

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
September 18, 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, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; 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 Garth Crowther to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the agenda with the addition of action item (f) CDE accreditation of schools, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**FALCON AWARD**

Falcon awards were presented to Dawn Sammons and Nikol Kelley for spearheading a project to put up positive messages on the walls of CMS.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES****Principals Reports (Attachment #5)**

See attached principal reports

**BOCES Report**

Joseph Baroz reported the BOCES meeting will be held tomorrow night, September 19<sup>th</sup>. There were not enough present to form a quorum at the last meeting, but there was discussion on Amendment 73.

**NCEA Report:**

None

**Administration Report:**

Mr. Wilson gave the board a handout on Amendment 73 and told members that the same information was put on the district website to educate the NCS D community on the Amendment. The crux of the argument will be how it affects tax payers. If it passes, it would help education a great deal.

The Superintendent advisory council met and they may split with SLV Science Fair and go another direction.

September is suicide prevention month. Mr. Wilson feels responsible to educate staff and students and he has asked administrators to address the issue in their respective buildings appropriately.

October is bullying prevention month and this will also be addressed in the district.

NCS D enrollment as of today is 1027 students.

CDOT construction is currently going on and will hopefully help with a safer entrance and exit to the CMS/CHS buildings.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Wellness Grant Update**

Amber Martinez and Melissa Caldon shared how North Conejos School District received the Wellness Grant and discussed how the grant works. They are trying to reach out to the community and educate them on healthy choices. A presentation was held September 4<sup>th</sup> where Interquest Detection Canines demonstrated inspection activities done throughout our schools and tools were provided for substance abuse detection and prevention for parents. Surveys were handed out to grades 6-12 to gain insight from students. The high school survey was a little more detailed than the middle school survey. A wellness committee has been formed with approximately 15 members. September 2018 to September 2019 is a planning phase with the wellness grant and NCSD will apply for the next grant cycle to implement what has been planned throughout this year. Melissa Caldon went over changes made in school wellness policies ADF-R and EFDA and they will be working on changes in other school wellness policies.

### **BEST Grant**

The architects met with CHS staff and they asked lots of questions and got lots of feedback. The assessment will be back from the architects this Thursday. Mr. Wilson is very pleased with the attitude of the architects and believes they have been very thorough.

### **District Assessment Results Presentation**

Mr. Wilson shared a power-point on "Meet or Exceed" with board members. It showed how NCSD scores on testing compared to the other valley schools and the state. The state scores schools as turn around, priority improvement, improvement, and performance. All five schools in North School District scored in the performance rating. The district rating is accredited, but Mr. Wilson will be petitioning CDE to change the rating to accredited with distinction.

La Jara Elementary Principal, Ricky Salazar gave board members a handout on LJE scores. LJE staff put a plan in to affect to improve last year and saw great results in improvement this year. Students scored about average in English and Science. Math is their main area of improvement. Their school goal is to work on academic growth of all students. Their challenge is to stay at performance.

Centauri Middle School Principal, Tyler Huffaker, showed the board a power-point on CMS scores. CMS focus is on the growth of all students. CMS uses NWEA map skills to point out areas of improvement for each student.

Centauri High School Principal, Brian Loch, also showed board members a power-point on high school scoring. CHS scored 73.9 last year and 70.7 this year so they dropped 3 points. In 2017 scores were 67.9 and in 2018 they scored 72.5 so they have shown growth in achievement. On the PSAT Sophomore scores were up 11 points from the previous year and on the SAT the Junior class was up 11 points as well. He feels the scores are getting there and CHS wants to emphasize growth this year.

Manassa Elementary Principal, Denny Fringer presented a power-point to the board. He reminded the board that his teachers are teaching all levels of learners. The face of education is different today than in past years. Manassa Elementary uses data to help improve their teaching to help students grow and learn. It is important to Mr. Fringer that they help students communicate what they know. Mr. Fringer's plan is to look at data...asses ...make changes. Students scored an 81 last year and 85.5 this year.

#### **District Roof Repair**

Mr. Wilson reports that the district is still seeking quotes as the two quotes received vary by many thousands of dollars.

#### **CHS Track**

Mr. Wilson told board members that a second coat of color and sealing were put on the track today. We will be having a track celebration this Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at half time of the CHS football game. There will be a ribbon cutting for the new track that night.

#### **Discuss Revision and New Policies ADD, GBEB, JICH, KDBA, KFA per CASB Update (Attachment #7)**

Mr. Wilson would like to make the CASB recommended changes to these policies.

#### **Discuss the Revision of Health and Wellness Policies ADF-R and EFEA (Attachment #8)**

These policy changes were discussed in the health and wellness presentation by Melissa Caldon.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **NCS D 2018-2019 New Staff**

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the new staff Sheli Bechaver as CHS \$1 Cheer Coach, Florence Holcomb as Title 1 aide at Manassa Elementary, and Benita Vialpando as Title 1 aide at La Jara Elementary, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Revision and Approval of Policies KDB-R, JLCB-R, JJA-2, JJA-1, JICEC-R, JICEC, JICEA-R, JICEA, JFABB-R, JFABB, IHBD, GCQC/GCQD-R, GCE/GCF-R, GBGE, GBGB, GBGA-R, GBGA, EF-E-2, EEAG, EEAG-E, EEAEAA-R, EEAE, DEA, DAB-E, DAB, BEDH, BEDA, AEE for the first reading (Attachment #8)**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the revision and approval of policies KDB-R, JLCB-R, JJA-2, JJA-1, JICEC-R, JICEC, JICEA-R, JICEA, JFABB-R, JFABB, IHBD, GCQC/GCQD-R, GCE/GCF-R, GBGE, GBGB, GBGA-R, GBGA, EF-E-2, EEAG, EEAG-E, EEAEAA-R, EEAE, DEA, DAB-E, DAB, BEDH, BEDA, AEE for the first reading, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

**Revise and Approve Policies JF, JF-E, JFABD, JFABE, JFBA, JFBA-R, JFBB, JFBB-R, KBA, KBA-E for the second reading.**

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve /revise policies JF, JF-E, JFABD, JFABE, JFBA, JFBA-R, JFBB, JFBB-R, KBA, KBA-E for the second reading, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed.

**Renaissance Learning 2 year Contract**

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the Renaissance Learning 2 year contract, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Century Link 3 Year Contract**

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the Century Link 3 year contract, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Approve CDE Accreditation of La Jara Elementary School, Manassa Elementary School, Centauri Middle School, Centauri High School, and North Conejos Alternative Program**

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the CDE accreditation of La Jara Elementary School, Manassa, Elementary School, Centauri Middle School, Centauri High School, and North Conejos Alternative Program, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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 Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

Topic 1 – 13 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Thursday October 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.