NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 20, 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 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 Robert Chavez to approve the consent agenda as presented, 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the agenda with the addition to item 10a., new CMS cross country coaches, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Reports
See attached reports

BOCES Report
There will be a BOCES meeting tomorrow August 21st. Brandon Thomas will be attending the meeting.

NCEA Report:
Bonnie Keller told board members that the UNISERVE director will be getting a hold of Mary Jane Valdez to offer support for a new high school. UNISERVE has money and time to help promote the new high school.

Administration Report:
Mr. Wilson reported that student enrollment is 1060 as of today. We are seeing increasing enrollment each year.

Mr. Wilson would like to adjust staff pay scales when we have a complete student count (October 2nd). There are many students coming from out of district.

There are many more vehicles this year so there is still a big concern with the CHS/CMS parking lot and highway 285.

District Performance ratings are coming out tomorrow. The State is making it harder to make 'District of Distinction'. We should be rated high, but may not make distinction this year.

We had district staff training on August 15, 2019.

All district schools had a safety day with lock down drills, evacuation drills, fire drills, etc. The training was covered by all schools appropriately and went very well.

Mr. Wilson met with all interested community members and gave them tours of the high school and answered any questions they had about a new high school. He now has to turn over promotion of a new high school to the BEST committee to keep things going. There will be a factual mailing going out to the homes of all registered voters in the district

The Colorado Sun will be here tomorrow to interview Mr. Wilson and others in North Conejos School District.

Mr. Wilson told board members that we will follow policy and principals will address questions as they come.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BEST Updates
There will be a mailing going out today to registered voters in the North Conejos School District. We tried our best to get good and correct information out. We anticipate 13.15 mills will be needed for a new high school with the district paying $422,000 per year until the debt is paid off. There are 8 entities asking for RFQ's. We will need to notify candidates in September of our decision. It is now up to our BEST committee and the citizens to decide.

Discuss Policy GBGG
Mr. Wilson made recommendations, after discussion with Bonnie Keller, on changes to policy GBGG. The final draft will be available to the board in the September board meeting for a first reading.

Confirm/Discuss Graduation Date
The board discussed the high school graduation dateand decided to keep the graduation date as scheduled. They would like to do something special for those students that miss their graduation because they choose to attend state track which has been scheduled at the same time as graduation during the Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Wilson will get information out to the public via the district web site and our face book page.

2019-2020 Consolidated Federal Programs Application Approval
Susan Hamilton told board members that the federal programs application was approved and $428,628.16 was awarded to NCSD federal programs. The state will take their portion but Mrs. Hamilton built that into the grant.

ACTION ITEMS

New Staff Approval for 2019-2020 School Year
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve Kyle Bahr as CHS Biology teacher, Katrina Sanchez as CMS Custodian and Michon Roberts/Lucia Muniz as CMS Cross-Country coaches, 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.

Staff Resignations
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the resignation of Teri Jo Rogers as CHS Librarian, 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.

New Reading Series Purchase for Elementary Schools
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the purchase of the Reading Wonders 2020 reading series for a cost of $89,945.11 for the elementary schools, 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.

North Conejos School District Ballot Resolution
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the North Conejos School District ballot resolution, 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.

San Luis Valley BOCES MOU
A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the San Luis Valley BOCES MOU, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Robert Chavez 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, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Item 1 – 11 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday September 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.