NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 15, 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, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, 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 Tanner Bagwell to approve the agenda with the addition of moving item 10a. (BEST Update) to follow item 7 (Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board), seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

FALCON AWARD
Mr. Wilson recognized the NCSD maintenance crew who has done an outstanding job, without complaint, to get school ready and going with all of the COVID19 requirements. They have gone above and beyond and will be recognized by Mr. Wilson at a later date.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

BEST Update
Mr. Andy Fiamengo with Diversified Consulting Solutions (DCS) addressed board members concerning the Centauri High School BEST grant. DCS has been working on the replacement of Centauri High School surrounding all design and construction elements. As a result of receiving BEST Grant funds, the district is required to design, build and manage a building with the Colorado High Performing Schools programs (CHPS) in mind. The architect has designed a building to meeting the requirement of CHPS Verified Leader (a requirement of BEST for funding). The building Mechanical and Electrical systems along with a plethora of other components are designed with CHPS in mind. Also, the contractor is required to provide items for construction based on the building design under CHPS. Both of which are underway. The school district has a part to play in the CHPS process. There are (6) resolutions the district needs to pass and document with CHPS: 1) Resolution on wired phones to reduce RF/EMF in classrooms (2) Resolution on indoor environmental management plan (3) Resolution on Green Cleaning (4) Resolution on no mobile fossil-fuel-powered equipment indoors (5) Resolution on anti-idling policy (6) Resolution on sustainability for design/construction of high-performance schools. It is the recommendation of DCS that NCSD board of education pass the six resolutions to achieve points to aid in having a project certified as CHPS Verified Leader. Andy reported that we are at budget this far in the high school project and there will be a budget finalization meeting this Friday September 18, 2020. The anticipated start date for ground breaking is the first part of October.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Reports
See attached reports.

BOCES Report
Brandon Thomas reported the BOCES had their regular beginning of the year meeting with the September meeting being held on September 16, 2020. Joseph Baroz will be attending this meeting.

NCEA Report
None

Administration Report
Mr. Wilson reported that the CASB Winter Conference will be held remotely this year. He will be getting another e-mail with more information. He asked board members to let him know who would be interested in attending the remote meeting.

Mr. Wilson and administration set a goal of 2 weeks with in person learning and told the board that we have surpassed this goal. He expects to get more remote learning learning students to attend in person at the end of the first 9-week period.

The $52,000 ESSER grant was passed and we get 100% of it, which will help to off-set NCSD in a budget crunch this year.

Mrs. Susan Hamilton has been very creative and lawful in getting Title funds and using them this year. She is to be commended.

Mr. Wilson is extremely proud of his administration team getting our UIP done ahead of time.

Parent/Teacher conference will be held next week September 21 – 23, 2020 through zoom, email, phone, etc. making sure that the district reaches out to all parents.

We have snow days built in our calendar (2) and we used one of those days this past week. Snow days may be a thing of the past with remote learning in place.

We are very happy to be back to instruction and kids learning. Mr. Wilson is concerned with the flu and cold season coming up and hopes this is not a concern with COVID issues.

With the new high school in progress our parking situation is a challenge. Mr. Wilson reported that our CHS student drivers have stepped it up in working with the parking situation this year.

It is looking like students will be taking the state assessments this year. We may or may not have more parents opt out their students from the assessments. We will do the best we can

DISCUSSION ITEMS

School Quarantine Plan with COVID Protocols
The district has purchased masks, water fountains, diffusers, shields and many PPE supplies to be able to begin in person learning this year. The only thing we are haven't yet received is the student chromebooks. Our health team is doing great is assessing students during COVID. Students are glad to be back in school.

CHS/CMS Activities
Decisions are expected tomorrow from CHSAA on football (A season or C season). Mr. Wilson doubts volleyball will change from the original CHSAA outline for high school sports. There seems to be lots of miscommunication going on and a lack of transparency.

NCSD Evaluation Process for 20-21
In the past the teacher evaluation process used 50% from the rubric and 50% from student learning (testing). There was no testing done last year in the state of Colorado so it looks like 100% of the evaluation will need to come from the rubric.

NCSD Student Enrollment Numbers
Student enrollment is down. There are lots of institutions pulling for on-line education which pulls students away from public school. There is lots of change coming for education in the future.

ACTION ITEMS

First Reading for Policies ADC, GBA, GCE/GCF, GDE/GDF, IKA, JB, JF, JFBA, JFBB, JICDD, JICDE, JICEA, JICEC, LBD

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the first reading for policies ADC, GBA, GCE/GCF, GDE/GDF, IKA, JB, JF, JFBA, JFBB, JICDD, JICDE, JICEA, JICEC, LBD, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

NCSD Staff Resignation
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the NCSD staff resignation of Maesyn Reis, health educator, seconded by Tanner Bagwell.

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

The motion passed.

NCSD Staff Hiring
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the NCSD staff hiring of Miranda Garel, health aide and Joshua Spannagel, CMS custodian, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

Bids for Manassa Elementry Gym Roof Repair
A motion was made by Tanner Bagwell to approve the bid from Torres Builders LLC of $14,539.00 for the Manassa Elementary gym roof repair, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

Multi-Year contract with Secure Content Technologies – web filtering for classroom chrome books… 5 years/$19,965.00

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the multi-year contract with Secure Content Technologies – web filtering for classroom chrome books for 5 years/$19,965.00, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed.

CHPS Approval
A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the CHPS resolutions as presented, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
No executive session

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday October 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.