

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Cloudcroft Municipal Schools District Number 11

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS MEETING WITH THE BOARD
Lance Wright, President Dan Hughes, Vice President Jeff Eigenmann, Secretary Danny Ward, Member Cassandra Saffle, Member	Jocelyne Driscoll-Gillespie, Superintendent Cody Skinner, HS Principal Nolene Adams, ES/MS Principal Lisa Royer, Business Manager

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Lance Wright called the regular session of the Cloudcroft Board of Education to order at 6:05 PM.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Ward made the motion, seconded by Ms. Saffle to approve the agenda. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Eigenmann made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the minutes from the July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- A. Mr. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the financial reports as provided. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mr. Eigenmann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the Budget Adjustment Requests 048-2526-0005 through 048-2526-0013. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **VISITORS**

- A. Six visitors in person
- B. One visitor online

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Welcome New Staff Members
  - a) John Sterling – Activity Bus Driver
  - b) Marymar Newell – High School Science Teacher

- c) Amanda Brewer – High School Special Education Teacher
  - d) Serena Myers – Middle School Computer Teacher
  - e) Melissa Najera –ES/MS Custodian
  - f) Shayla Sterbenz – Special Education Educational Assistant
  - g) Laryssa Alvarez – Special Education Educational Assistant
- B. Bond information provided by Carissa Stone and Katherine McKinney via virtual meeting
  - C. National Mascot Invite – Our mascot “Hotshot” will represent Cloudcroft at the Citrus Bowl 12/31/25
  - D. Ms. Shawna Carter presented the Gifted Manual, including SOPs for screening and service delivery

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Ms. Gillespie addressed the Board to present a first read on the following Policy Advisories:
  - a) Policy Advisory 270 regarding AI-generated content and copywrite
  - b) Policy Advisory 271 regarding use of technology resources in instruction
  - c) Policy Advisory 272 regarding use of Artificial Intelligence, Student Use of Artificial Intelligence, and Staff Use of Artificial Intelligence. Ms. Gillespie presented a proposal for future policy, following a comprehensive review of the district’s legal counsel, policy advisory, and current trends. Mr. Eigenmann suggested adding clarifying language.
- B. Ms. Gillespie addressed the Board to present a Policy Advisory Alert regarding a parent’s constitutional right to opt out of curriculum that is contrary to one’s religious beliefs.
- C. Ms. Gillespie addressed the Board to present a final read on the following Policy Revisions:
  - a) G-0761 regarding staff conduct. No questions or discussion.
  - b) B-2150 BEDH regarding public participation at Board meetings. No questions or discussion.
- D. Ms. Gillespie addressed the Board to share the recommendation to dispose of certain items in the band room, per Resolution 2026-01. No questions or discussion.
- E. Ms. Gillespie presented general information on proposing Board Resolutions.
- F. Ms. Gillespie announced that CMS has renewed with Walsh-Gallegos for legal services.

## ACTION ITEMS

- A. Mr. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Saffle, to approve FY 2025 Fixed Assets Report. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mr. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the Gifted Manual. No further questions or discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Ms. Gillespie requests approval of a Resolution to authorize the redemption of the Series 2014 and 2015 bonds. Mr. Eigenmann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ward. No further questions or discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Ms. Gillespie requests approval of the following Policy Advisories:
  - a. G-0761 regarding staff conduct. Mr. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Saffle. No further questions or discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. B-2150 BEDH regarding public participation at Board meetings and other opportunities for input. Ms. Gillespie addressed the Board requesting approval. Ms. Saffle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ward. No further questions or discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Resolution 2026-01 regarding disposal of personal property. Mr. Ward made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eigenmann. No further questions or discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Approval and acceptance of donations
  - a. Mr. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Saffle, to approve a donation from High Altitude for Coaches' Club in the amount of \$750.00. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Mr. Eigenmann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve a donation from Golden Sky Residential Construction for coaches' Club in the amount of \$500.00. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Mr. Eigenmann made a motion, seconded by Ms. Saffle to approve a donation from Protecto RV Storage, LLC for coaches' Club in the amount of \$500.00. The motion passed unanimously.
  - d. Mr. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eigenmann, to approve a donation from Nicole Finch for Hotshot/Mascot Nationals in the amount of \$20.00. The motion passed unanimously.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Principal's Report
  - a. Ms. Adams addressed the Board to present Elementary/Middle School August/September announcements, including enrollment and special education numbers, schoolwide PBIS programming, Amira as the replacement for iStation, zero discipline events so far, and the upcoming PTO fundraiser.
  - b. Mr. Skinner addressed the Board to present High School August/September announcements, including ASVAB testing, Bear Facts night, picture day, Homecoming Week, fire drill, athletics, back to school BBQ, and school counselor updates such as dual credit participation.
- B. Activity Report
  - a. Ms. Watson addressed the Board to share athletics enrollment numbers and schedules, and a coaching vacancy for girls' basketball. Ms. Watson celebrates our students and encourages the community to recognize and advance our students. Thanks to athletics volunteers. Mr. Ward requests help advertising the need for additional "chain gang" volunteers. Discussion of communication apps for sports/activities.
- C. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Ms. Alm shared updates on social media announcements.
  - b. Ms. Gillespie addressed the Board to present district updates. Declarations of intent for two Board members are due by October 26. Upcoming events include Open House with Senator Townsend, Bear Facts night, professional development, next regular Board Meeting 9/16, NMSBA Fall Region VII meeting 10/7/25 in Hondo, (details to follow).
  - c. Ms. Gillespie addressed the Board to present federal updates in public education. Topics include public forums across the state, New Mexico's decision to opt out

of federal voucher programs, anticipated 15% enrollment decline, statewide. IZ funding has been released. AI training is forthcoming for CMS. Non-certified teacher vacancies, and graduation rates are examined across the state. Cloudcroft is ranked #8 in [NM high schools](#).

- d. CMS is currently hiring for the following vacancies: 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, girls varsity basketball coach, two SPED EA positions. Repairs continue around campus. The weight room is nearly complete, leaks and door locks are being addressed, and the HS parking lot and board room are complete.
- e. Ms. Saffle requested additional information regarding the policy change in student Chromebook use. Ms. Adams replied, explaining mitigation efforts to recoup/prevent loss, damage, and inappropriate use.

#### **BOARD MEMBER INPUT**

Mr. Wright shared that Peggy Appleton and her husband of Hobbs, NM, were involved in a fatal accident recently. Recognition was given for the great work of administrative and instructional staff.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business or discussion before the Board, Mr. Hughes made the motion seconded by Ms. Saffle to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wright adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Eigenmann, Secretary

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Wright, President

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Date