

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

January 19, 2016

District Administration Building

6:30 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the District Administration Office was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mark Bahr, President.

**ROLL CALL**

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, absent; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

**PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Steve Sorensen. **(attachments #1 - #5)**

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, absent; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the agenda with no additions, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, absent; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to go into executive session (CRS section 24-6-402 4 Sub 4R) with Mr. Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, seconded Robert Chavez.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, absent; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The Motion passed.

The board met for 10 minutes on topic 1, 50 minutes on topic 2, 5 minutes on topic 3, 5 minutes on topic 4, 5 minutes on topic 5, 5 minutes on topic 6, and 5 minutes on topic 7.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There was no one signed up to address the board of education.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

##### **Achievement Reports and PARCC Scores Presentation: (Attachment #6)**

La Jara Elementary principal, Ricky Salazar, shared a handout with the BOE that addressed LJE test scores. He said that his staff has a plan in place for improvement in testing which includes targeting students that were close to the meet category and will target testing weaknesses for improving student scores. He feels that NWEA is a good indicator of how students are learning and testing. There was a lot of common core in the PARCC test.

Manassa Elementary principal, Denny Fringer, shared a hand out and power point with the board giving them information on ME scores. Manassa elementary is using Alpine to analyze data and he feels this is a good tool. Mr. Fringer said intervention and early remediation with lower learners would help improve scores.

High School principal, Brian Loch used a power point to share PARCC scores with the board. He shared that CMS and CHS are working together so there is good flow from middle school to the high school in the language and math curriculum. PARCC used **meet and exceed** categories to score students. Mr. Loch commended his high school students for outstanding participation in the testing. There will be some new tests for new grade levels this spring.

Mr. Wilson presented a power point for Tyler Huffaker, middle school principal who was gone to a **measures of student learning training**. Centauri Middle School is making great strides with student learning and testing.

**BOCES Report:**

Mark Bahr reported that he will attend the BOCES meeting tomorrow night and report in next month's board meeting.

**NCEA Report:**

Brian Riccatone expressed that there have been great gains in assessment achievement over all. He received G/T funds for a Robotics class to meet the needs of gifted students. He asked the board to carefully consider the decisions they make concerning district health insurance before making a vote next month.

**Administration Report:**

Mr. Curt Wilson has been correlating with AMARESCO concerning the district facility needs assessment and utilities analysis. He has now garnered the information for the analysis, and is still in the process of determining where we can improve on facility assessment/utility bills; a presentation will commence during the February BOE meeting.

The district received \$253,000 from the state and will be getting other monies that Mr. Wilson specified to pay for the BEST security upgrade and other facility needs in the district.

ASU is working with NCSD to make concurrent classes more available to all students economically, and the university will be helping with funding for concurrent student courses by extending grants and seeking additional future funding. Mr. Wilson will be meeting with superintendents and principals throughout the valley to make college level classes more available to all students in the valley by developing a cohesive plan.

Curt will meet with Judge Patti Swift and other valley superintendents tomorrow to come up with a plan to address truancy issues and to create the protocol dictated by law. By law, school policies are lenient and the change will incur utilizing a process that begins with how schools document what each does to eliminate truancy themselves before taking a student to court.

The Colorado Department of Education says students can opt out of mandated assessments in Colorado, which is an issue of concern in data validity. Students need to be held accountable concerning NWEA and other classroom testing in the district, however, and Mr. Wilson has consulted the school attorney concerning holding the district stance that formative assessments as well as classroom assessments are mandatory and part of the district curriculum, and therefore cannot be held to the state opt out protocol.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Facilities Assessment/Utility Bills Analysis**

Curt covered this topic in his administration report and will bring back more information next month concerning the facilities assessment .

### **Defense Personnel**

Dove Creek school district was the first in the state to use staff as conceal carry personnel/security. The board was asked for their input on this issue. The board conversed with Mr. Wilson on his thoughts as to who should carry and how to decide. Mr. Wilson assured those chosen will be very highly trained via the established protocol. The BOE remarked that those carrying concealed weapons realize that they carry a heavy and grave responsibility. Garth Crowther told board members that the training is extensive and they should realize that most school shootings are over in the first 5 minutes of an event, and that law enforcement won't be to the school in that amount of time. He also stated that he trusts the training. The board asked that the entire staff and student body be trained as to how to react to shooter situations, and those with the responsibility have their names/status protected, not to be disclosed to the school or community. The board asked Curt to gather more information on this subject to present to the board next month, specifically insurance and attorney consultation.

### **633 Main**

Mr. Wilson stated that water and electricity have been turned off as the building is no longer in use.

### **Manassa Elementary Turn Around**

Denny Fringer told the board that he has been partnering with the town of Manassa to work on the bus/traffic turn around project at Manassa Elementary. He estimates that it will take around \$500,000.00 to complete the project. All paperwork has been submitted and he is still waiting to hear back before he can contact the state highway department to begin the process.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **NCS D Insurance for 2016-2017**

The board asked Mr. Wilson for his recommendation for the coming month's vote; he stipulated \$915.00 per employee with a use it or lose provision, all towards the health insurance with no other options. The board asked the amount be evaluated on a yearly basis. Curt is to bring a detailed recommendation to the board next month to put on as an action item.

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to table voting on the NCSO Insurance for 2016-2017 until next month, seconded by Chuck Finnegan

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, absent; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.  
The motion passed.

**Beginning Fund Balance Resolution ( Attachment #7)**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the beginning fund balance resolution, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, absent; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.  
The motion passed.

**Approval of the 2015-16 Amended Budget (Attachment #8)**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the 2015-16 amended budget as presented, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, absent; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.  
The motion passed.

**Present and Discus board policies GBGI, GBGG, GBGE, GBEA, GBEC, GBED, GBI, GBJ, GBJA, GC, GBK-R, GBK-E, GCGB, GCFA, GCE/GCF, GCCAE, GCCAD, GDQB, GCCAB for the first reading.**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the policies GBGI, GBGG, GBGE, GBEA, GBEC, GBED, GBI, GBJ, GBJA, GC, GBK-R, GBK-E, GCGB, GCFA, GCE/GCF, GCCAE, GCCAD, GDQB, GCCAB for the first reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, absent; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.  
The motion passed.

**Repeal Policy GDAAR for first reading.**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to repeal policy GDAAR for the first reading, seconded by Robert Chavez.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, absent; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next regular board meeting is February 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.