

Central Consolidated School District #22

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WORK SESSION

Shiprock Board Room, Shiprock, New Mexico

April 14, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

School Board Members

Matthew Tso, President (*arrived 7:40 pm*)
Bernice Benally, Vice-President
Lupita White, Secretary
Hoskie Benally, Jr., Member
Randy Manning, Member

Administrators

Gregg Epperson, Superintendent
Tim Kienitz, Assistant Superintendent
Sharon Jensen, Assistant Superintendent
Byron Manning, Exec. Dir. of Finance
Gary Martinez, Director of Accounting
Olivia Kien, Interim Director of SPED

I. ROUTINE MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Bernice Benally, Board Vice-President.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Donovan Begay, community member shared concerns on employee background checks with CCSD. Mr. Begay also mentioned that a Board member or Superintendent should visit the Navajo Nation Council meeting the following day.

Geri Mike, teacher at Newcomb Elementary School, shared fundraising request for Summer of Innovation trip on May 20, 2011.

III. STUDENT, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

A. Floyd Ashley, Shiprock High School Principal, introduced staff for recognitions. Coach Brady Rivers recognized the SHS Girls Basketball Team. Coach Paniagua recognized and introduced the Boys Cross Country Team. Sponsor Rachel Mercer-Smith introduced students who competed in the New Mexico Destination Imagination State Competition, and SHS Sophomore Raquel Redshirt Science Fair project on "Improving the Heat Capacity of Homemade Solar Ovens". Cecelia Lee introduced Northern Navajo Lynelle Washburn and Miss SHS Indian Merilu Tome. Shiprock High School students performed the Navajo Song and Dance and Pow Wow Dance. SHS ROTC Captain Monica Brown introduced and congratulated the ROTC Cadets for competing at the state and for helping with Governor Martinez program.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Rachel Mercer-Smith, sponsor of Gifted Program Destination Imagination presented a brief report on the unique trip request to Knoxville, TN and Ms. Mercer-Smith introduced students who are involved in the Destination Imagination Team.
- B. Rachel Mercer-Smith also presented the fundraising requests for the Gifted Program Destination Imagination to raise money for their trip to Knoxville, TN.

Pandora Mike spoke on behalf of Dr. Wynora Bekis on the Nizhoni Pageant fundraising approval for business donations.

Caroline Johnhat, Parent Committee President represented the report for Newcomb Elementary School fundraising for a trip to San Diego, CA.

- C. Pandora Mike, Mesa Elementary Principal presented and introduced Leticia Crisp, PE Teacher who presented the report on CATCH Program that provides curricula for nutrition education and physical education for kindergarten through 5th grade as well as a tobacco avoidance curriculum for 5th grade.
- D. The Regular School Board Minutes for March 15, 2011 will be approved at the Regular School Board meeting on April 19, 2011.
- E. Gregg Epperson, Superintendent, recognized members of the Finance Committee that consisted of parents, staff, and community members and also recognized the Cabinet members.. Mr. Epperson discussed comparison of the 2010-11 and 2011-12 budgets with student membership, an increase of 112.25 students from the previous year; general operation fund is funded on "Units" FY2011 had 12,092.439 units the average student generated 1.942 units. FY 2012 has 12,339.525 units and the average student generated 1.947 units, or an increase of 247 units. "Unit Value" funded by the State, the FY 2011 initial Unit Value was \$3,814.04 where FY 2012 initial Unit Value is \$3,585.97, or a decrease of \$228.07 per unit. Decrease is 5.98%, not 1.4%. If unit value had remained constant, the District would have approximately \$2.8 million additional to budget. Funds which make up the "Operational" budget: Fund 11000 General Operational Fund is a combination of State, Federal, and Local funds, Fund 25145 Impact Aid Special Education and Fund 25147 Impact Aid Indian Education. The current year had two additional funds 25250 Stabilization ARRA (Stimulus) and 25255 Education Jobs Bill (Stimulus). These funds no longer exist for next year's budget. Total initial budget from all operational funds, current year FY 2011 \$65,673,335 and next year FY 2012 \$64,612,508. Difference is \$1,060,827 less. Staffing changes in Certified-four additional teaching positions (enrollment growth) and two less nurses (funded in Medicaid). Non-certified-five fewer aide positions (SPED/Kindergarten, 1st grade per student needs) and one less clerical position (elementary transfer to library at beginning of year), Administration-one more principal position (SIG), one less PAC supervisor, and one to two less District administrative positions subject to re-organization outcomes. Net change of about five less positions than previously budgeted.

- F. Byron Manning, Exec. Director of Finance presented the Payment of Bills. Board members discussed charges on credit card purchases.
- G. Byron Manning presented the Budget Adjustments and Increases. Mr. Manning reviewed the budget adjustment listing: IDEA-B Basic Entitlement, IDEA-B Preschool Entitlement, Indian Health Services, Private Direct Grants, Transportation, and Title I-ARRA..
- H. Byron Manning presented the Monthly Fiscal Report, the Board had no questions.
- I. Olivia Kien, Interim Director of Special Education presented the IDEA Part B Application. The following were discussed: salaries, supplies, software, curriculum, IEP support, transportation for Preschool, voluntary coordinated early intervening services, and breakdown on elementary and secondary excess costs. Deadline for submission is April 29, 2011.
- J. Gary Martinez, Director of Accounting, presented the New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority Part-Time Annual Resolution. Bernice Benally requested to identify on the resolution who “we” referring to and allow the IBB to take place.
- K. Rick Edwards, District Quality Coordinator, presented a power point presentation on Educational Plan for Student Success Quality Review. Goals were to identify partners for District Educational Plan for Student Success (EPSS), train EPSS partners, engage EPSS partners and stakeholders, and Alternative Governance Plan (AGP).
- L. Rick Nussbaum, Tech. Support Coordinator, presented Newcomb Network Connectivity. Recommendation for a two year contract with Cellular One with Proposal A – 2Mbps pipe from Shiprock to Newcomb via microwave technology monthly recurring cost and non recurring cost.
- M. Dennis Fieldsted, Director of Construction and Maintenance presented the bid tabulation for Nizhoni Elementary Pre-K Classroom addition. The recommendation awarded to Winters Construction in using their bid funds from PED Grant will cover all cost including architectural fees and contingencies. The firm has completed Pre-K projects for the District previously on time with good quality work. The goal of the project to be completed by Fall 2011.
- N. Dennis Fieldsted presented the Shiprock Schools Renovations Architectural Design with Greer-Stafford.

V. DISCUSSION

- Remove New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority Part-Time Annual Resolution from the Regular School Board Agenda on April 19, 2011.
- Add School Health Advisory Council Committee Member Bernice Benally on the Regular School Board Agenda on April 19, 2011.
- Add fundraising request from Newcomb Elementary School – Summer Enrichment Program – Summer of Innovation 2011, subject to receipt of paperwork.

VI. PLUS / DELTA

Strengths (+):

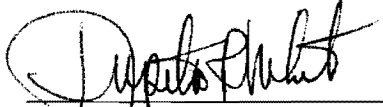
Changes (Δ):

Student attendance at Work Session

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Matthew Tso adjourns the Work Session meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lupita R. White
Board Secretary