



# **Central Consolidated School District #22**

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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**Kirtland Business Office, Kirtland, NM**

**April 19, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.**

### ***MINUTES***

#### **School Board Members**

Matthew Tso, President  
Bernice Benally., Vice-President  
Lupita White, Secretary  
Hoskie Benally, Jr., Member  
Randy Manning, Member

#### **Administrators**

Gregg Epperson, Superintendent  
Tim Kienitz, Asst. Superintendent  
Sharon Jensen, Asst. Superintendent  
Byron Manning, Exec. Dir. of Finance  
Gary Martinez, Director of Accounting

#### **I. ROUTINE MATTERS**

- A. Board Vice-President, Bernice Benally called the meeting to order and verified that a quorum was present through a roll call at 7:02 p.m.
- B. Lupita White led the School Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Randy Manning conducted a prayer.

#### **II. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Irvin Tyler, parent, requesting usage of Natoni Garnanez Gym on Saturday, April 23, 2011 for Country Western Dance to be held.

Joyce Rock, Career Prep High School Principal, shared with the Board a mathematical event that took place on March 14 Pi-Day at Career Prep High School.

#### **III. STUDENT, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

Gary Everett, Kirtland Central High School Principal, recognized and introduced Coach Holman who introduced and provided a recap on the District games with the girl's basketball team and softball team.

Mr. Everett also introduced Rachel Colman, KCHS Teacher, who was recognized for State Teacher of the Year.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Motion by Randy Manning, second by Bernice Benally to approve the Consent agenda excluding Item L – Project Graduation Donations as an added item to Section V – Report and an Action Item. *Motion carried, 5-0.*

**V. REPORTS**

- A. Gary Martinez, Director of Accounting presented a report on the Nizhoni Pre-Classroom Budget Adjustment to remodel two Pre-K classrooms at Nizhoni with Fund 31400 Special Capital Outlay – Construction.
- B. Byron Manning, Executive Director of Finance presented the Project Graduation Donations. The county gives \$1000 to Kirtland Central High School and Shiprock High School. The recommendation was for the District to match the amount provided to each high school prior to last year in order to provide safe activities.
- C. Board Members Report

Bernice Benally attended the following events throughout February, March, and April: Council Delegate meeting, NMSBA Board Institute in Santa Fe, NM; Indian Education Committee meeting; San Juan College Heritage Foundation Association; District Geographic Spelling Bee; Budget Finance Committee meeting; Kirtland Elementary School Field Trip; State Basketball Tournament; Math and Science Day; Micro Management to Micro Leadership in Denver, CO; Testing District wide; Community Relations meeting; Region I Board meeting in Gallup; Governor Susana Martinez Senate Bill signing at the Phil Thomas Performing Arts Center; Chapter meetings; Mesa Elementary Library Dedication; 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA, participated in Google and Intel Visit and Briefing.

Matthew Tso commented on his recent election and that the district information is very informative. Mr. Tso also would like to provide for the needs for the community. Board members participated at the Newcomb Community Relations meeting. Governor Susana Martinez visited Shiprock High School and signed Senate Bill 417 into law. New Mexico Secretary of Education, Hanna Skandera was also in attendance at the Heritage Education Center. Mr. Tso also attended the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA, and participated in workshops.

Randy Manning attended the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Board Conference in San Francisco, CA and participated in various workshops. The topic of discussion was from a bestselling author Daniel Pink and quoted, “Drive and Motivation”. Mr. Manning would like to see more creativity that allows students to help teachers.

Lupita White attended the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA, one of the workshop she enjoyed and participated in was the Arts and Technology Children’s Museum observing how students are creative. Ms. White is also involved with students, parents, and community to encourage them in education; Newcomb High School Technology on April 27; Naschitti community establishing an Education Committee.

Attended a fieldtrip to Santa Fe with Newcomb Middle School students on March 16 to meet the Governor and the students were also recognized by the House of Representatives.

Hoskie Benally, Jr. attended the Board Institute in Santa Fe, participated a workshop on "Stump the Lawyer" asking questions regarding school districts. Employee morale indicates the importance of appreciating employees for the sake of student's education.

D. Superintendent Report

Gregg Epperson reported communication and use of technology integrated with learning activities create healthy learning environments on school campuses which promote students to be in better learning environments. Creating more opportunities for Professional Development on site and exploring possibility of creating a position from Title I funding to coordinate Professional Development. Upcoming calendar dates: Board Community Relations meeting at Kirtland Middle School Cafeteria on May 3; Board Orientation at Shiprock Conference Room on May 20 at 8:30 am; Native Vision Program on June 5-7, Marlana Hammon is coordinating the program and Mr Epperson also recognized the CCSD staff for their support. Shawl Iron-Moccasin, Testing Coordinator was recognized for supervisor of all testing activities for schools and teachers. Update per attorney on status of stipend. Provided update on process at State level and also Attorney General opinion on legal authority for employment hiring practices. Does the Board have authority to follow Navajo Law over State Law? *Matthew Tso commented to stay with that particular issue and Lovejoy represents that area. Bernice Benally disagrees with going along with waiving Indian Preference Law verses State Equal Employer. Hoskie Benally commented on the process for leases to be approved by the Navajo Nation. Mr. Benally requested for Art Melendres to provide consultation at the May Board meeting.* James Preminger, Media Program Specialist was recognized for communication efforts, radio broadcast support, and creating the Superintendent Report on the Website.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Randy Manning, second by Bernice Benally to approve the Nizhoni Pre-K Classroom Budget Adjustment. *Motion carried, 4-0-1.*
- B. Motion by Lupita White, second by Bernice Benally to approve the Board Community Appointments: Audit Committee – Matthew Tso; Finance Committee – Lupita White; 20 Year Goal for Language Revitalization – Bernice Benally; School Health Advisory Council – Bernice Benally. *Motion carried, 5-0.*
- C. Motion by Bernice Benally, second by Randy Manning to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution and Regular School Board / Work Session Meeting Schedule for SY 2011-2012. *Discussion: Schedule conflicts. No Action taken.*

Motion by Lupita White, second by Matthew Tso to amend the Open Meetings Act Resolution and Regular School Board / Work Session Meeting Schedule for SY 2011-2012 with time change from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm. *Discussion: A few Board members suggested to shorten meeting from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Mr. Epperson will develop a*

*draft agenda for the May Work Session with time allocation for a 2 ½ hour block time. Motion carried, 3-2.*

- D. Motion by Bernice Benally, second by Lupita White to approve the Project Graduation Donations. *Motion carried, 5-0*

**VII. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Bernice Benally, second by Lupita White to convene in Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel Matter [Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA 1978] Superintendent Evaluation (Follow-Up). Roll call vote was taken: Randy Manning voted yes; Hoskie Benally, Jr. voted yes; Bernice Benally voted yes; Lupita White voted yes; Matthew Tso voted yes. *Motion carried, 5-0.*

**VIII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Hoskie Benally, Jr., second by Bernice Benally to reconvene in Open Session. Bernice Benally stated that the Board had discussed in the Executive Session only the subject identified in the agenda as the reason for which the meeting was closed: Limited Personnel Matter [Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA 1978] Superintendent Evaluation (Follow-Up). A roll call vote was taken: Randy Manning voted yes; Hoskie Benally, Jr. voted yes; Bernice Benally voted yes; Lupita White voted yes; Matthew Tso voted yes. *Motion carried, 5-0.*

**IX. REQUESTED REPORTS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Concern of high school students who did not pass the NMHSCE and cannot walk with their Graduation Class. Gregg Epperson will work with Tim Kienitz to develop report per request by Board President Matthew Tso.

**X. PLUS / DELTA**

Strengths (+):

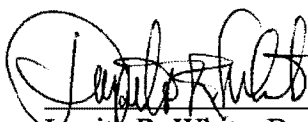
Changes (Δ):

Students and Teacher Recognitions

**XI. ADJOURN**

Motion by Bernice Benally second by Lupita White to adjourn the Regular School Board meeting at 12:10 a.m. *Motion carried, 5-0.*

Respectfully Submitted,



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Lupita R. White, Board Secretary