NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 20, 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, 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
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, 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 Tanner Bagwell.

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

The motion passed.

CMS Anti-Bullying Presentation
Video presentation on anti-bullying by Centauri Middle School students.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Reports
See attached reports.

BOCES Report
Joseph Baroz told board members that BOCES went over their financial report and each school district representative reported on their school. BOCES is working virtually at the present time.

NCEA Report
Bonnie Keller told Mr. Wilson that she had no business and wouldn't be attending the board meeting.

Administration Report
Mr. Wilson reported that we made it through the first 9 weeks which was a great achievement. He appreciates the custodial staff and all that they do to keep buildings clean and sanitized so students and staff can come to school each day.

Current enrollment is 1001 students in the district. This number is better than Mr. Wilson thought considering the COVID situation. He is waiting for elections to be over to see if there will be any additional funding for K-12 education. However, he doubts there will be any additional funding. Budgets are tight.

Remote learning has been challenging this first 9 weeks. He encourages students to return to in-person learning as it benefits the students' education greatly. 50% of remote learners returned to in-person after the first 9 weeks.

CHS & CMS cross country have completed their seasons and Mr. Wilson commends them for great effort and accomplishments.

Football is now under way with different restrictions than in past years. At the high school level only 8 teams will go to playoffs instead of 16. How CHSAA determines which 8 teams will go to playoffs is determined differently than in past years and this makes it challenging for teams and coaches.

COVID cases are up in the state and in the San Luis Valley. COVID will eventually come around. The few cases in our area are coming from outside the school day and school activities, but are affecting us directly.

Student chromebooks will hopefully be here the end of October.

There is a question as to whether there will be (CMAS) state testing this school year. This is a chance for the State to revise and evaluate assessments. Mr. Wilson doesn't mind being accountable to the state, but wants valid testing. He and other administrators feel that time needs to be given to the students to learn.

ESSER funds have been approved for the North Conejos School District. Come April finances could be tough if things don't change in funding to K-12 schools.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BEST Update/Groundbreaking

Mr. Wilson asked board members "when do we want to do this and what do we want to do for the CHS groundbreaking?" CDE will not be a part of the groundbreaking for the new high school as they typically are because they are working remotely due to COVID. Board members decided to set the groundbreaking ceremony tentatively for October 29, 2020.

1338 Committee

The 1338 committee approves how district staff is evaluated. The committee met on October 17, 2020. Typically, the teacher evaluation is based on 50% assessment and 50% from a rubric. Since there was no student state assessment last year we cannot use that as an evaluation tool. Therefore, 100% of teacher evaluations will be from the rubric. It was decided that professional staff will be evaluated 2-4 times this year and provisional staff will be evaluated 6 times this year. Mr. Wilson then explained the process of any staff with poor evaluations and the timeline.

COVID Plan for 2nd Semester

Mr. Wilson recommended that remote learning be eliminated at the end of the semester pending COVID numbers. He would like to push towards in-person learning as it has proven to be more effective than remote learning for students. Many students are falling behind or not completing their classroom

work in Odysseware. The board will discuss this recommendation in the December board meeting when we know more accurately what the COVID numbers are.

20-21 Consolidated Federal Programs Application Approval
Mrs. Susan Hamilton told board members that the Federal Programs application has been approved by the state and all monies have been released now. We received approximately $425,000 from federal programs.

CASB Special Policy Update DJB, DFE, GBEB, GBI, GCE/GCF-R, GDE/GDF-R, IKF, IKF-2, IKF-2-E, JEB, JLCDB, JLCDB-E
These policy change recommendations come from CASB and cover federal procurement, staff conduct, graduation requirements, entrance age requirements, and administration of medical marijuana to qualified students. He directed the board to policy GBI and showed the board that NCSD already has another policy coded as GBI that covers staff participation in activities. He asked if the board wanted to keep this policy and recode it since CASB has recommended GBI cover criminal history record information or if they wanted to get rid of the current GBI policy completely. The board will have to act on this policy at the next board meeting in November.

ACTION ITEMS

Second 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 second 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, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Resolution in Support of Proposition EE
There was no motion made so the action item died.

Resolution in Opposition to Proposition 117
There was no motion made so the action item died.

Resolution in Support of Repealing the Gallagher Amendment
There was no motion made so the action item died.

Resolution in Opposition to Proposition 116
There was no motion made so the action item died.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to go into executive session with Mr. Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Topic 1 – 5 minutes
Topic 2 – 5 minutes

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday November 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.