

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE 1-J
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2013
District Administration Building
7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting scheduled for 7:30 P.M. at the District Administration Building with introduction of guests. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Robert Chavez, Board President.

ROLL CALL

Mark Bahr, present, Joseph Baroz, present, Russell Braiden, present, Robert Chavez, present, Natalie Rogers, present, Steve Sorensen, present. *Carla Archuleta was absent from meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the agenda with no additions. Motion was seconded by Russell Braiden.

Mark Bahr, aye, Joseph Baroz, aye, Russell Braiden, aye, Robert Chavez, aye, Natalie Rogers, aye, Steve Sorensen, aye. All voted in favor.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOE

Before citizens addressed the Board Pres. Chavez explained only issues pertaining to the BUDGET would be addressed, with a 5 minute time limit.

Cami Sowards – shared with the Board her respect for Mr. Marvin Muniz as a teacher and role model for the students in the middle school and her regret in knowing he may be leaving the district next year. She also asked about the Tcap testing and where the district was on that issue. She also mentioned that as individuals in our district we all put our integrity and reputation on the line.

Tracy Buhr – wanted to talk about the Tcap issue so she said she would return with her concerns next meeting because she had no issues with Budget.

Brandon Tibbitts – addressed the Board and shared that when his family moved here they looked at all the districts in the Valley and chose to live in La Jara because of our school district. He acknowledged that fact that our district employees the most teachers with Master Degrees and that was one of the biggest factors in putting their children in our district. His children attend LJE.

Mark Mc Carroll – shared with the Board his praise for the staff of NCSD and the great job they do. He asked that we try to keep our qualified teachers in the district and not lose them over pay issues.

Randa Mc Carroll – asked the Board if they know how the district is spending the money we have. She also asked about Grand Writing and questioned who is responsible for that in our district. She addressed the issue of whether certain positions in our district are needed and suggested that instead of cuts always being first looked at from the “bottom” positions in the district that maybe we need to start at the top. She asked what the responsibilities of the Asst Superintendent position are and also the need to look where in our budget we can make cuts from to better handle what we have. She also suggested we look for money in other places, such as grants, etc. She asked that we “put kids first.”

Lori Chacon – addressed the Board about the Budget and NCEA’s involvement. She said CEA has offered to look at our budget (as experts) and see what they can help us with on budget items. She asked that a copy be given to CEA for this purpose. Financials are open to the public so this would be feasible.

BUDGET

A motion by Natalie Rogers to approve the proposed salary increase with a step, a 2% increase on base pay, and \$800.00 added to base pay to all employees’s to be effective for the fiscal year 2013-2014 contracts. Motion was seconded by Steve Sorensen.

Mark Bahr, aye, Joseph Baroz, aye, Russell Braiden, aye, Robert Chavez, aye, Natalie Rogers, aye, Steve Sorensen, aye. All voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF 2013-2014 DISTRICT CONTRACTS

A motion by Joseph Baroz was made to approve the 2013 -2014 District Contracts as presented. Motion was seconded by Russell Braiden.

Mark Bahr, aye, Joseph Baroz, aye, Russell Braiden, aye, Robert Chavez, aye, Natalie Rogers, aye, Steve Sorensen, aye. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Russell Braiden at 10:40 pm to go into executive session with Mr. Schott, Mrs. Archuleta, and principals as needed to discuss (CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) personnel matters, seconded by Mark Bahr.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. All voted in favor.

Returned to regular board meeting at 11:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynnae Shawcroft
District Secretary
(for Kevin Schott)

*Mrs. Carla Archuleta was not present at meeting to take minutes.