NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 19, 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, absent; Garth Crowther, absent; 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 #1-4)
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the agenda with no additions, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

FALCON AWARD
None

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

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 Mary Jane Valdez 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, absent; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Report on Learning Environment
Tyler Huffaker, CMS Principal, reports that he is proud of his students and staff. They work hard for safety at CMS and take safety of all within the building very seriously. Mr. Huffaker uses the discipline matrix with his classroom management policy. CMS students have a great awareness of safety. "We have a great community, but society is changing and the discipline issues involve a small population of repeaters" says Mr. Huffaker. Mr. Huffaker made a number of home visits and that has opened his eyes.

Brian Loch, CHS Principal, says he has good communication with the alternative program in helping students. CHS students make visits to the elementary school and he would like to continue this practice as he has seen good results. CHS did a good job on the recent safety training. CHS had 22 suspensions which is up from last year. The contraband dog did find more hits in the parking lot with cigarettes, drugs, and alcohol. Mr. Loch feels like these items are staying out of the building. CHS had 94.37% attendance this year with 2 truancy proceedings for lack of attendance. Five students withdrew, but didn't enroll very quickly in other schools. The junior SAT scores averaged 1023, which is up 9 points from last year. The sophomore SAT score was 964 which was also up 10 points from the previous year.

Susan Hamilton, NCAP administrator, told board members that she must regularly account to the state for each student. She had 2 drug related situations this year and law enforcement was called. There were a total of 7 suspensions. Mrs. Hamilton would like to have a more intense truancy program and use Andrew Jarvies with the family foundations program. Her concerns are drug use and parent and student incarcerations. She had a job related skills class with Andrew Jarvies and 7 students are

currently employed this summer. NCAP graduation rate has increased over the past 5 years with a 64% graduation rate this year, which is very good for the program.

Ricky Salazar, LJE Principal, said his staff has utilized the training and preparation to serve his students and they are doing a good job. There were 11 suspensions with more threat and violence issues reported. He feels this is due to society and gaming. He meets with students and parents and refers them to the school counselor. Mr. Salazar feels that looking forward to safety training LJE is lacking due to poor cell service and he plans to use more walkie-talkies in each classroom next year. He feels climate and safety is great at LJE and the students are super at reporting safety issues. He also gets help from the La Jara Police Department.

Denny Fringer, ME Principal, reports that he had more suspensions than normal with 8 suspensions. He follows policy, but asks "what are we doing to help these angry kids?" Out of district students are bringing in some real issues. And society is very reflective of the increase in student issues. He can't get parents to attend programs offered to help their children and family. He utilizes Andrew Jarvies with family foundations to help the students and their families. Mr. Fringer thanked the board for supporting administration in protecting students and staff. He plans to clearly communicate the "code of conduct" to students and parents this coming year and wants to focus on communication. He feels that morale is high at Manassa Elementary.

*Robert Chavez in at 7:00 p.m.

Achievement Reports: (Attachment #5)
Please see attached reports.

BOCES Report
Joseph Baroz reported the BOCES meeting consisted of year end reports from each of the schools.

NCEA Report:
Bonnie Keller reported that CDE passed new standards for Science, Social Studies, and Health. She feels the district needs more professional development to address health standards. Project Based discovery to cover the new standards. Initiative 93 needs 900 signatures in our area and we need to support public education.

Administration Report:
Mr. Wilson acknowledges the principals concerns and learning environment. His greatest concern at this time is the drugs in our community. Heroin needles have even been found in the Richfield Canal. He is concerned this may be coming into our schools. School shootings are another concern and he feels that media coverage perpetuates these shootings. We will continue to do table tops and he thanked our district armed personnel . We will continue to build our threat assessment teams.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CASB/Randy Black Board of Education Materials
A handout was given to all board members concerning Board-Superintendent Strengthening which gives the Board and Superintendent tools to help educate and train board members.

2018-2019 Budget Discussion
Mr. Wilson gave board members a handout on Great Schools Thriving Communities. This gives a wealth of information on budgeting.

Discuss Policies JF, JF-E, JFABD, JFABE, JFABE-R, JFBA, JFBA-R, KBA, KBA-E for Revision and Approval (Attachment #6)
Discussed the policies and changes to be made or approved.

GOCO Report
Renner Sports will be here mid-July. Concrete should be poured by August 5th with a 1 month cure time. The track is due to be complete by mid to late September. Conejos County has removed the curb around the football field. The CHS track team did a fundraiser with committee members contacting businesses. After the track is complete we want to have a community track meet event with the community coming out to what the school has and this may also be another fundraiser to help pay for the track.

CDOT Plan for Highway 285 Entrance to CHS/CMS
Mr. Wilson gave board members a copy of the CDOT plan for the entrance to CHS/CMS. CDOT said they will have the changes made this summer before school begins.

ACTION ITEMS

NCSD 2018-2019 New Staff
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the new staff, Brian Garrison, CHS/CMS Band and Candace Shaw, LJE Teacher, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

2018-2019 Budget Resolution
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the 2018-2019 budget resolution as presented, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed.

DPS Architect Contract
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the DPS Architect Contract as presented, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

Repeal Policies GCAAF, ICA-E, IC/ICA-E, IGCF for the first reading (Attachment #7)
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the repeal of policies GCAAF, ICA-E, IC/ICA-E, IGCF for the first reading, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

Next regular board of education meeting will be August 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Topic 1 – 10 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.