NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 18, 2021
District Administration Building
6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm 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, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; 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; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; 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 Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Reports
See attached reports.

Denny Fringer recognized Manassa Elementary teacher Charlotte Coombs as the North Conejos School District teacher of the year.

BOCES Report
Mr. Curt Wilson told board members that SAC recommended hiring an executive director and a SPED director as this would be effective and save money for the San Luis Valley schools.

NCEA
No one present from NCEA to report.

Administration Report
Kindergarten registration has been held at both elementary schools with a good number of students registering. Many out of district student families are calling to request their child/children attend NCSD next year.

Mr. Wison reported that we need to amend our BEST budget for our audit.

We have been working on the 2021-22 budget and conservatively estimate 1025 students attending NCSD in the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Wilson in in the process of filling out the ESSER II application and shared with board members some of the items he is applying for in the grant.

In order to fill out the ESSER III we need to formalize our 2021-22 school plan. Mr. Wilson is recommending that NCSD return to full in person learning next year and asked for board input. The board gave Mr. Wilson's recommendation full support.

Mr. Wilson would like to have NCSD participate in the parades this summer to say 'thank you' to community voters for supporting the new high school.

We are now at around 85% of our current school year budget and anticipate ending the school year at around 92%. We still need lighting installed in our shops and are looking at a much needed roof repair at Manassa Elementary.

The end of year CMS/CHS band concert will be Monday May 24th at 6:30pm. Mr. Wilson invited all board members to attend the concert.

CHS has cancelled the Senior trip in order to preserve graduation on May 29, 2021.

CHSAA has a membership of around 40 schools. A good number of districts are wanting to split from CHSAA because they don't feel adequately represented. Negotiations are in the process to try and resolve the issues. Mr. Wilson sees a possible split with many districts leaving CHSAA.

Mr. Wilson continues to ask CDOT to address our issues at the CMS/CHS entrance. He has been communicating with CDOT asking what it will take to help resolve the dangerous entrance/exit. He wants to know what the criteria is to resolve the issue. He has invited a representative from CDOT to attend a school board meeting in the near future.

We need to notify the county clerk in writing by July 23, 2021 that NCSD will be participating in the November 2021 election for school board members. We need to take formal action in our June board meeting to participate in the coordinated election and need to designate an election official at the June meeting.

There will be a special board meeting on May 29, 2021 at 9:00 am with the sole subject being discussion and approval of the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Best Update – Andy Fiamengo

In the last 30 days work was done on the perimeter drain, foundation water proofing, placed 2nd floor slab on deck area's A and B, finished slab on grade 1st floor area A, finished structural steel stairs and deck area's A and B, MEP layout and hangers 2nd floor area's A and B, received roofing materials and got started on parapet substrate, received steel studs and started framing layout area's A and B, and electrical underground roughed it.

In the next 30 days work will be done on complete structural steel in all areas, metal stud framing area's A and B 1st and 2nd floor, complete perimeter drains, start site utilities, MEP wall and ceiling rough in 2nd floor area's A and B, slab on grade area D, place stair concrete areas A and B, window install area's A and B 1st and 2nd floor, roofing and parapet lumber area's A and B, and set roof curbs and roof drains area D.

DCS is working with BSC to perform the asbestos/hazardous materials survey.

CHS Graduation/NCAP Graduation
Katie Montague told board members that there will be a designated space for administration, staff and board members. She is not sure if all staff will be invited due to COVID numbers. Graduation will be held in the Centauri Middle School Gym unless we are directed to do otherwise. Graduation will be held outside if necessary. There will be a slide show at the Drive Inn the night before graduation and a graduation parade after the ceremony.

ESSER II
Mr. Wilson hoped to have more to report but he is still waiting on feedback from the ESSER II people.

ACTION ITEMS

Staff Resignation/Retirement

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the resignations of Adam Martinez, ME teacher, Candace Shaw, LJE teacher and CHS head volleyball coach, and retirement of Curt Wilson, Superintendent with a one-year transitional contract for the 2021-22 school year, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed

NCSD 2021-2022 New Staff Hires

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the 2021-2022 new staff hires of Anna Gearhart, Elementary Music teacher, Christy Crawford, ME SPED teacher, and Mike Rodriguez, CHS Spanish teacher, seconded by Steven Johnson.

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

The motion passed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday June 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. A special board of education will be held on Saturday May 29, 2021 at 9:00 am with the sole agenda item of discussion and approval of the 2021-22 proposed budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.