NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 4, 2020
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; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Tanner Bagwell.

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

The motion passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
The following individuals addressed the board:
Taylor McCarroll – club sports
Jesse Shawcroft – club sports
Kyle Forster – club sports
Mark Parrish – club sports
April George – graduation date
Richard Ono – graduation date
Christa Collins – graduation date
Neyreda Martinez – club volleyball

Brian Claunch – club sports
Robert Chavez – graduation date
Randy Keys – club sports
Heather Huffaker – graduation date
Laura Quinlan – graduation date
Steve Valdez – graduation date
Lisa Pena – graduation date

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Calendar – Graduation Date

Mr. Wilson addressed the board and those citizens in attendance and said he learned to handle things a little differently and more appropriately in the future. He went over three months of board minutes in the past where the calendar and graduation date had been discussed by the board to give a history of where this issue with graduation dates began. He also mentioned policy BEDD stating that the Board shall operate by the rules prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order. He reminded the Board that he had already made his recommendation and that his recommendation has not changed. Joseph Baroz said he owned decisions that were made and how it was handled. He said we made decisions from the heart and we care about all kids. After discussion among the board it was felt that they should stick with the original graduation date, but have a special event for any Senior track athletes that choose to attend state track instead of graduation. The board wants those students to be honored and recognized for their achievements.

Club Sports

Mr. Wilson told the board that he stated his position and the reasons why at the January board meeting and that he stands by his previous recommendation based on what he has seen in other schools that have allowed club sports to use school facilities. Chuck Finnegan stated that kids as individuals make those choices to join club sports or not. The question is allowing the use of district facilities for outside club sport activities. Tanner Bagwell said he could see both sides of the issue but asked if this would be a conflict with our current students. He also asked what door the Board would be opening if approved. Mary Jane Valdez felt that the more availability kids have to outside activities, the more options they have to be active. She also feels we need to make sure North Conejos School District activities have priority for facility usage and asked if we have space for outside activities in our buildings. Joseph Baroz stated that he understands the district coaches concerns and asked "do we support our coaches and staff as well?" Club sports are just asking to use district facilities.

ACTION ITEMS

Calendar – Graduation Date
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to keep the previously approved graduation date of May 23, 2020, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

Club Sports
Joseph Baroz told Board members that he was not sure he was comfortable with approving district facility usage for all club sports. Tanner Bagwell expressed the same. Chuck Finnegan said he was not in favor of approving facility usage to all club sports, but that he was in favor of approving facility usage for this club volleyball team.

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve Valley Fusion Club Volleyball use of district facilities, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, nay; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to go into executive session with Mr. Curt Wilson and others as needed, to discuss specialized details of security arrangements or investigations and discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved, seconded by Tanner Bagwell.

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

Topic 1 – 3 minutes
Topic 2 – 15 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday February 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.