NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 20, 2018
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 6:35 pm by Joseph Baroz, President.

ROLL CALL
Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Robert Chavez . **(Attachments #1 - #5)**

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, 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 6a., Anna Fitzer with CDE BEST, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS: ANNA FITZER WITH CDE BEST, SKILLS USA & CMS HISTORY FAIR
Anna Fitzer with CDE BEST explained where the BEST program began and how it works. The CDE BEST board looks at (1) Deficiency (2) Solution and (3) Urgency. She is here to help the district develop a 5-10 year master plan and is available to help with the funding application process. Currently the NCSD BEST match percentage is at 40% and she explained how that percentage is calculated. Anna visited with Mr. Wilson and was taken on a tour of the high school facility. She feels that NCSD should fill out a waiver which could help to decrease the match percentage for the district. She is available to help with the application process.

CHS Skills USA students told board members that they attended the Colorado Construction Career Days and the Fall Leadership in Pueblo. Skills students have been fundraising to help with the cost to attend these meetings as well as their competitions. The Skills class also had Kaylan McKabe come to NCSD and present to all high school students. They also held a skills week to inform CHS students and staff what they do and what Skills USA is all about.

CMS History fair students will present in March instead of tonight's board meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Achievement Reports: (Attachment #6)
Please see attached principal reports.

BOCES Report
Brandon Thomas reported that BOCES wants to increase fees to schools for BOCES operations.

NCEA Report:
No representative was in attendance.

Administration Report:
Mr. Wilson asked board members for permission to pursue a buy in with another solar company after he consults with the district attorney.

We will need to amend the budget in March because we received money for the new health grant.

Colorado Superintendents have come up with a new school funding distribution formula which is more equitable and adequate for school districts in Colorado. He showed board members a power point showing the formula and how it could affect the funding for NCSD.

NCSD food services will be audited on April 1st by CDE. If we stay above 40% there is a good possibility that all students in the district will receive free lunch and breakfast for the next few years. We are currently at 43%.

The calendar committee has been meeting to come up with a calendar for the 18-19 school year. The calendar was presented to the board to view and Mr. Wilson asked for their feedback. The calendar will be presented to the board next month for their approval.

NCSD has been mandated to have locks on all doors that can lock from the inside. A bid was given to NCSD for $24,000 to replace all door locks, however, Mr. Wilson found he can get them on-line and we can install them ourselves for around $13,000.

Mr. Wilson contacted Montezuma-Cortez schools and asked what architect they utilized to build their new school. They will get back to Curt when they get that information.

Mr. Wilson told the board that we have a 90% chance of getting a 50% refund on the boiler that was installed at CHS.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Early Bus

The early bus has been running at La Jara Elementary for quite a while. There are currently around 53 students that ride the bus from the elementary to CMS/CHS after school. LJE has been focusing on academic growth and the students that get on the bus are missing 25-30 minutes of classroom instruction and there is also some noise disruption when students line up to catch the bus. There are some legitimate reasons for students riding the early bus, but there is some abuse of riding the early bus as well. There are many issues and nearly all LJE teachers feel like it affects their classroom teaching.

CDOT/285 NCSD Entrance

CDOT will meet with 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in the near future. CDOT feels like rumble strips and a round-about will help to alleviate the traffic issues at the CMS/CHS high way entrance/exit.

HB 1232

Bus drivers and bus driver recruiting will be difficult in 2020 if HB1232 passes. Drivers will have to take a class and pass the exam with an 80% score and will have to hold a current CDL. The idea is good, but it will make it difficult to fill bus driver positions. We can possibly get a trainer to teach the class for multiple school districts in the valley and save some costs.

New Transportation Items
This was addressed by Mr. Wilson in the HB1232 discussion item.

Discuss Revision/Adoption of Policies GBGE, GBGF, GBGF-R, GCB, GCBA, GCBA-E-1, GCBA-E-2, GCCAA, GCCAA-E, GCG/GCGA, GCID, GCKA, GCKB, GCL, GCM – (Attachment #7)
Update these policies for revision and adoption.

Discuss Repealing Policies GCBA-E-3, GCC, GCC-R, GCC-E, GCCA, GCCAC/GCCBC, GCCBC, GCG[GCE], GCG-R – (Attachment #8)
Policies no longer needed due to update/revision of old policies.

Discuss Revision of Policies EEA,GCE/GCF, GCE/GCF-R, GDA, GDE/GDF, GDE/GDF-R, JFABD-R, JLC, JRA/JRC, JRA/JRC-E-2 Per CASB Recommendation – (Attachment #9)
Revise policies per CASB recommendation.

Discuss Repealing Policies GDAA, GDAA-E-2 per CASB Recommendation – (Attachment #10)

ACTION ITEMS

Adopt Policy JKA-E-2 for the first reading
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to adopt policy JKA-E-2 for the first reading, seconded by Robert Chavez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Revision on Policy DID for the second reading
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the revision on Policy DID for the second reading, seconded by Garth Crowther

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Revise Policies GBEBC, GCBA, GCHA/GCHB and Repeal Policy GCH for the first reading
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the revision of policies GBEBC, GCBA, GCHA/GCHB and Repeal Policy GCH for the first reading, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

March Board Meeting Possible Date Change Due to Spring Break
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to change the March Board Meeting due to Spring Break to March 13, 2013 @ 6:30pm, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, 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 Chuck Finnegan to go into executive session with Mr. Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, seconded by Robert Chavez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Evaluation and Approval/Disapproval of Superintendent Contract
A motion was made by Garth Crowther to evaluate the Superintendent and then the board approved the Superintendent's contract, seconded by Robert Chavez

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Next regular board of education meeting will be March 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Topic 1 – 45 minutes
Topic 2 – 22 minutes
Topic 3 – 7 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.