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*Board Vice President*  
CHRISTINA J. ASPAAS  
*Board Secretary*  
CHARLIE T. JONES, JR.  
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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 4:30 P.M.  
SHIPROCK BOARD ROOM, SHIPROCK, NM  
(Tuesday, January 19, 2021)  
MINUTES**

**Members present**

Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie  
Charlie T. Jones, Jr. joined by phone at 5:10 pm, Christina J. Aspaas joined by phone at 5:01 pm

**Meeting called to order at 4:55 PM**

**1. ROUTINE MATTERS:**

- A. Call Meeting to Order and Verify Quorum Present through a Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Sheldon Pickering
- C. Prayer lead by Suzette Haskie
- D. Agenda Review - no revisions
- E. Approve Agenda and/or Modifications  
Motion to Approve the Agenda  
Motion by Suzette J Haskie, second by Sheldon Pickering.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 3-0  
Yes: Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

**2. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- A. Comments - no comments from the audience

**(Christina J. Aspaas joined the meeting at 5:01 pm)**

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

- A. Board Member Comments  
Sheldon Pickering thanked Gary Montoya, Christina J. Aspaas, Suzette Haskie, and Germaine Chappelle for working hard for our students and funds we deserve. Also, thanked Christina J. Aspaas for speaking up for our students at the National Conferences. Christina J. Aspaas commented on Impact Aid and thanked everyone involved.

**4. REPORTS:**

- A. Procurement Over \$60,000  
Kyle Archibeque, former Finance Director presented the Procurement Over \$60,000  
**(Charlie T. Jones, Jr. joined the meeting at 5:10 pm)**

- B. Budget Adjustments and Journal Entries: 1) 24154 Teacher Principal Training & Recruiting - 0052-Decrease; 2) 24154 Teacher Principal Training & Recruiting - 0053-Increase; 3) 24306 CARES GEER-Hepa Filters - 0048-Initial Budget; 4) 25201 Navajo Nations - 0050-Increase; 5) 27149 PreK Initiative - 0047-Decrease  
Kyle Archibeque also presented the Budget Adjustment and Journal Entries. Fund 24154 Teacher Principal Training decrease to the District and increase to Dream Dine Charter School showing the flow through of the money; Fund 25201 Navajo Nations increase; Fund 27149 PreK Initiative from the state with a decrease on transportation decision from the Legislative from last year, may get back this year from the Legislation; 24306 CARES GEER-Hepa Filters specific funding in amount of \$18,606 for purchase of in room HEPA air purification units for CCSD and Dream Dine.  
Christina J. Aspaas and Charlie T. Jones, Jr. asked about Dream Dine Charter School and their finances with their charter school. Mr. Benavidez is in contact with Pandora Watchman, Administrator of Dream Dine Charter School, the charter school is complying with district and PED. Dream Dine Charter School is fully remote. Ms. Watchman is participating with the Principal's meeting. Kyle Archibeque commented the audit has not fully publicized by the state auditor and Dream Dine Charter School audit was better than the previous years.

C. Effects of COVID on Graduation and Potential District Responsive Solutions

Christina J. Aspaas commented on guidelines for this year graduates and what they are striving for and testing.

Daniel P. Benavidez commented that PED is supposed to send out their guidance and tool kits for preparation on bringing secondary students back for hybrid. Mr. Benavidez also asked the board on adopting the Alternative Demonstrations of Competency (ADC) and also suggested adding for approval at the next board meeting.

D. Second Reading of Amended Public Comment, Concern and Complaint and Potential Board Action

**(Recess from 5:42 pm to 5:49 pm)**

**(Sheldon Pickering lost signal during the report)**

Germaine Chappelle presented the policy for B-2150 with the changes of removing language of defamation and public comments for 2 minutes with additional of introduction. Also include the summary of expected behavior and if you fail to comply with expected behavior, but not limited to Directing your comments to the Board of Education; Addressing the board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the board president or presiding officer; Identifying oneself and speak within the allotted time available for each individual speaker; Conducting oneself responsibly, civilly, courteously and with due respect; Recognizing that the Board encourages you to speak about topics of concern, not personnel believed to be responsible. The board president or presiding officer shall be authorized to interrupt you to remind you of proper decorum requirements; Dismiss you before your time has concluded; Request you leave the meeting; Recess or adjourn the meeting as a result of your conduct; Prohibit you from attending future meetings.

**(Sheldon Pickering joined at 6:15 pm)**

Motion to Approve the acceptance of the language of the policy as stated and reviewed.

Motion by Suzette Haskie, second by Charlie T. Jones, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carried, 4-1

Yes: Charlie T. Jones, Jr., Christina J. Aspaas, Gary J. Montoya, Suzette Haskie

No: Sheldon Pickering voted against the motion.

E. Report on Development of Superintendent Evaluation Process

Germaine Chappelle presented the first reading of the Board of Education Evaluation of Superintendent.

Christina J. Aspaas preferred the second form with a check list, the form is simple and evaluation acceptable.

Suzette Haskie, Sheldon Pickering, and Charlie T. Jones, Jr. agreed with Christina J. Aspaas

Christina J. Aspaas also stated that the Superintendent Evaluation form is temporary.

F. Update on Impact Aid Litigation

Daniel P. Benavidez commented on notification for winning the appeal on disparity test 2020.

Germaine Chappelle commented the NMPED appeal the upholding of challenge disparity test 2020, the state has withdrawn the appeal and trying for reconsideration from the Impact Aid Office, the state has withdrawn their appeal with prejudice.

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

A. Possible Item Removed from Consent Agenda

Shiprock High School Fundraising for Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Motion to remove the Shiprock High School Fundraising for Scholastic Virtual Book Fair from the Consent Agenda

Motion by Charlie T Jones Jr, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Charlie T Jones Jr, Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve the amended Consent Agenda

Motion by Charlie T Jones Jr, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Charlie T Jones Jr, Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

B. Approve Minutes for December 15, 2020 Regular School Board, January 4, 2021 Special School Board, and January 14, 2021 Work Session

Motion to approve the Minutes

Motion by Charlie T Jones Jr, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Charlie T Jones Jr, Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

C. North American Coal Bisti Fuel Donation of \$5,000 to Bond Wilson Technical Center

Motion to approve the North American Coal Bisti Fuel Donation of \$5,000 to Bond Wilson Technical Center

Motion by Charlie T Jones Jr, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Charlie T Jones Jr, Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

D. Our Youth Our Future Donation of \$1750

Motion to approve Our Youth Our Future Donation of \$1750

Motion by Charlie T Jones Jr, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Charlie T Jones Jr, Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

E. Eva B. Stokely Elementary School Donation of \$1000

Motion to approve Eva B. Stokely Elementary School Donation of \$1000

Motion by Charlie T Jones Jr, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Charlie T Jones Jr, Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

F. Procurement Over \$60,000

Motion to approve the Procurement Over \$60,000

Motion by Charlie T Jones Jr, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Charlie T Jones Jr, Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

G. Budget Adjustments and Journal Entries: 1) 24154 Teacher Principal Training & Recruiting - 0052-Decrease; 2) 24154 Teacher Principal Training & Recruiting - 0053-Increase; 3) 24306 CARES GEER-Hepa Filters - 0048-Initial; 4) 25201 Navajo Nations - 0050-Increase; 5) 27149 PreK Initiative - 0047-Decrease

Motion to approve the Budget Adjustments and Journal Entries

Motion by Charlie T Jones Jr, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Charlie T Jones Jr, Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

## **7. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A. Convene in Executive Session: Discussion of Limited Personnel Matters regarding Threatened and/or Pending Litigation, as permitted under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act; Discussion of Threatened and/or Pending Litigation regarding Impact Aid, as permitted under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act

Motion to Convene in Executive Session at 6:44 pm

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried, 5-0

Yes: Charlie T Jones Jr, Christina J Aspaas, Gary J Montoya, Sheldon Pickering, Suzette J Haskie

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 Limited Personnel Matter regarding Threatened and/or Pending Litigation, as permitted under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act; Threatened and/or Pending Litigation regarding Impact Aid, as permitted under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act

Motion to Reconvene in Open Session at 9:01 pm

Motion by Sheldon Pickering, second by Suzette J Haskie.

Final Resolution: Motion carried, 4-0

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

**Not Present at Vote: Charlie T Jones Jr - excused himself during Executive Session at 8:36 pm**

C. Possible Action Item on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

No action item

## **8. BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

A. Board Member Report

Suzette Haskie - no report

Christina J. Aspaas - no report

Sheldon Pickering - no report

Gary Montoya - no report

B. Superintendent Report

Daniel P. Benavidez - reminded the board of the start of Legislative Session.

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

A. Possible Items for Next Meeting

- Survey on Vaccines for Staff and information results. Mr. Benavidez stated he has registered the district to receive the vaccines.
- Update on prospects for a Financial Director
- Security Update
- Graduation Assessment

## **10. PLUS/DELTA:**

A. Plus and Delta from Board Members

- Productive meeting today and good reports and information
- Thanked the Superintendent and General Counsel for all they do for the district
- Appreciate the honesty and the standing of board members
- Everyone is respectable and going in the right directions
- Appreciate all the staff members for their dedication
- Challenges of the students of being patient with their teachers
- The District is responding well
- People to speak with their minds and opinions

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

A. Adjourn Regular School Board Meeting

Motion to Adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 9:19 pm

Motion by Suzette J Haskie, second by Sheldon Pickering.

Final Resolution: Motion carried, 4-0

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

Not Present at Vote: Charlie T Jones Jr

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christina J. Aspaas for CJA", is written over a horizontal line.

Christina J. Aspaas, School Board Secretary