NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 15, 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 Steven Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented, 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the agenda with the addition of action item g, 504 coordinator, seconded Garth Crowther.

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 – June 2021 Discipline Report to BOE
See attached reports.

Mr. Wilson told board members that it has been a different year with COVID. He reported to the board that drugs are always a concern, but we trying to educate students as early as possible to the negative effects and concerns with drug use. He reported to the board that many out of district students are wanting to enroll in NCSD. Mr. Wilson commends our students. He knows we will run into issues with the new year start up, but we will set expectations to pre-COVID early on.

Brandon Thomas in 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Denny Fringer reported that there has been a little higher suspension average this year. He is concerned about the coming year and what students have been through with COVID. He has seen behaviors that he hasn't seen in past years. He plans to address those concerns and prepare for the coming year.

Mrs. Katie Montague reports that vaping has been a big issue this year along with marijuana/weed issues in bathrooms. There has been destruction of school property, defiance and detrimental behavior. She has addressed the issues with students and uses Andrew Jarvies and the Prime for Life Counseling program.

Mrs. Susan Hamilton reported that NCAP also used the Prime for Life counseling program and Andrew Jarvies to address issues at the alternative program. The program works with students and those destructive issues. She reports one suspension and expulsion this year.

BOCES Report
Brandon Thomas reported that there was not enough in attendance for a quorum at the last meeting. There are 3 applicants so far for the BOCES director.

NCEA
No one present from NCEA to report.

Administration Report
Mr. Curt Wilson reported that ASP's were trained last Saturday and Sunday. All district ASP's passed.

CDOT will be attending our July board meeting to discuss the CHS/CMS school entrance. At a minimum we would like to keep the current high school construction entrance.

Mr. Wilson signed up for an entry in the Manassa Pioneer Parade to thank our community for passing the tax increase to build the new high school.

NCSD has scheduled a new year registration for the coming school year in August. Many are wanting to attend NCSD and enrollment looks to go up for the coming year.

In ESSER II we will get funds for home school students due to COVID.

We applied for ESSER II and were approved for funding. Mr. Wilson is currently filling out paper work for the ESSER III.

Colorado state standards are used/taught in our district. All are free to think and express as understood in our district mission statement. We recognize diversity with unity. We do not want to buy into things that divide our kids/people.

Our COVID plan has been announced and is currently on our website. We hope for normality for the 2021-2022 school year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Best Update – Andy Fiamengo
We are on budget and on schedule with the new high school. In the last 30 days area A/B 1st and 2nd floor were layout for framing, 2nd floor framing and exterior framing underway and nearly complete, area A/B 1st floor framing layout is 99% complete, 1st floor area A/B has started, main gym slab was places/poured, structural steel is 95-98% complete, roof decking is 95% complete, roofing over area A and B is progressing, perimeter drain is ongoing, area A/B window frames have started and glazing is ongoing, site sanitary sewer started and manholes 1 and 2 are in place, vertical joint sealant is ongoing on interior, foundation waterproofing ongoing, fire protection piping started and progressing in area a/b on 2nd floor, duct-work 2nd floor area's A/B is underway, and roof drains area's A/B are ongoing. DCS is working with BSC to perform the asbestos/hazardous materials survey.

Building Tour – CHS Construction
Those attending the board meeting toured the new high school construction site.

Consolidated Application with Federal Programs
Susan Hamilton reported she is applying for Title I, II, IV, V programs. Title III needs signed and turned into BOCES.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution to Revise 20-21 Adopted Budget

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the resolution to revise the 20-21 adopted budget, 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

Resolution to Approve 2021-2022 Adopted Budget

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the resolution to adopted the 2021-2022 budget, 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 Staff Resignation

A motion by Steven Johnson to approve the staff resignation of Christine Anderson as CHS Med Prep teacher, 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 New Staff Hiring

A motion by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the new staff hiring of Erin Vargas, Manassa Elementary teacher, Danisha Martinez, La Jara Elementary teacher, Tanya White, CHS Med Prep teacher, and Alexis Miller, CHS head volleyball coach, 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

Board Approval to Participate in the 2021 Election

A motion by Steven Johnson to approve NCSD participation in the 2021 election, 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

Appoint Designated Election Official

A motion by Mary Jane Valdez to appoint Joseph Baroz as the Designated Election Official for NCSD for the 2021 election, 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

504 Coordinator

A motion by Garth Crowther to appoint Susan Hamilton as the district 504 Coordinator, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.