa community or tribe for possible cost match or investment as it is a lasting improvement within the community.

Board President Debbie Christiansen commented that perhaps an agreement could be reached that as long as SJSJ has a preschool and presence there, we will install and maintain it; but if we the district were to no longer use the site for schools, the tribe could to reimburse or purchase the equipment at current value.

The board recommended that Kyle Hosler and Tony Done explore the possibility of investment from the White Mesa or Towaoc area tribal communities, once that is complete, more specific discussions regarding the project once the possibility was explored. They also recommended that legal review the liability and property issues, to secure necessary coverage and usage applications.

Elsie Dee commented that Montezuma Creek Elementary also asked for new playground equipment, and have even gone as far as fundraising for the expense. Colby Davis replied that he has inspected the equipment at Montezuma Creek Elementary few years ago, at the request of the Principal, and while it is cosmetically worn, it is structurally safe and sound.

It was determined that in the interest of time, the timeframe for the Montezuma Creek Elementary gymnasium project and the Bluff Elementary School project be separated on the capital projects timeline. Originally, the two projects were scheduled in the same timeframe to allow for a contractor to bid on the two simultaneously, and potentially offer a discount for the dual bid. The Bluff project has been delayed due to public concern and consequently could delay the Montezuma project. It was agreed that that separating the two would be most beneficial for timely progress.

Board President Debbie Christiansen proposed to the board the possibility of returning the most controversial portion of the newly acquired Bluff School property via Quit Claim Deed back to the Simpsons. This would return the portion back to private hands and out of the District's ownership. Superintendent Lyman offered to review this possibility to Joan Andrews and the legal team for consideration and report to the board at the next meeting.

## **2. Student Extended Travel Requests**

Several Student Extended Travel requests were presented to the board and Superintendent for approval, all were approved.

## **3. October 1 Enrollment Report and Class Size Reduction Decision at MES**

In previous board meetings, the board discussed concerns about the 4th grade classroom at Monticello Elementary with 34 students being served by one teacher and one instructional aide. The October first enrollment count still had 33 students in that 4th grade class, so Dr. Lyman, Supervisor Ron Nielson, and Principal Holt recommend the class be divided and another teacher hired, provisional on a 2016-17 year only, and renewable only if overall enrollment increases at Monticello Elementary. Dr. Lyman will asked the board to approve a budget amendment in March or April if necessary to cover the added cost of this teacher.

Advertising for 4th grade teacher Monticello has begun and as it is midyear, has proven to be difficult.

#### **4. Medical Insurance Policy Update for Classified Employees--First Reading**

Policy 4162 updates were presented to the board. Updates included fluid verbiage which would allow for annual changes as required by federal, state and insurance mandates.

#### **5. Out-of-State Student Enrollment Procedures Update**

Superintendent Lyman presented revised documents after reviewing them with Joan Andrews. Utah Code 53A-2-205 which permits nonresident students to attend Utah schools was added for reference, as well as some minimal edits to procedure and approval process. It was also clarified that students who apply for Out of State Enrollment would do so provisionally year to year, with the board voting to determine whether to waive or charge tuition, on a case by case basis. A complete list of students and student home addresses was presented to the board for approval in the Action Items portion of the meeting.

#### **6. Review San Juan School District Internet Policy**

Legal consultant Joan Andrews reviewed the district's current internet policy along with Mr. Aaron Brewer, the new technology director. They recommended some updates and changes, mostly in addressing district requirements when facilitating internet into district owned homes via the district server.

#### **7. Native Youth Community Project**

The Native Youth Community Project Grant was presented to the board for approval. Lynette Johnson stated that the interview committee selected Trevor Olsen as project director. The main grant component, totaling nearly \$4 million, will focus on four main areas: 1) Promote culturally appropriate approaches to solving student discipline challenges and to provide opportunities for students and families to engage in ongoing cultural learning through Navajo and Ute Peacemaking services and afterschool activities. Increased cultural training will be provided for educators at target schools. 2) Hire 6 Native Youth Advocates/School Social Workers (NYA's) who will carry a case management load of the most-needy students, offering direct services and support. The NYA's will collaborate weekly with school personnel to staff most at-risk students and will meet monthly with tribal and agency partners to coordinate services. 3) Develop, with partners, a three tiered services model for students, including preventative activities for all students, interventions for students and intensive service component for high risk students and families who need a wrap-around system. Collaborative groups will work to bring clarity to referral services and follow-up. 4) Contract with Dream Navigator to develop a Navajo and a Ute version of a College and Career curriculum.

Board members expressed their enthusiasm and congratulations to Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Olsen and look forward to the grant's potential impact on Native American students.

## **8. Business office plan for redundancy and new position.**

Due to the numerous state and federal grants that require fairly complex record keeping, it has become necessary to add additional staff to the accounting department to meet the needs of the district. Superintendent Lyman and the Business Office recommend opening a position for Assistant Accountant to facilitate this need.

## **C. Closed Session**

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### **1. Personnel**

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

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### **1. Blanding Elementary School Report, Mark Burge**

Principal Mark Burge shared test results comparisons from SAGE over the past three years, as well as increases and decreases in most recent year schools. He pointed out that there was highlights and concerns and there has been some great progress. He shared several strengths the school shown from efforts including: scheduled interventions, PLC's common assessments, teachers and staff are awesome, continuous professional development, and many volunteers. He also shared some of the goals to improve test scores.

## **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**

Lisa Carr and Greg Jackson from San Juan Foundation approached the board to request scheduled use of the "old seminary building." The foundation would like to use the building for Gear - Up grant programs and after school & summer school programs; they would store equipment and schedule broadcasts by utilizing the current UETN network, but run off an alternate bandwidth. Mr. Jackson reassured the group that if allowed to use the building, the foundation's schedule would recognize the district's use as a priority in all scheduling.

Board President Debbie Christiansen recommended that Ms. Carr put together more detailed information for the district technology team regarding the technology requirements, as well as submit a proposed schedule of time needed for broadcasts in the building to the district office administrators to review.

## 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. Secondary Schools Winter Sports Schedules**
- 8. Home School Request**
- 9. Approval of all Consent Agenda Items**

*Motion to approve Consent Agenda.*

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Elsie A Dee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Elsie A Dee, Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

## H. Action Items

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### **1. Utah Consolidated Application Approval - Lynette Johnson**

*Motion to approve Utah Consolidated Application (UCA) 2016-17.*

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Merri B Shumway.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Elsie A Dee, Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

### **2. Native Youth Community Project**

*Motion to approve the Native Youth Community Project.*

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Elsie A Dee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Elsie A Dee, Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

### **3. Capital Project Timeline--Bluff Site Leveling, Montezuma Creek gym, and Approve White Mesa Playground Improvement**

The board determined to begin site leveling at Bluff as previously approved, with \$160,000 set aside. If there are discoveries of significance, work will stop immediately and alternative plans considered.

*This is not a change from the previously voted on Capital Outlay plan, no action needed.*

The board determined to revisit the playground project at White Mesa Preschool, pending assignments from Work Session discussion.

*No action taken.*

The board agreed to begin the process for selecting an architect for the Montezuma Creek gymnasium project; a panel with district administration, board advisement and building and grounds supervisor will conduct and review screening and submit a recommendation to the board at the November Board meeting.

*No voting action necessary.*

### **4. Out-of-State Student Enrollment Approvals and Tuition Waiver**

*Approve Out-of-State Student Enrollments as presented and recommended by campus principals and waive tuition requirement.*

Motion by Bill Boyle, second by Elsie A Dee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Elsie A Dee, Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle

Abstain: Merri B Shumway

### **5. Internet Policy Update--First Reading**

*Approve first reading of internet policy update. Requesting 2nd reading.*

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Bill Boyle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Elsie A Dee, Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

### **6. Health Insurance Policy for Classified Personnel--First Reading**

***Motion to approve on first reading. Requesting 2nd reading.***

Motion by Merri B Shumway, second by Bill Boyle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Elsie A Dee, Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

## **I. Discussion Items**

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

NIISA Conference will be held at Harrah's in Las Vegas on December 5-6, 2016

USBA Conference will be held at Little America, SLC on January 5-7, 2017

NJOMA will be held in Albuquerque, NM on April 26-28, 2017 in Conjunction with Gathering of Nations. Registration will be available as of October 24th, board members were encouraged to make plans soon if they would like to attend.

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

**November 15, 2016**

**3:00 pm**

**Monument Valley High School**

Reporting: Monument Valley High School, Tsebii'nidzizgai Elementary School

## **J. Adjournment**

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### **1. Adjournment**

***Motion to Adjourn.***

Motion by Elsie A Dee, second by Bill Boyle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Elsie A Dee, Debbie Christiansen, Bill Boyle, Merri B Shumway

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*Board Officer*

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*District Administrator*