NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 19, 2017
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 6:32 pm by Mark Bahr, President.

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

PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz. **(Attachments #1 - #5)**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

FALCON AWARD
Falcon awards were presented to Patrick Romero, district mechanic, and Mike Creel, district transportation director. Patrick and Mike have been asked to pull a big load this year and have done a very professional job. They take pride in their work and have done a great job.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
There were no citizens signed up to address the board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Achievement Reports: (Attachment #6)
Please see attached principal reports. Each building principal shared with board members how their schools are addressing bullying and how they are educating students on anti-bullying.

Steve Sorensen in at 6:42 p.m.

BOCES Report:
Mark Bahr reported that BOCES will be holding a meeting the 3rd Tuesday in November on school finance and he invited all board members to attend. The audit report and the Clair Davis Act were discussed at the BOCES meeting.

NCEA Report:
Bonnie Keller reported that comments can be made on the CDE website concerning State Standards. She urged staff to use some time during the coming in-service to access the CDE site and comment. She voiced concerns on the coming changes to PERA and asked that we all be more vocal and express our concerns and opinions to our state representatives.

Administration Report:

Mr. Wilson expressed appreciation to administration on their anti-bullying efforts and education in their buildings. He appreciates their addressing the anti-bullying issues with positivity.

October is Principal's month and we appreciate our principals and the work they do.

The canine visits are picking up more and more with visits this year. We need to educate our kids better. Mr. Wilson is very concerned with the drug issues in our district and area.

The board organizational meeting will be held November 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the regular board of education meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

After a conversation with our district attorney, our board open session rules will probably be changing in the future.

Curt gave board members acronyms to all board members via e-mail and asked them to become familiar with them.

NCSD has a water notice penalty due to the custodial transition. We didn't get paperwork turned in in time, but we are okay and will be publically posting that information.

Melissa Caldon and Amber Martinez will be the administrators of the Aims Health Grant. There will be a survey going out to all district families.

There has been a dollar amount attached to SB213 the Clair Davis Act.

Zack Martin will be putting a metal falcon sign on the wrestling room for his Eagle Scout project.

Miller Electric will begin the lighting project at La Jara Elementary this evening and will continue until the project is completed.

CHS Principal Brian Loch gave a brief report on the absences at CHS with the new 4 day week. CHS students and staff are definitely in class more with the 4 day week change and 95% of the students like the 4 day week. All buildings report that absences are down in their buildings as well, which is an improvement from last year.

NCSD has been awarded a $35,000 Daniels Fund grant for our GOCO track facility.

The district accountability committee has been going through the evaluation system.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Request to Reconsider DPF.
We have a very good chance of achieving accredited with distinction as Mr. Wilson has requested the state reconsider our rating due to the number of students that leave our district for the military, mission service, and alternative education. We will see the outcome of the request in the coming months.

GOCO Track
There has not been much change since last month's report to the board. We are still waiting on the ground to thaw in the spring and waiting to see the prices of oil to have a better idea of the cost and starting date for ground breaking.

Manassa Elementary Turn Around
Mr. Fringer is working on round two of the application process. He is working with Kelly Ortiz on the Safe Route to Schools grant paper work. He showed the board a power point on the current plan for student drop off and pick up. He also plans to apply for DOLA funds as well. The grant focuses on protocols and procedures. The deadline to turn in the grant application is November 1st.

Historical District Enrollment Trends
As of today the district has a student enrollment of 1031. We haven't had close to this number since 2010. We have 289 out of district students enrolled this year.

Sociology Class
CHS students enrolled in the Sociology class with Trinidad State were allowed to drop without repercussion. There was some inappropriate content presented in the class and the instructor left her position. Our students are now allowed to move forward.

Public Comment Protocol
Mr. Wilson sent board members the protocol via e-mail and we will follow this protocol from this point forward.

NCSD Master Plan
We need to get a master plan for the district in place for the future. Jim Murray will be coming down to help put this plan in place in exchange for an opportunity to bid when the time arises. The board would like him to come when all new board members are seated and that may be in January.

ACTION ITEMs

Repeal policies EC, ECAC, EEAA, EEAC, EEAC-R, EEAEF-E, GBG, GBGAA for the second reading
A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the repeal of policies EC, ECAC, EEAA, EEAC, EEAC-R, EEAEF-E, GBG, GBGAA for the second reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Go into executive session with Mr. Curt Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues.

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to go into executive session with Mr. Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be November 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Board Organizational meeting November 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Topic 1 – 3 minutes
Topic 2 – 2 minutes
Topic 3 – 5 minutes