



Central Consolidated School District #22

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WORK SESSION

Shiprock Board Room, Shiprock, New Mexico

March 10, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

School Board Members

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

Administrators

Gregg Epperson, Superintendent
Tim Kienitz, Assistant Superintendent
Sharon Jensen, Assistant Superintendent
Byron Manning, Exec. Dir. of Finance
Herb Frazier, Director of Bilingual
Gary Martinez, Director of Accounting

I. ROUTINE MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Hoskie Benally, Jr., Board Vice-President.

Honorable Judge Stanley King swore in Board members Hoskie Benally, Jr., Lupita White, and Matthew Tso.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Nancy Sheehan, NEA Representative, recognize the new Board members. Ms. Sheehan also requested to include Transportation employees in Collective Bargaining to the present Board that the motion be put the on the March 15, 2011 agenda. *Matthew Tso commented I understand the governor has fired the state labor relations director, what impact will that have with the disagreement with our school district?* Nancy Sheehan responded there is no director; we do not get recognition and no time frame in which she is required to appoint a director. *Matthew Tso also asked what impact does that have upon the school district as well as the workers.* Nancy Sheehan responded the biggest impact would be the morale. We petition for this representation.

Garry Jay, community member and parent of Shiprock High School and Ft. Wingate High School, congratulated the new Board members for taking an oath to make good decisions regarding the children's education and to think and plan according to the Guiding Principles. To think positively and hope we plan very well for our students. Mr. Jay holds his Navajo culture in high esteem by speaking both languages to his children.

Frank Todacheeny presented a brief introduction on his Doctoral study on Navajo Nation in Crisis: Analysis on the Extreme Loss of Navajo Language Use among Youth. Mr. Todacheeny is seeking approval from the Board to continue his study by gaining access to educational data.

Donovan Begay, parent, welcomed the newly School Board members and wished the SHS girls basketball team success on the upcoming state basketball tournament. Mr. Begay also voiced his concern that comments from the audience should be heard by the Board.

III. STUDENT, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

- A. Van Sarna, Kirtland Central High School Assistant Principal recognized and introduced Lisa Lucero and the Professional Business of America students.

Ed Marques, teacher at Tse Bit Ai Middle School and CCEA President, recognized Phyllis Meier, teacher at Kirtland Central High School for Teacher of the Year in the State of New Mexico.

- B. Tim Kienitz, Assistant Superintendent introduced Olivia Kien, Interim Director of Special Education. Ms. Kien gave a brief introduction of herself and qualifications.
- C. Sharon Jensen, Assistant Superintendent recognized Naschitti Elementary School for State Recognition 6th Grade largest gain in Math Scores. The 6th grade students and parents will be traveling to Santa Fe, NM to be recognized.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion by Bernice Benally, second by Randy Manning to approve the Minutes for the February 15, 2010 Regular School Board Meeting. *Motion carried, 3-0-2.*

V. REPORTS

- A. Abena McNeely, Newcomb Elementary School Principal introduced teacher, parents, and students for the Unique Trip Request to San Diego, CA. Randy Manning requested to strike out "Bingo" and "Raffle" on the Fund Raising Request. Gregg Epperson commented on bingo and raffle, which the state consider gambling, need further clarification.
- B. Wynora Bekis, Nizhoni Elementary School Principal, Van Sarna, Kirtland Central High School Assistant Principal, and Lisa Lucero, Sponsor of Business Professionals of America, presented the Conoco Phillips Educational Grant applications.
- C. Dennis Fieldsted, Director of Maintenance and Construction, presented the Facility Master Plan Quarterly Review. The Naschitti Elementary School Reader Board is scheduled to be completed this week. Naschitti Elementary roof repair with funds shared with PSFA 60% and CCSD 40%, repairs were completed as of March 1, 2011, and roof care will maintain the roof for the next five years. Newcomb High School Skyhawk Gym concession and locker room project scheduled to be completed September 2011. The project is behind schedule due to weather and scheduling the drilling contractor which will be completed March 14 thru March 18. Contending with Fire Marshall and Fire Protection Plan due to lack of water and interpretation of fire code. The sub structure for floors will be placed on March 21 and should facilitate gaining some of lost time. Pre-K classrooms and Nizhoni Elementary School funding from PED of \$630,000, the difference between PED funding and low bid to be made up by CCSD. The design is completed by Rodahl and Hummell Architects of Farmington, bids for construction will be April 7, 2011 at 3:00 pm with recommended award to low qualified bidder to the Board on April 14, 2011. Renovation of schools in Shiprock, the proposals will be opened from

Architectural Firms for this project on March 15, 2011 at 10:00 am; recommendations for Architects will be April 14, 2011. A meeting in April with PSCOC to formally move funding from Nataani Nez to other Shiprock schools: Mesa Elementary, Eva B. Stokely Elementary, and Tse Bi Ai Middle School. New Naschitti Elementary School-the district will apply PSFA cycle for design funds and next cycle for construction funds.

- D. Dennis Fieldsted presented the Kirtland Sewer Hook-Up estimated cost of \$1.4 million with Kirtland Elementary school tied in. The depth existing utilities to be removed and replacing some of road CR 6446 and CR6500 to the school, will possibly be more expensive than previously reported. The bus barn and warehouse to Kirtland design will be reviewed for approval on March 15 following approval phase of the project bid for construction. Kirtland schools and administration facilities are serviced by CCSD Waste Water Treatment Plant; this project also will be reviewed at the March 15 meeting. The Right-Of-Way Agreements is needed from two property owners as the new line crosses as it's constructed to the lift station behind the Dollar Store. The engineers are working to procure the consent from the property owners. The goal is to have all three projects ready for bid construction after the final approval. There are concerns on the old Treatment Plant that needs to be hooked up to the Lower Valley System as soon as possible.
- E. Tim Kienitz, Assistant Superintendent, made a power point presentation on the Technology Initiatives update. Reasons for technology integration into education: Student engagement, preparing 21st Century Learners, extended learning opportunities, learning styles, and promoting longer term retention of learning. Policy Amendments: acceptable use policy changed in a Web 2.0 world, protecting children in the 21st Century, no longer includes District owned equipment or network, and benefits based approach.
- F. Tim Kienitz gave a brief report on Supporting Services towards graduation. CCSD Graduation data reports which are prior years based on 40 day count and data are based on a cohort group over a 4 year period. The changing graduation requirements on high school redesign NMHSCE required graduating. Judy McDonald, KCHS Counselor, Tina John and Kristy Shepard, SHS Counselors, and Floyd Ashley, SHS Principal all presented information for parents and students concerning graduation. Mr. Scott Story, Newcomb High School Principal gave a brief update on the School Improvement Grant and technology in the classrooms at Newcomb High School. Mr. Kienitz addressed the policy amendments on Acceptable Use Policy Changed in a Web 2.0 World.
- G. Jeff Hunt, Director of Transportation, presented Highway 64 Improvement planning. Mr. Hunt discussed problem areas on Hwy 491 to Shiprock High School to improve the walkway for students. The district placed a vehicle with lights to get attention to other motorists to be attentive to school zones, approach the NM DOT to place orange barrels; provide flash bulletin boards warning and caution school zone would need approval from the state. The NM DOT will act on school zone sign, pedestrian signs, and monitoring board. Items were requested in December to the state, still have not heard anything back from the State. Two million is available to start safety study from City Market to the Stateline. Request monies from Navajo Nation excise tax for some of the projects, deadline is next week. Also, need letter of support for the projects. The Right-of-Way issues are still a problem with residents living south of the Hwy 491 next to the Giants Gas Station. Mr. Larry Joe will work with the issues. The main concern is the Right-of-Way issue. Mr. Matthew Tso asked how many residents will be impacted on the Right-of-Way; Mr. Hunt answered half a dozen of residents.

- H. Herb Frazier, Director of Bilingual Education, introduced Audrey Nez, IEC President who presented the JOM IEC report and Cultural Events. One vacant position for Naschitti Chapter representative is still needed. Article VII Compensation, section 1 – each IEC member shall received a stipend of \$50.00 for attendance at each regular monthly meeting and mileage reimbursement between their respective chapter and IEC meeting place at the rate approved by the CCSD Board of Education. Only those IEC members who are physically present at the meetings from opening to closing shall be compensated at the approved rate. Compensation for special meetings will comply with 25 C.F.R. 273.17c. The session received a very positive feedback from the participants.
- I. Sharon Jensen, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Grading Practices Review. Tying Professional Development to Results Survey Grading for Learning based primarily on Alan M. Blankstein's book *Failure Is Not an Option*. Find ways to provide grading practices throughout the District. *Matthew Tso asked if there are examples of grading inflation and students who receives straights A's or teachers giving straight A's and does it affect the students GPA.* There certain classes for students who are having difficulty and it will affect the student's GPA..

Report – Section V – Items J, K, L, M, N to be moved to Reports at the Regular School Board meeting March 15, 2011.

VI. DISCUSSION

Add Section V-Reports J thru N to Regular School Board Agenda – March 15, 2011
 Add Frank Todacheeny Doctoral Study to Regular School Board Agenda – March 15, 2011
 Add Proposed Accretion of Additional Employee into the CCEA Association

VII. PLUS / DELTA

Strengths (+):

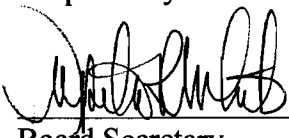
Teacher of the Year – Phyllis Meier
 Conoco Phillips Grants
 Naschitti Elementary State Recognition 6th Grade
 Naschitti Safety Sign
 Technology Update

Changes (Δ):

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Matthew Tso, second by Bernice Benally to adjourn the Work Session meeting at 11:13 p.m.
Motion carried, 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Board Secretary