

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
December 11 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, 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 Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; 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 Mary Jane Valdez to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

**FALCON AWARD**

Mr. Wilson presented a falcon award to Ruby Fritz. He has seen great strides in Ruby this year and she is a true model of an outstanding NCS D student. Her maturity, attitude and quality performance are attributes to be commended. Ruby's mother was also presented a falcon pin.

**FBLA PRESENTATION**

Mr. Creel nominated Jeremy Cordova to attend the Global Business Academy this past summer. Jeremy reported that 39 people from around the world attended the academy. The mock company experience taught him team work and how to make a business succeed. It was a good experience and Jeremy made many friends and learned about the business world. Jeremy is very grateful to all who helped him attend the academy.

**CDE PRESENTATION**

Danielle LePlatt from the Colorado Department of Education came to present North Conejos School District with accredited with distinction from the state. There are 178 districts across the state and NCS D is 1 of 25 who achieved the rating this year. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that NCS D has achieved accredited with distinction. She commended the leadership, community, students, and staff for working to achieve this rating. NCS D will also be highlighted in 'promising practices' which highlights schools in the state on the CDE website and other venues.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None

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

See attached principal reports

**BOCES Report**

Brandon Thomas reported Randy Black led a discussion on what can we do to make our schools better?

**NCEA Report:**

None

**Administration Report:**

Mr. Wilson hopes that education will be more on the spotlight with the new Colorado leadership elected in November. 119 of the 178 districts in the state are rural and there is a 60% gap in teacher wages with rural schools in the bottom of salaries. Mr. Wilson asks is our accountability to the state really indicating how our kids are testing/learning?

Mr. Wilson will be attending a meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> in Denver; he asked the boards' approval to be on the anti-suicide committee for CHSAA.

Kalee Buhr, a boettcher student under Richard Cormier, will be serving as a substitute teacher for the Business classes due to Mr. Cormier's passing. Mr. Wilson reports that we will be advertising to fill this position.

There will be a wellness training for all staff on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

NCSD is working to focus more on our special education students. Centauri High School NHS will be sending secret santa letters to these students and CHS girls basketball will be serving as peer mentors.

An anti-suicide message will be presented at half time of the boys basketball game on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****2017-2018 Financial Audit**

Karla Wilshaw and Amanda Hensley from Wall, Smith, Bateman highlighted the 2017 financial audit. They were very impressed with the audit this year. The audit is available on the district website under financial transparency.

**BEST Grant**

There will be a meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> with DPS Architects for the new high school committee. Please see the agenda in the board packet.

**Revision of Policies DJB, KFB-R, and EF-E-1 (Attachment #6)**

Mr. Wilson went over the policies the recommended revisions.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2017 – 2018 Financial Audit**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the 2017-2018 financial audit 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.

**Revision of Wellness Policies JLCD and JLCDB and New Policies GBEB-R-2 and KDBA-E for the second reading (Attachment #7)**

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 second reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Mill Levy Certification**

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the Mill Levy Certification, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Staff Bonus**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the staff bonus 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.

**Professional Work Day Change from January 18<sup>th</sup> to January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

A motion was made by Brandon Thomas to approve the professional work day change from January 18<sup>th</sup> to January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Resolution for Bank Signature Changes**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the resolution for bank signature changes, 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Go into executive session with Mr. Curt Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues. No executive session was needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday January 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.