



CENTRAL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT # 22

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Shiprock Board Room, Shiprock, NM

December 15, 2011 at 6:00 pm

MINUTES

School Board Members

Matthew Tso, President
Hoskie Benally, Jr., Vice-President (*absent*)
Lupita White, Secretary
Dr. Chad Wood, Member
Randy Manning, Member

Administrators

Don Levinski, Interim Superintendent
Abena McNeely, Dir. of Admin. & Student Success
Phil Kasper, Dir. of Human Resources
Edward Marquez, Director of Operations

I. ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Board President, Matthew Tso called the meeting to order and verified that a quorum was present through a roll call at 6:08 p.m.
- B. Randy Manning led the school board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Chad Wood conducted a prayer.

II. REPORTS

- A. Fund Raising Requests
 1. Scotty Story, Newcomb High School Principal and a parent presented the Fund Raising Request for Christmas Eve Dance on December 24, 2011.
 2. Tim Kienitz, Shiprock High School Principal and Rachel Mercer-Smith, teacher presented the Fund Raising Request
 3. Tim Kienitz also presented the Fund Raising request for Spirit Wear Sales and Presales.
- B. Unique Trip Requests
 1. Leah Guillory of KCHS presented the Unique Trip request for United National Indian Tribal Youth.
 2. Rachel Mercer-Smith also presented the Destination Imagination for Global Finals.
 3. This item was combined with Item B2.

- C. Rick Nez presented the IEC Report: Approximately 12 chapters are recognized as IEC and a few representatives from different areas. November 25-27 attended conference in Flagstaff; October 3 IEC meeting; October 16 thru 18 National JOM Conference in Oklahoma, October 22 IEC Orientation; November 3 Brooks/Isham 4th Annual Protection Day; November 19 Work Session to amend the Bylaws; November 28 Navajo Nation JOM Monitor Visit with Howard Benally; no meeting in December due to bad weather.
- D. Rick Nez also presented the Bylaws. Mr. Nez read Article IV Section VI – Determination of Membership. Randy Manning commented there are no changes on Section 6 only Section 1 letter A and C. Mr. Nez responded that Red Valley and Cove, AZ are no longer part of the CCSD and new representative in Kirtland area. Lupita White commented on Section C parent representative, who determines representation for each location for IEC and the location of meeting. Mr. Nez commented it is a Federal Code Law and the Navajo Nation, the Chapter represents representatives with a child who has legal guardianship are selected and meetings will always take place at the Heritage Education Center. Mr. Manning asked if the IEC determines who the representative and if the same for the Chapters, Mr. Nez stated the IEC determines and not the Chapter. Mr. Manning suggested it should be the same law across the board.
- E. Abena McNeely, Director of Administration and Student Success, presented the Board Policy update on I-7450 IKFB Graduation Exercise Participation. Ms. McNeely read recommendations and justification on the policy. Randy Manning asked why limit the local board setting graduation requirements above the state. Matthew Tso asked if there was feedback from students, Ms. McNeely responded no feedback from students. Mr. Levinski mentioned the policy is on the agenda but will be removed off the agenda for more clarification.
- F. Edward Marquez, Director of Operations presented the Lease update. Three of the five leases have been completed. Two remaining leases will be completed by the Department of Justice and the process should be completed by mid January. Mr. Tso asked which leases are completed; Shiprock High School, Newcomb, and Shiprock Administrative Complex are completed per Mr. Marquez. The money to fix the schools is in the Shiprock areas.
- G. Edward Marquez presented the Newcomb Gym update. The estimated completion date by one month extension. Mr. Marquez applauds Jaynes Corporation on the joist issue who came forward with the problem and there will be no additional cost. Mr. Marquez showed an example of the failed truss. The completion date will be April of 2012. The electrical work is as schedule, roof decking should be completed by January, and masonry work interior has not met specification which failed to be installed properly.
- H. Edward Marquez also presented the Ojo Amarillo Air Conditioning Contract. Received four bids and found low bidders, but came in with valid concerns with subcontractor work solution number. Mr. Marquez spoke with the Superintendent and suggested to cancel all bids and start the bidding process over again. An estimated cost to replace the air conditioning at Ojo Amarillo Elementary School will cost \$600,000 and would like to start the project during Spring Break or April 2012.

- I. Nancy Ross asked the Board if they had any questions on Payment of Bills for the month of November. The Board had a few questions on checks for Speech Language Service Provider and Daytime Security Guard at the High Schools.
- J. Nancy Ross also presented the Budget Adjustments and Increases. One budget adjustment for 25225 fund from last year to be closed out by the end of last year, however PED received additional allocation from the Federal and allowed the district to transfer some of the operational expenditures over to the funds, asking the District to complete as a journal entry. Mr. Tso questioned the \$60,000 for Engineering Study of Sewer Improvements. Mr. Marquez explained the transfer and the Sewer improvements.
- K. Nancy Ross reported the end of November Operational. Ms. Ross a consultant to the District did some analysis on the budget, started with E-funds and reviewed. PED has not provided the remaining 5% final allocation or the carryover from last year, until funds are received; the funds are in the deficient. PED would be providing carryover in November and still have not received. A preliminary budget is still in the process to provide general amount in the next thirty days.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Geraldine Mike of Newcomb thanked the strong leadership of Don Levinski and Matthew Tso. Ms. Mike was concerned about the negative articles from the Daily Times and read a commentary letter to the Board and audience.

Rick Nez concerned parent quoted Civil Rights Act and the chapters supporting the resolution opposed the split of CCSD. Mr. Nez also read a famous quote from Martin Luther King.

Marsha Peters informed the Board and Administration, 62% voter's petition in the lower valley area to investigate to create a new district, 96% of registered voters and petition certification from the Kirtland community at the county clerk's office with support of the split of the district.

Lavina Bailey commented that she was raised on the reservation, lived the Navajo life, and taught Navajo students English. Also commented to Mr. Levinski regarding the letter to Secretary Skandera quoted from the newspaper regarding the selection of Superintendent.

IV. AGENDA

- A. Motion by Lupita White, second by Chad Wood to approve the Agenda as Item IV. *Discussion: Randy Manning requested to remove Item E from the Consent Agenda and Item C from the Action Items Agenda. Mr. Manning also commented putting people's name in a request for public information will put the District in liable situation, we can ask for information. Motion carried, 3-1.*

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion by Lupita White, second by Chad Wood to approve the Consent Agenda by modifying the following: Letter E as a separate Action Item and Item F & G requested by the administration to be removed off the agenda. Motion carried, 4-0.
- B. Motion by Lupita White, second by Chad Wood to approve the Minutes for November 15, 2011 Regular School Board. Motion carried, 4-0
- C. Motion by Lupita White, second by Chad Wood to approve Fund Raising Requests 1) Newcomb High School – Senior Class – Christmas Eve Dance – December 24, 2011 2) Shiprock High School – Gifted Education Program – Navajo Taco Sales, Penny Drive, Letter of Solicitation, Bake Sales – January 1, 2012 thru May 31, 2012 3) Shiprock High School – Girls Softball – Spirit Wear Sales – January 10, 2012 thru January 31, 2012. Motion carried, 4-0.
- D. Motion by Lupita White, second by Chad Wood to approve Unique Trip Requests 1) Kirtland Central High School – United National Indian Tribal Youth Executive Committee Retreat – Soboba, California – December 27, 2011 thru December 31, 2011 2) Shiprock High School – Destination Imagination – Global Finals – Knoxville, TN – May 23, 2012 thru May 26, 2012 3) Tse Bit Ai Middle School – Destination Imagination – Global Finals – Knoxville, TN – May 23, 2012 thru May 27, 2012. Motion carried, 4-0.
- E. Motion by Lupita White, second by Chad Wood to approve the Payment of Bills. Motion carried, 4-0.
- F. Motion by Lupita White, second by Chad Wood to approve the Budget Adjustments and Increases. Motion carried, 4-0.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Chad Wood, second by Lupita White to approve President Matthew Tso to send response to Secretary-Designate Hanna Skandera on behalf of the Board addressing her concerns regarding Acting Superintendent Don Levinski. *Discussion: Randy Manning asked who's writing the response. Mr. Tso responded that the attorney and behalf of the Board from the last meeting spoke on the issue. Mr. Manning did not receive the letter and will not vote on a letter that he has not reviewed. Lupita White commented that the Board should have obtained copy of the letter and she did not review the letter as well. Mr. Tso suggested scheduling a Special Meeting to discuss the letter addressed to Secretary Skandera. Mr. Tso also read the letter addressed to Secretary Skandera to the Board. Mr. Manning warned Mr. Tso that personnel information should not be announced at Board meeting. Mr. Tso continues to read the letter addressed to Secretary Skandera. Mr. Tso offered to provide a copy of the letter address to Secretary Skandera to the Board. Mr. Manning commented that he had an extensive conversation about a contract with Mr. Levinski and Mr. Levinski said a verbal agreement is all he needs, Mr. Levinski knew he should have had a contract. Lupita White responded point of order to vote. Motion carried, 1-3.*
- B. No Motion made to authorize President Matthew Tso to file an U.S. Office of Civil Rights complaint against “Children First”, Byron Manning, and Secretary-Designate Hanna Skandera. *No Motion carried.*

- C. No Motion made to Authorize President Matthew Tso to send a public records request to Secretary-Designate Hanna Skandera and Governor Susana Martinez for all the records, meetings, letters, emails, minutes both written and electronic she used to write her letter of concern to Acting Superintendent Don Levinski (In particular any involving Mark Duncan, Jack Fortner, and Bill Flack). *No Motion carried.*
- D. Motion by Chad Wood, second (no motion) to approve IEC Bylaws. *Discussion: Mr. Manning commend the IEC making some changes, would like to see the IEC making the decision to approve the Kirtland/Waterflow representative and develop the community to make that decision, a great step forward. Lupita White commented to amend language with selection be made by community not selecting by IEC. No motion carried.*

VII. REPORTS

A. Board Member Reports

Randy Manning – Concerns on what’s happening in the District, discovered that the audit is late and need explanation, concerned that Don Levinski sign a letter stating that the audit is going to be late and Mr. Manning was not aware of the letter. A lot of information said about Children First, a letter addressed to Skandera complete lie about forming a group and not a founder of Children First. May 18 meeting, two Board members stated the move of the Kirtland Business office for financial reason to save the district money. Request a report on money saved on combining KBO and SAO. Statement made on behalf of the Navajo tribal authority, a lot of issues happening, need to get back to educating kids. Programs have started and still asking for data to show scientifically base and benefits to help to reach our kids educational goals.

Lupita White – attended Parent Advisory Council meeting with training for parents at Newcomb High School, Annual Conference in Albuquerque and received awards for training hours, Naschitti Chapter meeting, and Newcomb Middle School Christmas dinner.

Chad Wood – No report

Matthew Tso – No report

B. Superintendent Report

Don Levinski commented the audit not completed when Gary Martinez left the district, the district did not make the deadline, a letter was sent for an extension. Mr. Levinski apologies for not notifying Board members in regards to the audit deadline. Immersion Program Indian law that we have to offer, looking at other Immersion Programs to offer some alternative and concern what we want out of the program and working on the program.

VIII. REQUESTED REPORTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Preliminary report on Immersion Program
Suggested dates for Board Retreat – January 7 & 29, 2012
Nutrition Report by Brock Smith

IX. PLUS / DELTA

Strengths (+):

Changes (Δ):

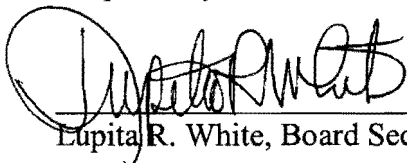
Educational Trip for Students
Thanked School providing KCHS for providing fund
out for Scott Palmer
Audience attendance
Happy Holidays greeting
Navajo Leadership of Chapters
Passing resolution use in a positive way
Feedback from teachers & administrators

Issues to work out
Underline issues to work

X. ADJOURN

Motion by Lupita White second by Chad Wood to adjourn the Regular School Board meeting at 9:09 p.m. *Motion carried, 4-0.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Lupita R. White, Board Secretary