

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 15, 2019

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 Robert Chavez, Vice President.

ROLL CALL

Joseph Baroz, absent; 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 Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, absent; 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 Garth Crowther to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

FALCON AWARD

Mr. Wilson presented falcon awards to Madison and Tatelynn Price. The girls sang the Star Spangled Banner for the board. Mr. Wilson will be sending a recording to CHSAA asking for Tatelynn and Madison to sing at a state sporting event. They sang before a CHS basketball game and represented the district beautifully. An award was also presented to their mother for helping these young ladies develop their talent.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Larry Sisneros spoke to the board concerning his support for the BEST grant for a new high school.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**Principals Reports (Attachment #4)**

See attached principal reports

BOCES Report

Brandon Thomas reported that there will be a BOCES meeting tomorrow night, January 16, 2019. Curt Wilson will be attending that meeting.

NCEA Report:

None

Administration Report:

Mr. Wilson thanked board members for supporting staff before Christmas break.

We will be putting advertisements in the paper tomorrow for all open 2019-2020 NCS D positions. We need to go after candidates for these positions aggressively and early to get the best people possible. Mr. Wilson will put the CHS Principal ad on the CASE website as well.

A Valley-wide professional development was held at North Conejos School District last Friday, January 11th. Presenters discussed mental health, anti-suicide, and health issues. Some staff attended a Science workshop in Monte Vista and other elementary staff attended a writing workshop in Alamosa.

Our 13/38 or District Accountability Committee is in the process of re-organizing. The DAC approves percentages to evaluate teachers.

Mr. Wilson reported that the first Superintendent Court was held last week. NCSD uses Andrew Jarvies with Family Foundations to try and prevent parents/students from being taken to court.

Mr. Wilson gave board members a handout on the final 2018 district performance framework for North Conejos School District. Only one other school in the state of Colorado has attained accredited with distinction 3 times in a row. Curt would like to celebrate this accomplishment on January 25th at the CHS vs. Alamosa basketball game. He credits students, staff, and parents for this accomplishment.

Mr. Wilson just completed a security grant to purchase radios for all school classrooms and buses in the district.

Mr. Wilson gave board members a handout on the national graduation rates state by state. Colorado is in the bottom one-third in the nation, but our graduation rate has been in the 90% and he feels good about what we are doing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BEST Grant

Mr. Wilson is working closely and often with the architects on the BEST grant for a new high school. He reminded board members that an e-mail was sent to them concerning the land acquisition; we will move forward with the land the district already owns unless the board wants to make a counter offer to the land owner. The building committee recommends that we go with scheme E with a flip of the athletic facilities. It was recommended that we keep the shops as they are but do a facelift with the existing buildings. The process now is that we apply for and get the grant, then the waiver, and then put information out to the tax payers concerning the cost of getting a new high school.

Land Acquisition

An e-mail was sent to board members concerning information on the property in consideration of purchase for a new high school. We will move forward with the land the district already owns unless the board wants to make a counter offer to the land owner.

School Security

Mr. Wilson will be attending a meeting with the Conejos County Sheriff Office and Conejos County Superintendents next week. He told board members that NCSD has been given great support by the Colorado State Patrol.

Discuss Adoption, Repeal, and Revision of Policies IHAC, IHACA, IHAE, IHAIA, IHAK, IHAMA, IHBA, IHBB, IHBC, IG, IGA, IGC, IGD, IGF (Attachment #5)

Mr. Wilson went over the policies the recommended changes.

ACTION ITEMS

Revision of Policies DJB, DFB-R, EF-E-1 for the first reading (Attachment #6)

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve policies DJB, DFB-R, EF-E-1 for the first reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

NCSD Staff Approval (Attachment #7)

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the hiring of Kaylee Buhr as CHS Business teacher, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed.

Resolution to Adopt the Revised 2018-2019 Budget (Attachment #8)

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the resolution to adopt the revised 2018-2019 budget, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to go into executive session with Mr. Curt Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

Topic 1 – 20 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.