

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 19, 2019
District Administration Building
6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office was called to order at 6:00 pm by Joseph Baroz, President.

ROLL CALL

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; 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 #1-5)

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; 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 Robert Chavez to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

FALCON AWARD

Mr. Brian Loch presented the falcon award to Danielle Mondragon. Danielle sent a scratch art piece to the Winter CASB convention and was awarded an honorable mention. Her piece is exceptional and very detailed. NCS D is very proud of Danielle and recognizes she is very talented. She represented Centauri High School very well at the CASB Art Show.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**Skills USA Report**

The Skills USA Leadership team shared with the board what they have done and learned thus far in the year. They attended the Colorado Construction Career Days and learned what is out there in the Construction field. The Skills USA class held a Career Conference at Centauri High School where CHS students were given guidance on career choices. The leadership team attended the Fall Leadership conference and learned how to be career ready, discussed work ethic, and met with other schools to get more ideas. NCS D staff were served breakfast at the last staff in-service by the Skills USA class to show appreciation to staff. It was well attended by Skills members. On April 10-12 they will be attending the State Skills Conference. The students thanked the board for their support.

Principals Reports (Attachment #6)

See attached principal reports

BOCES Report

Mr. Wilson reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow night, February 21st. SAC will be doing the BOCES director evaluation soon.

NCEA Report:

None

Administration Report:

Mr. Wilson gave board members a handout on State Accountability Updates. There will be a format change to evaluate how students are performing. It should be a better fit as to how students are growing.

A handout was given to the board on School View. School View, on the Colorado Department of Education website, is used to find educational information about Colorado schools, districts and the state. Mr. Wilson has some concerns with how things are calculated and feels they may not give a true representation of the schools and districts in the State. School View will now be easier for the public to access.

A school funding fact sheet for North Conejos RE-1J was given to board members. The 1994 School Finance Act had a tax policy goal that sought to balance funding between local and state sources at 50 percent from each. In addition, it attempted to standardize the mill levy at 40 mills in all school districts, regardless of local property wealth. These tax policy goals are no longer in place. Local share varies significantly and is outside of an individual school district's control. School mill levies are no longer standardized or equitable. Tax payer inequities have grown as well. The uniform school mill levy legislative proposal is an attempt to address the current taxpayer equity issues in the school finance. As of February 14, 2019, a bill has not been released. Formulas in Colorado's Constitution and uneven economic growth across the state have together destroyed the equity, sustainability and sufficiency of the local property tax funding base for public education. Legislation to require a uniform school mill levy, even if an imperfect fix to these problems, will restore significant equity to local property tax rates across the state for both taxpayers and school districts, and will increase the funding and stability of the Colorado School finance Act. Mr. Wilson reported that we are now looking at a mid-year finance cut from the state.

There is a water line leak at Centauri Middle School somewhere that will need repaired when things begin to thaw.

We will have a functioning District Accountability Committee the first of May. This is needed for our 1338 committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**BEST Grant**

The board was given a copy of the District Statutory Waiver for BEST Grant. NCSD total bonded indebtedness if the grant is awarded with a successful 2019 election will be \$6,419,082. A handout showing the cost for taxpayers of the South Conejos School District when their BEST school was built was given to the board. Mr. Wilson said feedback from CDE on the BEST grant has been good. The BEST grant application is due next week. Curt will be sending board members information he has been receiving from the architect.

Security Grant

Mr. Wilson reported that NCSD received notification that we have been selected as a School Security Disbursement Grant recipient. The District received \$4166.98 for ASP training and travel, \$51,449.62 for contact radios for buildings, buses, and activity transportation, and \$3531.80 for set up and subscription. This grant will save us from using general fund money for security needs.

School Finance Update

Mr. Wilson addressed school finance in his administration report.

Discuss Repealing Policies GDQD-R, IHC, IHCD, Adopt Policy IHBF, Revise Policies IHBIB, IHBIB-R, IGBEA, IHBG (Attachment #7)

The changes will be per CASB recommendations.

Anti-Suicide Program

An Anti-Suicide program will be brought in to North Conejos Schools and Sanford Schools on March 13, 14, 15 and 16. The program will also be presented to the community during the evening. The program will be paid for by our wellness grant.

Proposed 2019-2020 Calendar (Attachment #8)

The calendar committee has been meeting and has come up with the proposed 2019-20 calendar. The 19-20 calendar is very similar to this year's calendar with our spring break the same as the college and other valley schools. Mr. Wilson asked staff for input on staff professional development for next year.

NCSD Interview Timeline

Mr. Wilson showed board members a list of those who have applied for open positions as of today. We want to get going on interviews as soon as possible. Curt asked the board if they wanted to sit in on any interviews.

ACTION ITEMS

Revision of Policies DJB, DFB-R, EF-E-1 for the second reading (Attachment #9)

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve policies DJB, DFB-R, EF-E-1 for the second reading, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

Adopt, Repeal, and Revise Policies IHAC, IHACA, IHAE, IHAIA, IHAK, IHAMA, IHBA, IHBB, IHBC, IG, IGA, IGC, IGD, IGF for the first reading (Attachment #10)

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the adoption, repealing, and revision of policies IHAC, IHACA, IHAE, IHAIA, IHAK, IHAMA, IHBA, IHBB, IHBC, IG, IGA, IGC, IGD, IGF for the first reading, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed.

NCSD Staff Resignations (Attachment #11)

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the staff resignations of Rebecca Brown LJE teacher, Krystina Rush CHS cook, DonnaMae Keys CHS head cross country coach, Paul Gilleland CHS assistant baseball coach, and Greg Shawcroft CHS Ag teacher and FFA advisor, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

Resolution Authorizing the Move of Monies (Attachment #12)

A resolution was made by Robert Chavez to approve the resolution authorizing the move of monies, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

March Board Meeting Date

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve changing the March 19th board meeting date to March 12, 2019 at 6:30pm since the 19th falls on our Spring break.

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

The motion passed.

Superintendent Evaluation - Approve/Disapprove Superintendent Contract

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent evaluation and contract, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

Topic 1 – 25 minutes

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve a rolling three year contract for Superintendent Curt Wilson, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday March 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.