

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

July 20, 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, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, absent.

PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the agenda as presented, seconded Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

BOCES Report

None

Mr. Wilson told board members that Doctor Phillips was hired by BOCES. Mr. Wilson will meet with her before school begins.

NCEA

No one present from NCEA to report.

Administration Report

Mr. Curt Wilson reported that there is a bill (HB21-1164 at the state level that will force school districts to increase their mill levy to meet the 27 mill required by the state to get full funding for all districts. It would increase one mill every year until the required 27 mill or full funding is met.

A four-day school week was approved by the state for North Conejos School District.

Staff were sent a memorandum with information to start the new year.

Mr. Wilson asked the board for feedback as to what they wanted on the plaque for the new high school.

Construction at the high school hit some water lines and they are still working on the sprinkler system. Holman Irrigation will be coming. We hope to have the situation resolved soon.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Best Update – Andy Fiamengo

Mr. Wilson reported that we continue to be on time and on budget with the new CHS construction project.

The board will need to approve the Technology/IT package for the new high school as well as the Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF & E) package tonight. Information concerning those packages were sent to the board prior to the board meeting for their consideration.

12th Judicial District Court

Judge Martin Gonzales addressed the board concerning the Colorado High School Mock Trial Program. Since 1985, the Colorado Bar Association has proudly sponsored the program. Hundreds of attorneys, judges, teachers, and other community leaders volunteer their time to instruct students about the judicial system and the trial process through this educational program. He is working on AP credit with ASU for participating students. There is a \$500 entry fee plus travel. This program is available to all Valley schools.

CDOT Discussion, Hwy 285 Entrance

Julie Constan and Jennifer Allison addressed the board concerning the highway 285 entrance to CMS/CHS. They presented a power point that addressed the statutes they must abide by to keep their federal funding for the Colorado Department of Transportation. They understand the concern, but they are limited by the guidelines they must follow. They will look at the second entrance (now a construction entrance) for South bound traffic to alleviate traffic congestion. Since the school district has raised the elevation at the entrance a great deal, they will pursue a flashing traffic light at that entrance to warn drivers of oncoming traffic. This has proven helpful in preventing some accidents. Julie suggested a bigger traffic project to widen the highway to clear congestion. We must apply to get on a list for this future project and this takes time and funding.

ACTION ITEMS

NCS D Staff Resignation

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the staff resignations of Mason Armstrong, part time custodian; Kimberly King, CHS cook; Erin Vargas, Manassa Elementary teacher; and Robert Ward, CHS custodian, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed

NCS D New Staff Hiring

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the NCS D staff hiring of Alexandria Vigil, LJE Librarian; Angela Garcia, NCAP Interventionist; Shane Sowards, CHS assistant football coach; Aaron Holman, CHS assistant football coach; Jackson Price, \$1 CHS football coach; Kaily Lopez, CHS assistant volleyball coach; Jennifer Jackson, CHS assistant volleyball coach; and Michon Roberts, ME teacher.

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

The motion passed

Approve FF & E Package (New CHS)

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the FF & E package for the new high school as presented, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed

Approve Technology Package (New CHS)

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the technology package for the new CHS as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday August 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.