

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 21, 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 Garth Crowther 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, 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 13c. Resolution addressing remote learning for the 21, 22 school year, seconded Steven Johnson.

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

BEST Update – Andy Fiamengo

Andy reported that they are on schedule. They are also on budget with the abatement and demolition. They will be making an add service request for \$34,000 to DPS which includes existing school demolition, addition of wrestling mat structure and equipment, additional services by specialty consultant to revise and submit documents for CCC, revisions to secretary/waiting area/administration, enlarge bleachers as presented in ASI-020, and gym revisions. Another \$2,400 in add service request for the design of ice melt system. They are working on adding an outdoor living area in front of the high school.

The construction progress in the last 30 days: drywall is 99.9% completed on the 2nd floor, areas A and B; drywall is complete Area A and B up to the secretary office and finishing is underway; elevator framing has started; soffit framing between A and C in the lobby has started; drywall in C and D has started; canopy framing is complete; mechanical, electrical & plumbing (M.E.P.) in the corridor 2nd floor is ongoing; mechanical room piping has started; cable trays have started on 2nd floor; electrical rough in C and D walls continues; kitchen wall rough-in has started and near complete; roofing detailing area C, M.E.P. ceiling rough-in at Lobby has started; duct on first floor A and B is underway; underground electrical is underway, fiber run is completed; new water main tie-in completed; site grading for mechanical yard, curb & gutter, and sidewalks ongoing.

Next 30 days activities: drywall should complete in area's A and B, 1st and 2nd floors; drywall texture should complete in A and B, 1st and 2nd floors, drywall should be complete in C and D; storefront windows should start in area's A and B, 1st and 2nd floors; painting 1st and 2nd floors, area A and B should start; ceiling grid to start at A and B, 2nd floor; tile to start in student restrooms in area's A and B, 2nd floor; lobby M.E.P. in ceiling should finish; elevator framing should finish; drywall finishes to start in C and D; site concrete to start; transformer pad to start; Xcel Energy will install the transformer; M.E.P. 2nd floor corridor should be complete area's A and B; M.E.P. 1st floor corridor should be complete area's A and B; roof top units (RTU's) should be set and in process of being connected; remaining roofing will be complete, and building will be entirely dried-in.

NCSD & Admn. – Tour CHS Construction

NCSD & Admin. – Tour Lighting of CHS Shops

Mr. Wilson reported that 3 bids were received to put LED lighting inside and outside at the CHS shops. He will report who was selected and progress at the next board meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Report

Please see attached reports.

BOCES Report

Joseph Baroz reported that he attended the BOCES meeting. BOCES gave all staff a raise. The new BOCES director had questions on the BOCES trailer at NCSD. Joseph asked her to get more information on the trailer and what NCSD does for them. She also visited with Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Baroz feel she has a better understanding of what NCSD has done for them and the structure on site.

NCEA

No one present from NCEA to report.

Administration Report

Mr. Curt Wilson reported that we currently have 1008 students enrolled at North Conejos School District and feels this may change closer to October Count Day.

Mr. Wilson went over the Resolution addressing remote learning that will be on our action items this evening with board members. He explained that it will be very similar to the resolution in place last school year and we need to have it in place for any students that may need to learn remotely if they are quarantined during this school year.

ESSER III funds will address specific learning loss due to COVID.

We are going to leave policy GBGG, the sick leave policy, as is. We offer enough paid sick leave to battle COVID. At any point days could return to public service days for COVID. We will use sick days and then help staff as needed. Staff will need to meet one of 5 reasons for absences to get more days for COVID if needed.

We received a \$175,000 abatement grant that will help to mitigate some of the high school demolition.

Mr. Wilson would like to give staff an ample bonus this year with monies returned from the state (for students that did homeschool last year).

Policy JICDE is very specific in covering bullying. It covers due process, getting all sides and disciplining from facts not here say.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Current COVID Protocols CCHS

Mr. Wilson reported that we are working with the county. We want to protect people and keep students in school. Conejos County Public Health Protocol for Isolation and Quarantine has been placed on our district website on the main page. Please refer to the website for more information.

NCS D BOE Election

Joseph Baroz, Designated Election Official, for NCS D reported that we are on track for board elections in November. Joseph Baroz and Brandon Thomas will be leaving the board after elections. Mary Jane Valdez is running unopposed for District A, Nathan Coombs is running unopposed for District E, and Larry Zaragoza and Harmon Hostetter are running for the District C seat. It will cost the school district approximately \$20,000 to participate in the election.

20-21 Consolidated Federal Programs Application Approval Letter

Mrs. Susan Hamilton told board members that the Colorado Department of Education has reviewed the Consolidated Federal Programs Application and has been given final approval. Mr. Wilson commended Mrs. Hamilton for her diligent work with Federal Programs.

Policies KB, LC, GBK-R, CBB, GDBC, IC/ICA, IHCD A, JEB, JLCB, JLCB-R, JLCD, JLCD-R, JLCD-E, JLCDB, JLCDB-E

Mr. Wilson told board members that he would like to keep current policy LC as is. Curt will have the school nurse, Melissa Caldon, go over policies JLCB, JLCB-R, JLCD, JLCD-R, JLCD-E, JLCDB, JLCDB-E for discussion next month. The remainder of the policies are just language changes that will be changed for a 1st reading next month.

ACTION ITEMS

NCS D New Staff Hiring

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the new staff hiring of Mike Atencio, part-time custodian; Danielle Armstrong, CHS paraprofessional; Katie Creery, \$1 CHS cheer coach; Rodney Noga, substitute teacher; Moe Crowther, substitute teacher; Jimmy Hinojos, substitute custodian, 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.

2nd Reading of Policies FB, FB-R, KF, KF-R, LD, LDA

A motion was made Garth Crowther to approve the 2nd reading of policies FB, FB-R, KF, KF-R and the repeal of policies LD, and LDA, 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

Resolution Addressing Remote Learning for 21-22 School Year

A motion was made by Brandon Thomas to approve the resolution addressing remote learning for the 21-22 school year, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

*The December board meeting will be moved up one week from December 21st to December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to get the mil levy approved and turned in on time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.