NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 20, 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, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, 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 Brandon Thomas.

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the agenda with no additions, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; 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 privileged information and personnel issues, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed.

Garth Crowther reported in via teleconferencing during executive session.

Topic 1 – 12 minutes

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Reports
See attached reports.

BOCES Report
Brandon Thomas reported that an emergency BOCES meeting was held on Friday April 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Tina Gore resigned from her position at BOCES effective June 1, 2021. BOCES will be hiring a new director.

NCEA
No one present from NCEA to report.

Administration Report
There was an unannounced Life Spot drill and Mr. Wilson reported that it went pretty good. We found out where our weak spots are and will be working to improve in those areas. There will be a planned Life Spot drill in each building on April 28th.

The teacher of the year banquet will be held in Saguache this year. Mrs. Charlotte Coombs will represent North Conejos School District.

Mr. Wilson reported that assessments have been going very smoothly so far this year.

The State has determined that school accountability will be rolled over again this year. NCSD has been accredited the last couple of years and that will roll over to this year. Mr. Wilson feels NCSD meets the criteria to be accredited with distinction and he plans to apply for it.

Mrs. Susan Hamilton submitted the district UIP and we will not be required to submit our UIP again until October of 2023.

District threat assessment teams have been trained and are continuing to train.

We will be purchasing a lot of technology with ESSER 2 funds.

Mr. Wilson is recommending the in-person learning option for the next school year.

We are trying to fill vacancies for the next school year and want to fill any vacancies before other districts in the valley. Mr. Wilson will keep the board apprised of any future hiring.

Mr. Wilson showed a power point to board members and explained why he feels we can give staff raises for the 2021-2022 school year. He would like to raise each employee by $864 per year plus give them a step.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Best Update – Andy Fiamengo
The new high school building continues to be under budget and on time. In the last 30 days they have continued the under-slab rough-in of electrical, setting of precast panels, set structural steel, perimeter drain, steel roof and floor deck, and concrete stem walls. In the next 30 days they expect to work on the perimeter drain, slab on deck and roof pad concrete, prep for slab-on-grade, exterior steel stud framing, interior 2nd floor framing, plumbing and electrical wall rough-in, and joist deck and structural steel. 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 or spring of 2022 once the school has moved out of the existing facility into the new school. DCS is working with BSC to perform this work.

CHS Prom/CHS Graduation/NCAP Graduation

Katie Montague reported that only juniors and seniors and underclassmen asked by an upperclassman will be able to attend prom this year. Out of district dates are welcome but they need to COVID test before prom. Students will have to wear masks. All students who enter prom will be symptom checked with a fever check. Anyone with any COVID symptom or a fever will be asked to leave. The entire gym will be used for prom. It will not be closed off. Doors will be open to increase airflow in the gym. Two parents per senior or seniors date are welcome for only the grand march. They will not be in direct contact with the students at prom. Parents will only be welcome for the grand march and then asked to leave after the march is complete. We will not do the Junior/Senior banquet this year. Students have to be academically eligible to come to prom. There will only be enough staff to supervise the students.

All students 9-12 are welcome to attend after prom. Activities that are being planned for after prom are as follows: bounce house, laser tag, ice cream (pre-packaged), drunk driving simulation, online video games, card games, corn hole, ping pong, and a movie. All activities that students share will be cleaned in between each use. Parents will have all food prepackaged and there will not be a buffet style food table. Students will be encouraged to hang out in the same pods as prom. Students will have to wear masks. All students who enter after prom will be symptom checked. Anyone with any COVID symptoms or a fever will be asked to leave.

Mr. Montague told board members that they would like to have CHS graduation in the middle school gym. Graduates will come to the school and stand in their designated spot which is 6 feet away from other students. There will be 6 guests allowed per graduate with 500 total people in the facility. Families will have to sit 6 feet apart from other families. We will require masks to be worn by all guests and students. We will encourage high risk populations to stay home and will require sick individuals to stay home as well. All guests will be asked to complete a COVID check prior to coming to graduation. There will be a lottery based system for where parents will sit. This will prevent crowds lining up outside before graduation. Tickets will be issued for graduation so we can track the number of people who are in attendance. We will have a plan to have staggered entries for guests. We will have a staff member take pictures and distribute them to the families in an email to keep parents in their seats during graduation. Graduation will be live streamed for families and others who cannot attend. A local radio station has also agreed to broadcast CHS graduation. School officials handing out diplomas to students will sanitize their hands in between each student. In order to minimize the time spent at this event we will eliminate some traditional parts of our ceremony. We will limit the speeches to five minutes a piece. At the end of graduation, we will dismiss families to leave staggered and they will have to leave the school immediately. There will be no gatherings outside the school.

Mrs. Susan Hamilton reported that NCAP graduation will be May 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the CMS gym. Sargent Reyes will be the graduation speaker.

Color Selection for New CHS Gymnasium

Mr. Wilson showed board members a power point for them to see the color selection choices for the new CHS gym. Selections were made with a grey floor in the main gym with black CENTAURI on the crash mats. These and other detail decisions were discussed and given to Andy Fiamengo. The auxiliary gym will closely match the floor in the current CMS gym. The board wanted to make sure the marque be located high enough to see from the road.

Discuss Policies FB, FB-R, KB, KF, KF-R, LC, LD, LDA
Mr. Wilson went over the policies and CASB recommendations.

ACTION ITEMS

NCAP Alternative Education Campus Renewal Application
Mrs. Hamilton told the board that we must renew this application every year to show that the NCAP meets the state qualifications.

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the NCAP alternative education campus renewal application, 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

E-Rate Resolution

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the resolution for schools and libraries universal services for 2021-2022 school year, 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

ASP Approval
Mr. Wilson asked the board to approve the (6) on campus security personnel that we have previously had.

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the ASP 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

Staff Resignation

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the resignation of Justin Madrigal-Chase effective immediately, 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

Staff Retirement

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the retirement of Bonnie Keller and Terri Booth with transitional contracts for the 2021-2022 school year, 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

2021-2022 NCSD Teacher Contracts

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the NCSD 2021-2022 teacher contracts as presented, 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

2021-2022 NCSD Sponsorship Contracts

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the NCSD 2021-2022 sponsorship contracts as presented, 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

2021-2022 CMS Coaching Contracts

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the 2021-2022 CMS coaching contracts 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

2021-2022 CHS Coaching Contracts

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the 2021-2022 CHS coaching contracts 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

2021-2022 NCSD Classified Staff contracts

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the 2021-2022 NCSD classified staff contracts as presented, 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

2021-2022 NCSD Administrator Contracts

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the 2021-2022 NCSD administrator contracts as presented, 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 Salary Increase Approval
Mr. Wilson asked the board to approve the staff salary increase as presented in his administration report

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the NCSD salary increase 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 New Staff Hires

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve new staff hires Jasmine Montoya as CMS Librarian, Camille Sowards as CHS History teacher, Masen Larsen as CHS History teacher, and Christine Anderson as CHS Med Prep teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, 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

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.