

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 13, 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 #1-3)

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the consent agenda as presented, 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

FALCON AWARD

Falcon awards were presented to John and Carla Shaw (parents of Candace Shaw, LJE teacher). They made it possible for a NCSD student to attend college. They did it because they care and did not seek any personal recognition.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Reports (Attachment #4)

See attached principal reports

BOCES Report

Joseph Baroz reported that the next BOCES meeting will be tomorrow, November 14th and Brandon Thomas will be attending.

NCEA Report:

Bonnie Keller reported that Amendment 73 didn't pass. We need to educate the public more on this issue. She asked the board and staff to promote the new high school and to use their voice to promote this.

Administration Report:

Promising Practices with the Colorado Department of Education will be here to highlight North Conejos School District on November 28th. They highlight schools and districts in the state of Colorado and the film crew will be here to interview 5-6 people and film classrooms.

It may be more difficult in the future to recruit bus drivers as there are many new credentials coming that may make it a challenge for transportation.

There was staff training on November 2nd to promote anti-suicide efforts and to educate our staff.

CHS students will be going in to the elementary and middle schools to promote anti-drugs/opioids. Our older students have a real influence on our young students and past experience has shown this to be a valuable tool.

Mr. Wilson feels the need to have better relationships with families and special needs students. He would once again like to have older students mentor the younger students in this area.

CHS football will be hosting a state football playoff game this Saturday, November 10th.

Mr. Wilson will meet with Leroy Martinez tomorrow on potential land plans for a new high school.

Mr. Wilson shared a quote with the board and those in attendance, "if you want excellence – you must have better efforts".

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BEST Grant – DPS Architects

Mr. Wilson and Board members held a conference call with DPS Architect representative Dan Kemmee. He had a power point sharing updates on CHS programming: (1) schedule and scope – steps to apply to CDE for a BEST grant (2) taking feedback to come up with "floor plans" and cost estimates (3) apply to CDE in January-February (4) if approved funding to come next summer (5) project goals include a new identity, enhance school reputation for high achievement, single identity and department groupings, air quality, fewer entries, inviting, natural light, views, study area, bus drop off (6) building analysis summary – do we renovate or build new? We need to show the state that it is better to build new than renovate CHS (7) program of spaces – we must meet state requirements when making decisions on school wants. Standards are a starting point but any space needs to be justified by the school and community needs (8) Scheme C & E seemed to be favored in the community presentation by DPS (9) Our next steps: a) modifications b) revise site design with feedback c) begin building design d) present to the board and community e) prepare cost estimate f) BEST grant application

Election Results/BEST-MLO

Mr. Wilson handed board members updates on BEST and mill levy information

Request to Reconsider DPS Decision

North Conejos School District RE-1J received accreditation results from CDE and the District has earned Accredited with Distinction which is 3 years in a row for NCSD. This a great feat and Mr. Wilson applauds students and staff for the excellent efforts.

Reunification Exercises

A shooter education drill was held at CHS last year and Mr. Wilson wants to include staff in each school in the drills this year.

Absence/Tuancy Protocol

Mr. Wilson is trying to put something in place before we go to court with students and families. We need to watch attendance and truancy closely with the 4 day week. Our data shows the majority of problem absences come from split home families.

December Board Meeting

The regularly scheduled December board meeting scheduled for December 18th will be changed to December 11th at 6:30 p.m. due to the district Christmas programs and concerts.

ACTION ITEMS

Revision of Wellness Policies JLCD and JLCDB and New Policies GBEB-R-2 and KDBA-E for the first reading (Attachment #5)

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the revision of wellness policies JLCD and JLCDB and new policies GBEB-R-2 and KDBA-E for the first 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.

Revision and Approval of Policies ADD, GBEB, JICH, KDBA, KFA per CASB Update for the second reading (Attachment #6)

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the revision and approval of policies ADD, GBEB, JICH, KDBA, KFA per CASB update for the second 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 of Health and Wellness Policies ADF-R and EFEA for the Second Reading (Attachment #7)

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the revision of health and wellness policies ADF-R and EFEA for the second 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Go into executive session with Mr. Curt Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.