

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

October 19, 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, absent; 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 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, absent; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the agenda with the change of discussion item 10e being added to line item 7 BEST Update and removing action item 11b DCS consulting contract extension, seconded Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed

Steven Johnson in at 6:42p.m.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

### **BEST Update – Andy Fiamengo**

Andy reported that the budget is still in great shape and is still on schedule. Alternates for the CHS building were presented as extras/alternates as follows:

- Concrete vs. asphalt for the parking areas. Concrete will last longer with the added cost of approximately \$240,000
- The addition of faux-wood beams in the lobby with the added cost of approximately \$90,000
- Adding an electric snow melt system on the concrete entrance on the North side of the building. There is a lack of sun in the winter months at the north entrance to the building causing ice to build up. Andy is waiting on an amount for the ice melt system from Barbee. Mr. Wilson would like to discuss the alternates and extras at the November board meeting.

The construction progress in the last 30 days Framing and Drywall: (1) Drywall and finish and texture completed in area's A and B, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors (2) Framing completed in area's C and D (3) Drywall hung and at 50% completed in area's C and D (4) Top of wall soundproofing was started in C and D and complete in A and B, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors (5) Elevator shaft was framed, and shaft liner installed inside of shaft. Paint: (1) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor area's A and B primed received 1<sup>st</sup> coat (2) Ceiling grid (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classrooms got started area's A and B. Tile: (1) Gang restrooms and staff restrooms were tiled and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor area A and started in 1<sup>st</sup> floor gang restrooms. Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing: (1) Corridor and overhead electrical rough-in area's A and B, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors ongoing (2) Electrical wall rough-in area's A and B, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors completed (3) Electrical wall rough-in area's C and D ongoing (4) High voltage wire pulling was started in area's A and B, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors (5) Overhead rough-in area's C and D was started (6) Corridor piping 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, area's A and B completed (7) Corridor piping 1<sup>st</sup> floor area's A and B started (8) Plumbing wall rough-in area's c and D started and ongoing (9) Mechanical room build-out started and well underway (10) Duct in area's A and B 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor underway (11) Duct in gyms got started and is ongoing (12) Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing insulation 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors 95% completed (13) Low volt wire area's A and B got started. Casework: (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor area's A and B casework in classrooms was completed minus toe kicks by flooring contractor. Site Work: (1) Site concrete started on west side and mechanical yard on east side (2) Transformer pad was set (3) Xcel installed transformer (4) Irrigation sleeves installed under site concrete work on west side (5) Site conduits installed at mech yard, transformer, and west side under site concrete work locations.

Construction progress ion next 30 days Framing and Drywall: (1) All framing should be complete in all areas (2) All drywall should be complete (3) Exterior wall board should be complete at canopy's (4) Finishing in area's C and D will be nearing completion (5) Elevator shaft drywall should be complete. Paint: (1) Gym exteriors should be complete (2) Should get started in C and D interior walls, prime & paint 1<sup>st</sup> coat. Ceiling Grid: (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor should be complete, library and corridor (2) 1<sup>st</sup> floor classrooms should be complete. Tile: (1) Tile should be complete area's A and B 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restrooms and started in C and D gang restrooms. Mechanical/Electrical/ Plumbing: (1) Corridor piping will be complete in area's A & B 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors (2) Corridor piping in area's C and D will get started (3) Mechanical room build out will be close to completion (4) Duct should be complete in all areas (5) Roof top units (rtu's) will all be set (6) Mechanical insulation should be close to complete in all areas (7) All plumbing and electrical wall rough in will be complete (8) Overhead and corridor electrical, plumbing and HVAC rough

in “should” be nearing completion or will be complete (9) High voltage wire pulling should be nearing completion or complete in area’s A and B 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and get started and ongoing in area’s C and D (10) low volt wiring and cabling should be complete in area’s A and B and get started in C and D.

Casework: (1) Casework will be installed 1<sup>st</sup> floor area’s A and B. Sitework: (1) Concrete should be nearing completion or complete (2) Generator will be set/complete, and wiring started (3) Wiring from transformer to building should get started (4) Remaining site conduits should be completed (5) Irrigation sleeves should be complete (6) Fireline underground will get started and completed (7) Fire tank will get started and close to complete. Roofing: (1) Roofing should be complete. Store fronts, curtain walls and glazing: (1) All frames and glazing should be complete, and doors hung.

BSC received pricing from subcontractors on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. DCS and Terracon reviewed these proposals on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were additional questions because of the review. We should be able to report the results and make a recommendation for Board Action at the November meeting.

Still looking for a March 3<sup>rd</sup> completion with move in over Spring Break.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

### **Principals Report**

Please see attached reports.

### **BOCES Report**

There will be no meeting until November. Chuck Finnegan will be the district representative at the November meeting and get the information from Joseph Baroz and Brandon Thomas.

### **NCEA**

No one present from NCEA to report. Mr. Wilson visited with Mrs. Bonnie Keller on the policy changes and she was okay with the recommended changes.

### **Administration Report**

Mr. Curt Wilson reported that the district will have to get state clearance to give away or sell anything at the old high school building once the new building is completed.

Mr. Wilson is limited on tours of the new high school and has to be very careful to keep the workers, students, and the public safe with COVID health concerns.

The state will attend our next board meeting to discuss the Mill levy equity bill that is coming up. Mr. Wilson wants the community to be informed and understand this bill.

The November elections are coming up soon. There will be new school board members elected and we will seat a new board and organize it at the November 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The final student enrollment is 1010. This is an increase of 17 students from last year.

Mr. Wilson informed the board that there is currently one staff member on leave.

Mr. Wilson visited with Larry Zaragoza from the Town of La Jara concerning the water/sewer bill for the CMS/CHS campus. The district currently has its own water source but uses the town sewer system. He is waiting on the Town of La Jara for a reply to his conversation with Mr. Zaragoza.

Administration and athletic directors will go over hazing with the CHS/CMS students.

There will be a NCSd staff professional/work day on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Instruction and training will be given to teachers on the new white boards in each classroom.

Mr. Wilson would like to use some ESSER III funds to purchase Z Space materials that board members viewed at the last CASB convention they attended.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Current COVID Protocol Addendum**

The school district is working closely with Conejos County Public Health, Dr. Jackson, and SLV Medical on COVID protocol. There was a bump in COVID cases in the county, but that has dissipated. Numbers are down at this time. We will use data to make decisions and we have a matrix built to use if needed.

### **ESSER III Application**

There is a possible 2.1 million available for the ESSER III grant. Monies have to be spend on achievement gaps created by COVID. Mr. Wilson asked principals to research curriculum, summer school, technology, etc. to see how to best use ESSER III funds. Mr. Ricky Salazar looked at data first and saw a computer based program (Dream Box) that assessed where the student is and the program helps each child work through weaknesses. There is a math, social studies, and writing series. He would like to clear some storage rooms to use as classrooms by getting a storage container. Mr. Denny Fringer stated that Manassa Elementary and La Jara Elementary will be working together. There is some great web based learning systems that can remediate and accelerate at the same time. He would like to provide resources for teachers. He mentioned a possible summer academy for students that need intervention to get the boost they need. He also mentioned a Friday school for students with attendance and getting work done issues. Friday school may help motivate students to succeed and hold them accountable.

Mr. Tyler Huffaker told the board he would like to purchase containers to make room in the CMS building for more classrooms, purchase furniture, speakers, webcams, maps, History curriculum, Math curriculum, band instruments/repairs, Kahoot district license, Science workbooks and supplies, stem resources, books for RTI, etc. and possibly another PE teacher and a Technology teacher. Mrs Katie Montague would like to purchase Z space hardware to facilitate virtual reality labs to facilitate CMAS test scores and skills needed in the Colorado State Standards, purchase Gizmo 3 year subscription, purchase Science books, Biology books, AP Chemistry books, Physical Science books, Chemistry books, English text books with digital content, Algebra Math books with electronic resources, Pre-calculus books with electronic resources, a Novel set with E-books, US History books, World History textbooks with E-books, Government textbooks with E-books, Aleks Math Program for a 40 week, 5 year subscription, Newsela subscription, T1-84 scientific calculators, T1-30 scientific calculators. She would like to hire a Special Education Teacher Assistant and provide a stipend to a teacher which will run our summer recovery credit program.

### **CHS Activity Eligibility**

Mrs. Montague reports that there have been several times already this year where behavior things were not addressed in the handbook. She would like to make the following additions in the CHS handbook:

#### Under the Discipline Section

Exposing or causing the exposure or accentuation of undergarments, genitalia, or other body parts of oneself or another normally or intended to be covered either by the individual or in accordance with North Conejos School District Policy, including but not limited to mooning, streaking, flashing, pulling down pants, or skirt-fipping.

#### School Sponsored Activities

All students must be in good standing to attend activities that are sponsored through the school. Good Standing includes that students must be academically eligible (no F's) and that students have not violated any of the major school rules within the last 2 weeks.

#### School Dances

- All students must be in good standing to attend school dances. Good Standing includes that students must be academically eligible (no F's) and that students have not violated any of the major school rules within the last 2 weeks
- All students must attend school the week before the dance. The only absences that are exempt from this are medical, funeral, driver's license, court or school excused absences.

The board agrees with the recommended changes in the CHS handbook.

### **CHS, CMS, LJE, ME, NCAP Addition to Student Code of Conduct**

Mr. Wilson recommended adding the changes to the CHS Activity Eligibility to all district student handbooks. The board was in agreement with the recommendation.

### **CHS Alternates for New Building**

The board moved to combine this item with line item 7 - BEST Update by Andy Fiamengo.

### **CASB Policy Updates IKF, IKF (previously IKF-2), IKF-E (previously IKF-2-E), BID/BID, AC, AC-E-1, GBA, GCE/GCF, GDE/GDF, JB, JF, JFBA, JFBA-R, JFBB, JFBB-R, JICDD, JICDE, JII, LBD, DJE, GBEB, GCE/GCF-R, GCQC/GCQD, GCQC/GCQD-R, GCQF, GDE/GDF-R, GDQD**

Mr. Wilson explained that most policy changes were simple language changes. He made the board aware of any other changes or recommendations that will be presented for a first reading next month.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Policies KB, LC, GBK-R, CBB, GDBC, IC/ICA, IHCD, JEB, JLCB, JLCB-R, JLCD, JLCD-R, JLCD-E, JLCDB, JLCDB-E – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policies KB, LC, GBK-R, CBB, GDBC, IC/ICA, IHCD, JEB, JLCB, JLCB-R, JLCD, JLCD-R, JLCD-E, JLCDB, JLCDB-E, 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.

#### **Staff Christmas Bonus**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the staff Christmas bonus as presented, 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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

The next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.