NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 15, 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 6:30 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 (Attachment #1-5)
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Robert Chavez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, nay; 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 no additions, 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.

FALCON AWARD
CMS Principal, Tyler Huffaker, presented falcon awards to Natalie Taylor, Melissa Howsmon, Tanya Langford, and Leann Huffaker for volunteering their time to help out with CMS testing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
Mike Creel addressed the board concerning not following the recommendation of the CHS and District Administration for coaching contracts and described the process of not approving the administration's recommendation as inconsistency with how a board is to operate, specifically denoting the position of Head Girls Basketball Coach and coach recommendations overall.
Brian Fernelius thanked Skills USA and the CHS Art class for putting up stops in Romeo and discussed their proximity to other locations and the benefit to kids.
Cathy Canty addressed the board concerning a coaching contract, head girls basketball coach, citing the board's duty to follow the board policies on ethics and conflict of interest when voting on said contract.
Dave Forster addressed the board concerning the CHS girls basketball contract, and his wishes to coach the team in the coming year, and offered a historical view of the program for the past 18 years.
Ember Canty and Caroline VanBerkum (CHS Students) spoke to their views on the board's decision to vote 3-3 and thus not approve the recommendation of administration to hire Dave Forster as coach of the girls team for the coming year.
Blake Canty spoke as a parent and representative from the CHSCA (Colorado High School Coach's Association), and cited his disagreement with the decision of the board to not have Dave Forster as girl's coach, and gave his reasons why his own daughter has attended Centauri with respect to the CHS Program.
Sara Miller addressed the board concerning a player and coaches point of view; she cited various examples and reasons why the board extended past their duty as board members and spoke to her disagreement with the boards manner of not accepting administration recommendations.
Cynthia McDaniel addressed her parent point of view on the decision, denoting how all parties should be on the same page with respect to expectations of the program.
Donald Valdez came to listen and learn as a representative of his legislative district and his community, thanked teachers and shared legislative information, recent fiscal outcomes from the legislative session and cited examples of specific school funding approvals from the state of Colorado.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

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

BOCES Report
Brandon Thomas reported that the BOCES meeting will be held tomorrow May 16th and Joseph Baroz will be attending.

NCEA Report:
Bonnie Keller voiced concerns over the PERA bill and expressed that new teachers PERA retirement will be 65 years and that we may need to extend the salary schedule should this happen.

Administration Report:
Mr. Wilson reported that the MOCK training at CHS was very successful and that we must continue to practice and test and learn so we are more prepared should an emergency arise in our district buildings.

Mr. Wilson told the board he will have more accurate numbers next month concerning district savings since going to a 4 day week.

A power point was presented to the board concerning school finance. Individuals can get on the CDE website to see financial information.

A hand out was given to board members on school finance results. It looks like per pupil funding may raise from $7,662 to $8,137, there may be a $150 million buy-down of the budget stabilization factor, $265 million year-over-year increase to K-12 funding, $30 million in one-time funds for rural schools, $10 million in one-time funds to support and implement teacher shortage legislation, $30 million in one-time funds for school safety priorities. School finance reform legislation was also introduced through HB 1232. PERA personal contribution is up, and in the future PERA will be a tougher pull for new employees. HB 1412 creates and funds a grant program with $3 million for districts to implement initiatives geared toward retaining teachers. HB 1332 creates a new grant program in the department of higher education to support collaborative efforts among teacher preparation programs, alternative licensure program, BOCES, and school districts to prepare and successfully place teachers. HB 1095 eases licensure requirements for military spouses. HB 1130 provides the same flexibility that 1095 does for teachers from another state. HB 1089 allocates $600,00 to expand on a pilot basis teacher residency programs.

Mr. Wilson gave board members a handout on expected PERA updates.

Evaluations will be done this week despite a few hiccups.

GOCO Report:
Steve Hersum with Renner Sports went over the process of building the track. The base of the track is very important to the integrity of a good track. The base is different than originally proposed. The track will need resurfacing in 10-12 years and yearly maintenance and keeping the track clean will extend the life of the track. Steve has been working with Melissa Howsmon and Adam Robins and hopes to be here in July to begin the concrete work. There is a 5 year warranty on the base and track. Jesse Shawcroft will be working with Steve to keep within our budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

State School Finance Initiatives
Curt showed the board a power point on state school finance initiatives. Mr. Wilson is very impressed with Initiative 93, Great Schools/Thriving Communities. He feels this is a possible answer to our underfunding of schools. Colorado is lagging in funding education with a 48th ranking. Colorado ranks 2nd in return on educational investment, but we don't invest enough in the gap. Colorado ranks last in the nation in teacher wages. Mr. Wilson will be visiting with Naomi Keys to see where we stand.

State Legislative Wrap-up
Mr. Wilson covered this in his administrative report.

Policy GCAAF - Instructional Staff Sabbaticals
Mr. Wilson asked for board input on this policy. Sabbatical leave wouldn't help the students or staff evaluations. If the board were to keep this policy, Mr. Wilson wouldn't recommend anyone for sabbatical leave.

ACTION ITEMS

Repeal Policies GCOA-R, GCOC, GCOC-R for the second reading (Attachment #7)
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to repeal policies GCOA-R, GCOC, GCOC-R for the second 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.

Revise Policies GCQA-R, GCOE, GCQC/GCQD, GCQE, GCQF and Adopt Policies GCQF-R, GCO-R, GCQC/GCQD-R for the second reading (Attachment #8)
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the revision on policies GCQA-R, GCOE, GCQC/GCQD, GCQE, GCQF and Adopt Policies GCQF-R, GCO-R, GCQC/GCQD-R for the second reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

NCSD 2018-2019 New Staff Approvals (Attachment #9)
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve Kelly Wubben as LJE P.E. teacher, Nikki Pepper as LJE teacher, Elise Lovato as CMS school counselor, Donald Jarvies as ME SPED teacher, Taylor Wilson as CMS SPED teacher, Cheyenne Siemering as CHS English teacher, and Alyssa Miller as CMS 7th Math teacher, 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.
2017-2018 Final Budget Resolution (Attachment #10)
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the resolution for the 2017-2018 final budget, 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.

2018-2019 Proposed Budget (Attachment #11)
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the 2018-2019 proposed budget as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

DPS Architect Proposal (Attachment #12)
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the DPS Architect proposal as presented, 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.

ESSA Supplement, Not Supplant Document (Attachment #13)
A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the ESSA Supplement, Not Supplant Document as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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 Brandon Thomas.

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 June 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Topic 1 – 21 minutes
Topic 2 – 12 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.