

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

August 17, 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, aye.

PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Steve Johnson to approve the consent agenda 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the agenda with the addition of action item 11e. CHSAA member approval, seconded Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Report

Please see attached reports.

BOCES Report

Brandon Thomas reported that there will be a BOCES meeting tomorrow August 18th at 7:00 p.m. Joseph Baroz will attend the meeting.

NCEA

No one present from NCEA to report.

Administration Report

Mr. Curt Wilson reported that student enrollment is up and he will keep an eye on the student enrollment in the district this year.

NCSD staff attended a health protocols training on August 16th and 17th. The re-opening plan was covered by Mr. Wilson, as well as health protocols by school nurse Melissa Caldon. District staff will be compensated for attending this training.

Mr. Wilson will be giving our community details on how our mil levy maybe increased by the state to compensate for lost school revenue in past years. He would like to give them a heads up and answer some questions on why this increase may be coming.

Mr. Wilson addressed staff today at the district staff in-service. We need to get the kids out of COVID mode and get back to teaching kids and focusing on what matters most. We need to speak and teach to the individual. Teach to the standards and teach goodness and kindness. Time with kids is precious so we need to use our time wisely. Teach and be good individuals. Mr. Wilson showed a power point on Use of Time. We have little time to impact our kids. The power point covered time on task, good instruction, little waste time, and be good people.

Principals Assessment Results Update

Mr. Ricky Salazar gave the board members a handout on LJE PARCC results for 20201-21. He discussed how COVID affected children at LJE.

Mr. Denny Fringer talked about parent/student/social accountability. Testing gives a snapshot on students on that day. He looked at individual students with their teacher on results of testing scores. We need to find a way to help all catch the vision. Reasoning and thinking are not ME's strong points and is an area to work on. We need to look at individual students and see how we can help that individual child.

Mr. Tyler Huffaker told board members that CMAS participation rates and achievement overall was exceptional last year. Our overall effort to push through the pandemic in person as much as possible paid great dividends and it showed in the test results. Last year was hard on kids and Mr. Huffaker looks forward to a new normal this year. He met with staff on areas of concern and wants to focus on kids. We learned from last year.

Mrs. Susan Hamilton has looked at the last 5 years of data and it shows there have been increases each year. Math scores are lower than they would like to see. Mr. Hamilton wrote a grant for an interventionist to help with individual concerns. NCAP will be using a new more interactive program called Ingenuity. She feels this will help in her students' growth.

Mrs. Katie Montague told board members that overall CHS lost a bit of ground last year due to COVID. Overall we were 42 points below our scores last year. We lost less ground in Math than we did in English. Compared to the state we are about the same level below the state as we were last year. We did much better than the state with learning loss. We actually were closer to the state average than we were last year. Math was our biggest area of learning loss. We will dig into scores and make instructional changes based on the data. Data talks will begin soon to address gaps in the instruction. For English, we need to work on standard English conventions. For Math, we need to focus on problem solving and data analysis. In both Science and Social Studies we were 2 points below the state for subscores. The focus to help get this up is to have the students read and analyze articles in each content area. We did a great job with our 9th grade on the PSAT, we were right with the state on all parts of this test. On the 10th PSAT test for Math we need to work on Heart of Algebra and passport to advanced Math concepts. For English, we need to work on Words in context and command of evidence. We did better in Math than we did in English. Mrs. Montague is evaluating what we need to work on. We need to incorporate a lot more literacy in Science and Social Studies. We have some celebrations and some areas we need to work on. We are looking at the gaps.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Best Update

Mr. Wilson reported there will be a walk through on Thursday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m. They are currently getting bids for demolition of the old high school. Construction progress in the last 30 days includes: framing completed and wall sheetrock hung on 2nd floor areas A & B, framing completed on 1st floor areas A & B, framing started in area C & D, framing started at the canopy, top-out sheetrock started on 1st floor areas A & B, taping filling, and sanding started area A & B 2nd floor (area B complete and ready for texture), 1st coat of primer applied at 2nd floor area B, sound sealant at top of walls complete on 2nd floor and started on 1st floor, foundation waterproofing complete, HVAC ongoing on 1st and 2nd floors area A & B, MEP wall rough in complete on 2nd floor area A & B, MEP wall rough in started on 1st floor area A, B, C, & D, site rough grading started, site utilities started, roofing over areas C & D, grease interceptor set and piping underway, Xcel Energy installed gas line to building, fire stopping started at 2nd floor, started plumbing & electrical rough-in at kitchen walls, wall insulation on 2nd floor complete, MEP insulation on 2nd floor 99% complete.

Construction for next 30 days include: wall framing in all areas interior and exterior to be complete, elevator shaft construction/framing to start and possibly complete, stucco may start, site grading should be complete, site concrete work will get started after final grading, site utilities should be complete, landscape sleeves will be installed as the sidewall areas are graded, exterior paint will start, inter paint should get started, MEP wall rough-in at 1st floor area A & B should be complete, MEP ceiling rough-in at corridors will be ongoing on 1st & 2nd floor, MEP wall rough-in should be complete at area C & D and ceiling rough-in should start, kitchen wall rough-in will be completed, roofing on area C low roof and main gym will be complete, aux gym underway, sheetrock finishing should be complete and ready for texture and paint at 2nd floor area A, sheetrock area C and D will start, texture should be completed at 2nd floor area B and ready for paint, wall insulation at area A & B 1st floor should be completed, wall insulation at area C & D should get started, MEP insulation 1st and 2nd floor area A & B should be complete.

DCS is continuing to work with BSC to perform asbestos/hazardous materials survey.

Re-Opening Plan for 2021-2022

Mr. Wilson reported that the re-opening plan for NCS D has not changed. There is one federal mandate that students on school transportation wear masks. Our students and staff will be free to choose to wear masks at school or not wear masks. We will post our plan on the NCS D website.

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 as presented, seconded by Steve Johnson.

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

The motion passed

NCS D New Staff Hiring

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the new staff hiring of Josie Villagomez, CHS custodian; Brittany Quintana, cook; Mason Larson, CMS football coach; and Ann Quinlan, CMS volleyball coach, 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

1st Reading of Policies FB, FB-R, KF, KF-R, LD, LDA

A motion was made Steve Johnson to approve the 1st reading of policies FB, FB-R, KF, KF-R and the repeal of policies LD, and LDA, 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

NCS D Overnight Trip Approvals

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve any NCS D scheduled/ state competitions that require overnight stay, 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 be a part of CHSAA

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the CHSAA Resolution: The North Conejos School District RE-1J will accept the CHSAA Constitution and By-laws as the minimum standards for conducting its interscholastic programs, seconded by Steve 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 September 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.