

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

May 16, 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 6:33 pm by Mark Bahr, President.

ROLL CALL

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; 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 Steve Sorensen to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz. **(Attachments #1 - #3)**

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the agenda with the addition of item (6) Falcon award and the addition of action item (g) staff resignation and action item (h) school district insurance pool, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

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

The motion passed.

FALCON AWARD

The falcon award was presented to Josh Gallegos. Josh on his own time went door to door to raise funds for Adelmo Cordova, a NCSd severe needs student who needs \$15,000 to purchase computerized glasses to be able to see more than 12 inches in front of him. Josh has raised more than \$450 in donations for Adelmo's glasses. This young man looked outside of himself and made great effort to help another. His parents Tim and Kyle Gallegos were also presented falcon awards for doing an amazing job in raising a good young man and for supporting Josh in his efforts.

DR. BEVERLY McCLURE, ASU PRESIDENT, AND MR. CURT CARY

Dr. McClure shared Adams State University's 20/20 plan which is to reach out to the communities of the entire Valley. ASU is working towards academic excellence and student success. They are recruiting and retaining quality teachers in the valley through the Boettcher program. They will also be offering professional development for teachers through the Boettcher program and PEBC. ASU is working on concurrent enrollment programs to fast track high school students into the teaching program as quality teachers in the Valley and in Colorado are needed. ASU has been awarded Pell funding to help high school students pay for concurrent enrollment and to offer classes to students right on their own high school campus. It is their hope that students will be able to graduate from high school as well as receiving a 2 year degree at ASU in the same year. Dr. McClure would like to hear more from the valley schools as to their needs and how ASU can help them. She wants a good partnership with all valley schools.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to go into executive session per CRS 24-6-402-4(f), with Mr. Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The Motion passed.

Topic 1 – 5 minutes

Topic 2 – 17 minutes

Topic 3 – 50 minutes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Achievement Reports: (Attachment #4)

See attached reports from building administrators.

BOCES Report:

Mark Bahr reported that there will be a BOCES meeting tomorrow night May 18th with his report to follow next month.

NCEA Report:

Brian Riccatone asked for clarification on the stipend end date. June 30, 2016 was the end date given to Mr. Riccatone in response, as noted in district communication of the rollover date of our insurance. He asked the board to discuss the long term plan for North Conejos School District, noting that it was on the agenda, and wants to move forward to address district needs.

Administration Report:

Mr. Wilson has been speaking with Cleve Simpson concerning the 3 wells the school district owns. He has invited Mr. Simpson to come address the board next month to give more information on the water situation for the district. We will end up paying for water use in the future and we need to look at how and where we can reduce water consumption, as well as determine the cost of water utilization for future budgeting concerns.

CASB and CASE will be meeting with their attorneys in June to come up with a sample policy on medical marijuana in schools for possible adoption and to provide guidance for the district. There is conflicting law with the state and federal government on this issue currently and no direction is available.

There is a new bill that has passed, concerning school board elections and a requirement to put public candidate information on school district websites. NCSD needs to be aware of this for our next board election and place the appropriate information on the website for public view.

There is much concern and talk in the media, and in the courts currently as a lawsuit is ongoing between eleven states and the federal government, as stemming from President Obama's directive and the threat of cutting federal funding for non-compliance. The directive is to allow transgender students to use restrooms and locker rooms of their choice, meaning that gender of which they identify. We will follow the law and wait for more direction on this issue.

Senate Bill 1672 and 1635 may raise the limit on funding for school improvement and construction projects. This may give BEST more finances to work with in the future. Curt will call Dustin Guerin at CDE to get more information to see what possible amounts are available and if there is a possible amount for NCSD to consider for new construction and/or capital improvement projects.

In terms of state funding, the negative factor held flat with a small per pupil increase for the coming year.

The proposed, mandated Civics test for high school Seniors was defeated.

Curt spoke to the board concerning district retirees and how to appropriately honor them and the need to celebrate our own people publicly: he would like to have a special recognition for NCSD retirees at graduation to publicly acknowledge them and honor their service to the district.

X-Cel Energy will be at Manassa Elementary tomorrow for an electric/energy audit. They will specifically look at the boiler at Manassa Elementary and give recommendations to the district.

Mr. Wilson asked that the June board meeting be moved to June 28th and the board agreed to the board meeting date change.

Curt Wilson stated he would be working to change our copy/lease agreement as the cost is too much for current finances to handle, and we have an overabundance of copiers in the district. He will update the BOE on this matter.

Curt recognized Mr. Fringer and Mr. Salazar for their being nominated Colorado Elementary Principal of the Year and Rookie Principal of the Year, respectfully. They did not win the award, but both did well and we honor their nomination.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

State & School Budget

The funded pupil count for NCSD 16-17 is 1002.8 with the negative factor at \$965,000. There may be \$130,000 more in the budget for next year. NCSD needs to plan and earmark monies for a specific purpose (buses, repairs, staff wages, coaching wages, new high school, etc) as part of our future fiscal planning and capital improvements, as well as support staff financially as much as feasible. It is not known currently when SRS money arrives, or if we will get SRS funds in the future as the law has expired and must be re-written and passed. Therefore, we cannot count on those funds in our budget each year. As it looks currently, next year's budget is skeletal, but we will have a more accurate picture the end of June. Curt asked the board if they would like a work session to discuss the 16-17 budget and the board decided to meet at 5:30pm on June 28th to go over next year's budget, and approve as the deadline is June 30th. The board would also like to tour the buildings in the district to assess district needs with the date of that tour TBA.

School Safety

The School Safety resource center will be visiting on June 25th from 9-12:30 to go over threat assessment with district administration, selected classified and certified staff.

5 and 10 Year Plan

This discussion item was covered in the administration report. The board will meet with Curt and tour the buildings in the district to see what direction to go with the 5 and 10 year plan for the district. Curt will call Dustin Guerin at CDE to get an idea of BEST funding for new schools in the coming year.

Volunteer Sick Days

We have a policy in place, but need to follow it. According to policy, staff may get donated days for a medical or family emergency. We need to be consistent with all staff. Policy GCQ-E concerning teacher transition contract guarantees all retirees all they are entitled to in this policy. Again, we need to be fair and consistent with all employees.

ESSA & School District Accountability

No Child Left Behind is no more. We now have ESSA which is very tightly connected to Title 1 funding. The question is how are we going to assess students and evaluate performance? We are waiting for more information to come on ESSA.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2016-17. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2016-2017 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services. (Attachment #5)

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2016-17. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2016-2017 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

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

16-17 NCS D Coach Approvals (Attachment #6)

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the 16-17 coaches as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

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

(Steve Sorensen had an emergency call and had to leave at 9:15pm)

16-17 NCS D Staff Approvals (Attachment #7)

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the 16-17 NCS D staff as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

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

The motion passed.

Present and Discuss Revision or Adoption of Board Policies ADA, ADE, ADE-E, ADE-R, AE, AE-R, AEA, BC, BC-R, BCA-E-2, BDB, BDF, BDFB, BEC, BEDB, BEDD, BEDF, BG, BID/BIE (Attachment #8)

No vote taken as per policy the first is a presentation and discussion with the following month a first reading and voting and a second reading and voting the following month.

Present and Discussion of Repealing Policies ACA, ACA-E, ACE, AC-E, AE-R-1, AE-R-2, BDD, BF, BGA, BGB, BGF, BGD, BHC, BIBA.

No vote taken as per policy the first is a presentation and discussion with the following month a first reading and voting and a second reading and voting the following month.

Approval of Preliminary 2016-17 Budget

Motion by Joseph Baroz to approve the preliminary 2016-17 budget, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

Resignation of CHS Baseball Coach and Assistant Coaches

Motion by Chuck Finnegan to approve the resignation of CHS baseball coach and assistant baseball coaches as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

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

The motion passed.

Approval of the Colorado Insurance Pool

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the Colorado Insurance Pool information as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegean

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

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board did not go into executive session

Meeting adjourned at 9:25p.m.

The next regular board of Education meeting of the North Conejos School District will be June 28, 2016 at 6:30pm. A work session on the budget will be June 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.