



# CENTRAL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Central Consolidated School District Board of Education – Open Meetings Act

WHEREAS, the Central Consolidated School District Board of Education met in regular session at Shiprock, New Mexico on June 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. as per law, and;

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to -4) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission or other policy-making body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, and;

WHEREAS, due to ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19 infections nationwide, in New Mexico and particularly in the Four Corners' Region, social distancing orders executed by Governor Michele Lujan Grisham remain in effect. Likewise, social distancing orders implemented by Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer also remain in effect. The orders issued by the Governor of the State of New Mexico, the orders issued by the Navajo Nation, in acknowledgment of the government-to-government relationship with the Navajo Nation, and the guidelines issued by the State Attorney General, modify how the Board's public meetings have been conducted. Given the status of the COVID-19 pandemic, it appears that social distancing precautions may need to remain in place for the foreseeable future and that the Board will need the ability and flexibility to continue implementing Social Distancing practices during its public meetings as it deems necessary, and;

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public, and;

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Central Consolidated School District Board of Education to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Central Consolidated School District Board of Education that:

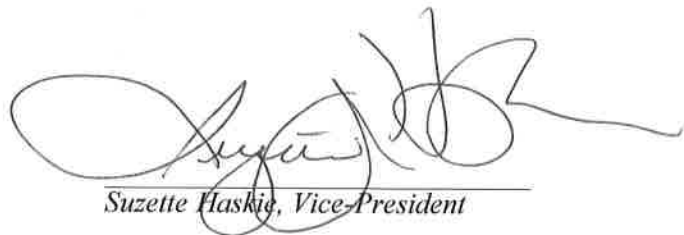
1. Meetings shall be held in the boardroom at 4:30 p.m. or as indicated on the meeting notice, beginning with the regular school board meeting of July 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Work Sessions are held in the District Administration Board Room in Shiprock. Regular Meetings are held either in the Shiprock or Kirtland Board Room, or in Newcomb, Naschitti, or Ojo Amarillo schools as indicated by the Board Schedule.
2. The Board has the ability and flexibility to continue implementing Social Distancing practices consistent with guidelines from the State Attorney General during its public meetings as it deems necessary in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Work Session meetings shall be held each month on the second Thursday or as indicated on the meeting notice. Regular meetings shall be held each month on the third Tuesday or as indicated on the meeting notice. The official agenda will be distributed and posted on the District' webpage at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. No agenda items may be added, or

amended, within 72 hours of the meeting. Notice of Work Session and Regular meetings will be given ten (10) days in advance of the meeting date.

4. Special meetings may be called by the Superintendent, President or a majority of the school board members upon three (3) days' notice; with the official agenda distributed at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
5. Emergency meetings will be called upon only under unforeseen circumstances that demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Central Consolidated School District Board of Education will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meeting may be called by the Superintendent, President or a majority of the school board members upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. Within ten days of taking action on an emergency matter, the public body shall report to the Attorney General's office the action taken and the circumstances creating the emergency.
6. Notice requirements for regular, work session, special meetings, and emergency meetings are met when notice of the date, time, place and general subject matter to be discussed is posted on the district website and sent to a newspaper of general circulation in the District, as well as posting notices in the District Administration Complex in Shiprock. The Public Information Officer and Custodian of Records shall also mail and/or email copies of the written notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meetings.
7. The Central Consolidated School District Board of Education may close a meeting to the public only if the subject matter of discussion or action is exempted from the open meeting requirement under Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act.
  - (a) If any portion of a meeting is closed, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Central Consolidated School District Board of Education taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closure and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated in the motion for closure and the vote on the closure of each individual member shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects specified in the motion may be discussed in a closed meeting, and
  - (b) If the decision to hold a closed meeting is made when the Central Consolidated School District Board of Education is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances and stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed is given to the members and to the general public; and
  - (c) Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(I), any action taken as a result of discussions in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Central Consolidated School District Board of Education in an open public meeting.

Passed by the Central Consolidated School District Board of Education in a vote of 5 to 0 and 0 abstention on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

  
Gary Montoya, President

  
Suzette Flaskie, Vice-President

  
Christina J. Aspaas, Secretary