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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 4:30 P.M.  
SHIPROCK BOARD ROOM, SHIPROCK, NM  
(Tuesday, June 15, 2021)  
MINUTES**

**Members present**

Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Philip Kinlichee  
Sheldon Pickering joined by phone at 4:33 pm, Suzette J Haskie joined by Zoom at 4:53 pm

**Meeting called to order at 4:33 PM**

**1. ROUTINE MATTERS:**

A. Call Meeting to Order and Verify Quorum Present through a Roll Call

B. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Christina J. Aspaas

C. Prayer lead by Philip Kinlichee

D. Agenda Review - Christina J. Aspaas requested to have under Consent Agenda: Item C - SY 21-22 School Year District Calendar

E. Approve Agenda and/or Modifications

Motion to rescind the motion to pull Item C - SY 21-22 School Year District Calendar

Motion by Christina J. Aspaas, second by Philip Kinlichee

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 3-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Philip Kinlichee

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Motion by Philip Kinlichee, second by Christina J Aspaas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 3-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Philip Kinlichee

**2. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

A. Comments

No Comments from the Audience

**3. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

A. Board Member Comments

Christina J. Aspaas commented concerning that the Special meeting is arranged and no assurance that the two board members were called, anyone can interpret that as left out and no transparency, asked about the investigation on the Superintendent and nothing has been said, the audit request not available for review, and things need to get better and the board not in good standing with the community.

**(Sheldon Pickering joined the meeting at 4:43 pm)**

**4. REPORTS:**

A. Budget Adjustment and Journal Entries by Donovan Yazzie

Donovan Yazzie presented the Budget Adjustment and Journal Entries. Christina J. Aspaas asked why the extra Budget Adjustments. Donovan Yazzie explained that the budget adjustments are coming from the fund managers who are responsible for the group of funds. Daniel P. Benavidez stated the BARs are end of the year for adjustments and shows documentation for PED. Ms. Aspaas also asked about the audit last month. Mr. Benavidez commented that an audit will be in July.

**B. Report on Extended Learning Time Program Sheryl McNellis-Martinez**

Jenifer Huffman presented on behalf of Sheryl McNellis-Martinez the report on CCSD Summer 2021 and Extended Learning Time Program. Elementary Schools: 619 students; 113 teachers, Middle Schools: 287 students; 51 teachers, High Schools, and Program being offered. Christina J. Aspaas requesting actual numbers of students attending summer/ELTP. Philip Kinlichee requested to visit school sites with Jenifer Huffman.

**C. Report on Transportation Bus Stops by Cindy Theodore**

Cindy Theodore presented and explained the bus stops in Lower and Upper Fruitland area.

**D. Report on Athletic Sports with Masks by Mark Archuleta**

Mark Archuleta commented according to NMAA guidelines, all athletics wear mask and this is also coming from the governor. Received an email from Sally Marquez of NMAA requesting more information to share with the governor, less than 12 days of sports to lift the order of masks. Daniel P. Benavidez commented a discussion among the Superintendents regarding masks, interested of removing the masks for the rest of the school year. The following sports are still in session: 3A State Track on Saturday, 4A State Track next Saturday, and baseball and softball may not make it to state.

**E. Report on current status of Open Meetings restrictions Due to Covid and Revision of Open Meetings Act Resolution by Germaine Chappelle**

Germaine Chappelle presented the Open Meetings Resolution along with the Open Government Division Advisory During COVID-19 State of Public Health Emergency, Public Health Order Navajo Department of Health Navajo Office of Environmental Health & Protection Program, and the redline of the OMA revision.

**F. Report on Tax Certificates for San Juan 1 Solar Project by Germaine Chappelle**

Germaine Chappelle and Doug Echols presented the San Juan County, NM Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds and Photosol Project Financial Information.

Christina J. Aspaas would like more information on NTU entity. Germaine Chappelle commented that NTU is designated as a public tribal land grant university.

**5. REVIEW CONSENT ITEMS (SEE BELOW) AND ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL:**

**A. Possible Item Removed from Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the SY 21-22 District Calendar

Discussion: Suzette Haskie asked the 4-day in terms of students and concern with pick-up time at bus stop for students. Daniel P. Benavidez explained the proposed times for 7 instructional hours per day, plus 30 minutes lunch, and passing time/recess, which can not be counted in instructional time. Christina J. Aspaas commented on early pick-up time at 6:30 am for students and Ms. Aspaas vote against the calendar. Philip Kinlichee commented on transportation bus stops on further distance to the state line. Sheldon Pickering suggested having a Special School Board meeting to give time and investigate, and schedule a date and time.

Motion by Christina J Aspaas, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed, 2-3

Yes: Gary J Montoya, Philip Kinlichee

No: Christina J Aspaas, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Philip Kinlichee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**B. Approve Minutes for May 18, 2021 Regular School Board and June 10, 2021 Work Session**

Resolution: Motion to approve the Minutes

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Philip Kinlichee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**C. RFP Evaluation Results and Recommendation: RFP 2021-Maint-101 Pest Control and RFP 2021-Maint-201 Fire Extinguisher**

Resolution: Motion to approve the RFP Evaluation Results and Recommendation: RFP 2021-Maint-101 Pest Control and RFP 2021-Maint-201 Fire Extinguisher

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Philip Kinlichee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**D. End of Year Transfers**

Resolution: Motion to approve the End of Year Transfers

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Philip Kinlichee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee



**E. Procurement Over \$60,000**

Resolution: Motion to approve the Procurement Over \$60,000

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Philip Kinlichee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**F. Budget Adjustments and Journal Entries:** 1) 11000 Operational - 0123-M; 2) 11000 Operational - 0124-M; 3) 12000 Teacherage - 0145-M; 4) 13000 Pupil Transportation - 0146-M; 5) 22000 Athletics - 0144-M; 6) 23000 Non-Instructional Support - 0143-M; 7) 24101 Title I-ESEA - 0148-M; 8) 24101 Title I-ESEA - 0149-M; 9) 24106 Entitlement IDEA-B - 0150-M; 10) 24106 Entitlement IDEA-B - 0151-M; 11) 24109 Preschool IDEA-B - 0152-M; 12) 24109 Preschool IDEA-B - 0153-M; 13) 24119 21st Century Community Learning Centers 2008-2014 - 0139-T; 14) 24119 21st Century Community Learning Centers 2008-2014 - 0154-M; 15) 24119 21st Century Community Learning Centers 2008-2014 - 0155-M; 16) 24153 English Language Acquisition - 0157-M; 17) 24154 Teacher Principal Training and Recruiting - 0142-M; 18) 24174 Carl D Perkins Secondary-Current - 0136-M; 19) 24189 Student Supp Academic Achievement Title IV - 0122-D; 20) 24189 Student Supp Academic Achievement Title IV - 0137-M; 21) 24301 CARES Act - 0125-T; 22) 24301 CARES Act - 0138-M; 23) 24301 CARES Act - 0140-M; 24) 25131 Johnson O'Malley - 0159-M; 25) 25131 Johnson O'Malley - 0160-M; 26) 25131 Johnson O'Malley - 0161-M; 27) 25145 Impact Aid Special Education - 0069-M; 28) 25145 Impact Aid Special Education - 0132-M; 29) 25147 Impact Aid Indian Education - 0133-M; 30) 25147 Impact Aid Indian Education - 0134-M; 31) 25147 Impact Aid Indian Education - 0135-M; 32) 25184 Indian Ed Formula Grant - 0162-M; 33) 25184 Indian Ed Formula Grant - 0163-M; 34) 25201 Navajo Nations - 0164-M; 35) 25201 Navajo Nations - 0165-M; 36) 26157 Indian Health Services USPHS - 0166-M; 37) 26157 Indian Health Services USPHS - 0167-M; 38) 27149 PreK Initiative - 0168-M; 39) 27149 PreK Initiative - 0169-M; 40) 27502 Career Technical Education Program Pilot - 0141-M; 41) 28190 GRADS-Instruction - 0170-M; 42) 28201 CYFD-Child and Adult Care Food Program - 0147-M; 43) 37100 Capital Improvements SB-9 - 0129-M; 44) 31701 Capital Improvements SB-9 Local - 0130-M; 45) 31701 Capital Improvements SB-9 Local - 0131-T; 46) 41000 Debt Services - 0126-I; 47) 41000 Debt Services - 0127-T

Resolution: Motion to approve the Budget Adjustments and Journal Entries

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Philip Kinlichee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**G. Open Meetings Act Resolution and Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting Schedule for SY 21-22**

Resolution: Motion to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution and Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting Schedule for SY 21-22

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Philip Kinlichee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**H. Approval to Board President to Execute Tax Certificates for San Juan Solar 1 Project**

Resolution: Motion to approve the Execute Tax Certificates for San Juan Solar 1 Project

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Philip Kinlichee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**7. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**A. Convene in Executive Session:** Discussion of Threatened and/or Pending Litigation concerning Replacement Power Projects and PRC Matters, as permitted under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act, and Discussion of Limited Personnel Matters regarding Superintendent, as permitted under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion to Convene in Executive Session at 7:22 pm

Motion by Suzette J Haskie, second by Sheldon Pickering.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**B. Reconvene in Open Session** stated that the Board has discussed in the executive session only the subject identified in the agenda as the reason for which the meeting was closed: Discussion of Threatened and/or Pending Litigation concerning Replacement Power Projects and PRC Matters, as permitted under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act, and Discussion of Limited Personnel Matters regarding Superintendent, as permitted under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion to Reconvene in Open Session at 8:42 pm

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**C. Possible Action Item on Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

Motion to allow General Counsel to intervene on behalf of CCSD regarding the placement of Power Projects and PRC matter.

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Christina J Aspaas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

**8. BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

A. Board Member Report

Suzette Haskie - no report

Christina J. Aspaas - no report

Sheldon Pickering - BWTC program and facility concern on career path. Four Corners Economic Development consider discussion at the Work Session meeting next month.

Philip Kinlichee - no report

Gary Montoya - no report

B. Superintendent Report

Daniel P. Benavidez - thanked his parents for watching the Regular School Board meeting live stream. Selected by PED to have a Pilot Program with Solar Generators, receiving 10 generators for remote areas for Naschitti and Newcomb; thanked Roberto Taboada for all he has done for the district and wish him luck at Farmington.

**9. REQUESTED ACTION ITEMS AND/OR REPORTS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

A. Possible Items for Next Meeting

Daniel P. Benavidez addressed the Board that the SY 21-22 Calendar was not approved, the Special School Board meeting scheduled for Thursday has to be canceled, and ask for extension to PED to submit the budget. To address Secretary Aspaas assurances, the Superintendent has to sign off, PED will not allow CCSD to submit a budget that not in compliance.

- Assurances on the Finance within the District and still would like an audit
- 21st Century Grant and funding utilized by the District
- Bond Wilson Technical Center program on career path
- Human Resources Report update - turnover numbers on non-renewal, terminations, substitutes, highly qualified teachers
- Sheldon Pickering requested to discuss further on the calendar and expedite the process. Christina J. Aspaas and Gary J. Montoya commented no and already acted on the discussion.
- Board of Education Self Evaluation to include the staff and community as a whole

**10. PLUS/DELTA:**

A. Plus and Delta from Board Members

Plus:

Information shared was needed and necessary

Shared in Executive Session

Respectful meeting and clarity of information

Move forward achieve of work

Delta:

Concerns on timelines

Perception on odds with each other and will support Mr. Benavidez if it's done right, the calendar is going to cause more work, and Ms. Aspaas voting for her constituents.

More informed on issues at hand

Not able to decide on the calendar

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

A. Adjourn Regular School Board Meeting

Motion to Adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 9:09 pm

Motion by Philip Kinlichee, second by Sheldon Pickering.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie, Philip Kinlichee

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christina J. Aspaas, School Board Secretary