

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Cloudcroft Municipal Schools District Number 11

September 19th, 2023 6:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerold Green, President- absent
Kody Adams, Vice President
Lance Wright, Secretary
Dan Hughes, Member
Danny Ward, Member

OTHERS MEETING WITH THE BOARD

Tana Daugherty, Superintendent
Robyn Cook, ES/MS Principal
Jocelyne Driscoll-Gillespie, HS Principal
Lisa Royer, Business Manager(AB)
Adrienne West, Charles West,
Susan Maynard, Gail McCoy,
Dan Summers, Jeffery Eigenmann,
Cassandra Saffle, Danica Newton

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Kody Adams called the regular session of the Cloudcroft Board of Education to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Hughes made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ward made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve the minutes from the August 15th, 2023 Regular Board meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the Financial reports as provided. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the Budget Adjustment Request 048-2324-0011 & 048-2324-0022. The motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS

Charles and Adrian West addressed the board regarding possibly updating the districts computer policy to have students use their school email address while communicating with approved colleges, CTE schools and armed forces representatives to help ease communication issues for all students.

Susan Maynard addressed the board to address the agenda item involving House Bill 7 and voice her concerns over the bill. She asked the board that consent forms be sent to all parents/guardians in the district this year regarding this bill.

Gail McCoy addressed the board to go over in more detail the consent form that the previous visitor had mentioned. She explained that this form will help parents be fully informed regarding their child's medical care at school.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Summers and a student from his history class addressed the board to present the Constitution Day Program Showcase. In attendance to the showcase was elementary and middle school students as well as

some community members. The juniors and seniors all participated and had a role to play in the program. They explained the program was a success as all ages got involved and enjoyed the activities. Mr. Summers expressed the hope to keep finding creative and unique ways to celebrate Constitution Day in the future.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. Cook addressed the board regarding the proposal to ban cell phones at Cloudcroft Elementary School. She explained how technology is affecting the students' ability to communicate and how they are learning to rely heavily on using cell-phones to connect with peers instead of face to face interactions. She stated multiple reasons and positive long term effects that this ban has on young children and asked the Board to amend the Elementary Handbook to ban cell-phones at all times. The Board Members expressed their agreement of the need for an amendment like this to ensure that students are given the best learning environment that is free of distractions and the opportunity to learn effective skills they can use in their future.

Ms. Daugherty presented the Policy Advisory No. 233-237 to the Board for a first read. Ms. Daugherty covered items No. 233 and 234 together due to their similarities. No. 233 is Nondiscrimination Related to Reproductive or Gender Affirming Health Care No. 234 is Human Rights Act Protection for Gender or Gender Identity. She explained that both these items are non-discrimination policies and that they could be housed under an already existing policy that provides the same protections in the districts manual of procedures.

No. 235-School Board Elections/Holidays. Ms. Daugherty explained that this law goes into effect July, 1st, 2024 and states that the School Board shall declare that every General Election and Regular Local Election will be a school holiday for students and staff in the district. Ms. Daugherty explained that the calendar committee will work this into the policy for next school year.

No.236- Food Services / Regulation EF-R – Food Services. Ms. Daugherty explained that this has already been implemented for the whole school district due to efforts by Ms. Gray and Ms. Royer.

No. 237 – Open Enrollment. Ms. Daugherty explained that this new bill clarifies provisions for military families to allow a student to enroll and be accepted in a district before they have moved to that area.

Ms. Daugherty introduced Ms. Ross for the next item to address the board regarding Emergency Medication in Schools. This policy covers the ability to store epinephrine and albuterol for emergency use. She explained how through trying to implement this she learned that this needed to be its own policy. She went over in detail what the policy entails and the steps going forward to acquire the licensing to put this policy into action.

The next item was the 2023 Fall Region Meeting and Ms. Daugherty explained the plans for the meeting and asked the board who would be attending.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the Sale of Classroom Furniture to Mayhill Baptist Church. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve Ban of Cell-Phones at Cloudcroft Elementary School. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve donation from Shady Pine Chamber Players to the Music Program in the amount of \$1200.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ward made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve a donation from an Anonymous Donor to the CHS Anatomy/Physiology/Biology Supplies in the amount of \$400.00. The motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Ms. Gillespie and Ms. Cook reported the board the enrollment for May, ES 179 (5PK), MS 121 (2 HS), HS 127 (6 HS) with a total of 427. The principals' reported recent and upcoming events and School Data.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Ms. Wimsatt reported the how Cross Country, Band/Cheer, Football and Volleyball are progressing through their seasons. She reported during the most recent Cross Country Meet 5 middle school students placed in the top 10 and that they have had a very successful season thus far. She explained that band/cheer are doing great and commended the coach and director for the work they put in. She went over football and explained although the team has struggled they are still doing great and enjoying playing. Volleyball Varsity is currently 10-0 and are the Eunice, Hatch and Mountain Top Champions and they will be attending their next Capitan tournament on the 29th. She ended her presentation with expressing how all the middle school players are doing great and excited about moving up.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Daugherty opened with Social Media/Community with Ms. Preslar and what has been happening on social media. Ms. Daugherty went over the events of Maintenance, Transportation, Bus Maintenance Facility, Project Updates and upcoming events. (See handouts)

BOARD MEMBER INPUT

The Board discussed having more options for parking and access at the football field and how its needed. Ms. Daugherty did advise the board that there are monies allocated for that project but we have not received it yet. The Board Members thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business or discussion before the Board, Mr. Hughes made the motion seconded by Mr. Ward to Adjourn the meeting. Mr. Adams adjourned the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST _____ SIGNED _____
Lance Wright, Secretary Gerald Green, President

APPROVED _____
Date