NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 16, 2021
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; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, absent; 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 Brandon Thomas to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, absent; 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 moving discussion item 10a BEST Update to line item 5a and moving action item 11f superintendent evaluation/contract to 11g and adding staff sanitation stipend to action item 11f, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed

*Steven Johnson reported in at 6:40pm

BEST Update – Andy Fiamengo

Andy Fiamengo from DCS updated the board on the BEST high school project. Andy went over the current budget update. We are currently under budget at $1,897,698.73. CM/GC services alternates have been reviewed with Curt and BSC and they have been approved and addressed. In the last 30 days construction has been working on the following: ground-thaw soil, installed elevator pit walls, under-slab rough-in of plumbing/electrical, form, reinforce, place and finish foundations, backfill foundations/interior slab areas, and waterproofed elevator pit floor. For the next 30 days construction will continue back-fill of foundations/interior slab, prepare for arrival and installation of precast panels, and under-slab rough-in of plumbing/electrical. The asbestos RFP was published, and proposals were received. At this time, due to timing and pricing, a new RFP will be published and DCS is going to pursue going back to the abatement market for new proposals for asbestos abatement. The work will take place in the fall of 2021 once the school has moved out of the existing facility into the new school.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Andy Martin – shut down and masks
Derrik Brady – student issues
Michael Brady – student issues

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Reports

See attached reports.

BOCES Report

Brandon Thomas reported that BOCES approved a budget and discussed staffing issues. Joseph once again asked the board to let him know if anyone else would be able to attend the BOCES meetings and represent NCSD.

NCEA Report

None

Administration Report

Mr. Wilson told board members about a new safety/threat program called Life Spot. Life spot is a quick response to threat program that expedites communication. It will do more to protect our kids and

staff. There will be a training for all staff on February 26th. Mr. Wilson will ask the board to approve the Life Spot contract for 2 years.

Mr. Wilson reported that the National Secretary of Education will be confirmed soon and it looks like they will be more apt to leave state assessments up to the states. Our state will probably move forward with assessments. NCSD will prep students and staff to move forward with testing.

Mr. Wilson went over the proposed 2021-2022 calendar with board members. The approval of the calendar will also approve the 4 day week.

The ESSER application is now open. A power-point going over the ESSER was shown to the board. If approved, it will give NCSD $979,417 to spend on allowable uses. Mr. Wilson hopes to get funding back for the district due to loses to homeschool during COVID, air purifiers, PPE equipment/HVAC at CMS, buses, instructional technology, activity loss due to COVID, sub pay, nursing staff, custodial supplies, and other allowable expenses.

Mr. Wilson went over the budget revision which include more finances promised, appropriation resolution, bond/building fund, rural school funding ($155,588), state equalization, transfer to capital, and current property tax.

Teacher of the year will be held in Saguache on April 21st. We rotate the nomination by school each year and the nominee will come from Manassa Elementary this year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Best Update – Andy Fiamengo
Moved to item 5a

COVID Plan/Update Guidance
Board members were sent the CDPHE and guidelines update. CDPHE is run by Dr. Brian Earley and he makes those decisions. Mr. Wilson has tried his best to make NCSD a class place and follow mandated guidelines.

March Board Meeting
The March board meeting is scheduled during our Spring break. The board decided to change that meeting to March 23, 2021 at 6:30pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Revision of Policy GBGG for the 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the revision of policy GBGG for the second reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed

NCSD 20-21 Budget Revision

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the NCSD 20-21 budget revision as presented, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye

The motion passed.

NCSD 2021-2022 School Calendar

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the NCSD 2021-2021 calendar as presented with the ability to adjust Spring break as needed, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye

The motion passed.

Live Spot Contract Approval

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the 2 year Live Spot contract as presented, seconded by Steven Johnson.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye

The motion passed.

Staff Resignation

A motion was made by Brandon Thomas to approve the resignation of CHS Med Prep teacher Lee Lesueur for the 2021-2021 school year, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye

The motion passed.

Staff Sanitation Stipend

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the staff sanitation stipend with $110,000 going to Capital Reserve to give staff the stipend, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Evaluation/Contract

All board members agree with the current superintendent contract as is so no vote was needed. Mr. Wilson asked board members for input/recommendations. Joseph Baroz asked Mr. Wilson to consider raises for cooks and secretaries. Mr. Wilson was also asked to look into new furniture for the board room since current furniture is quite old. The board asked Mr. Wilson to reach out to those citizens who addressed the board this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.