

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

November 16, 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, 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 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, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the agenda with the change of moving item 12 action items to item 9, seconded Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

CDE Presentation – Mill Levy Correction

Mr. Curt Wilson reported that before the mill levy assessment approval in December, we need to make some changes. Mr. Glenn Gustafson with CDE showed a power point that explained the mill levy correction taking place in the state of Colorado. This December most Colorado school districts will begin incrementally raising property taxes to fix a decades' old practice that reduced local taxes for education based on what has now been determined to be a misinterpretation of the Colorado Constitution. The change in tax collection is mandated by House Bill 21-1164, which was signed into law in June and is forecasted to generate more than \$80 million in additional property tax revenue for school districts in Fiscal Year 2021-2022. This year's legislation required CDE to develop a gradual correction plan. Starting this tax year affected districts will increase their local property tax collections by a small amount every year until the tax credits are zero. A total of 118 of the state's 178 school districts will be impacted by this taxation correction. Taxpayers in these districts will see a maximum one mill increase in their property tax mills beginning in the 2021 tax year and occurring each year following until the tax credits are reduced to zero. North Conejos School District is currently assessed at 17.23 mills and will have to increase mills by 6.283 to reach the 23.406 mills required. As a result of this mill levy correction, the legislature will have access to additional state funds for education.

BEST Update – Activity Report & Presentation

Andy Fiamengo and John Stattler from DCS were present to go over the new BEST high school building and progress. Andy addressed the next 30 day plan on the high school as follows: 1) overhead plumbing rough-in to be complete 2) duct lines to be complete throughout 3) mechanical room build-out will be complete 4) kitchen rough-in to be complete 5) electric room build-outs in the classroom wing to be complete 6) drywall in areas C and D will be complete. Tape and texture will be complete in areas C and D 7) HVAC lines to be complete 8) continued ceiling grid throughout 9) walk-in coolers to be installed 10) FRP in kitchen to be installed 11) stainless panels in kitchen to be installed 12) paint inside gyms to be completed 13) gym equipment to get started 14) continued site concrete 15) homeruns to be pulled into electric rooms classroom wing 16) remaining roof top units to be set and hookups started to units 17) lights to be installed as delivered 18) fire line will be complete, and hydrant set and inspected 19) pump room slab to be placed, walls built, and MEP started.

BSC received pricing from subcontractors for the asbestos/hazardous materials survey on Friday, September 17, 2021. DCS and Terracon reviewed these proposals on Wednesday, September 22nd. There were additional questions because of the review and those were satisfied. We have presented a Board Action Report with a recommendation for approval for the November meeting.

DCS was recently made aware by BSC that their substantial completion date of March 3, 2021 may not be achievable. BSC site delays in supply chain and COVID 19 related disruptions. Critical Path items currently up for discussion are flex-duct, electrical switchgear, and lighting packages. DCS is working with DPS and BSC to provide an opportunity for BSC to "prove-out" their assertions. Currently, they note their work will now be substantially complete on or around April 1, 2021 for the building portion only. It is safe to assume the end date for the entire project (site work remediation) would also likely move from October 2022 to November 2022 as well. We have asked for a recovery schedule.

Items for board consideration related to quality control include (a) You may be aware the slab in the Aux Gym was not properly installed. This item has been rectified and a new slab has been installed. (b) Concrete strength in site concrete was below design strength and the noted concrete has been removed and has been re-poured and has now achieved the desired design strength. (c) While reviewing the site and with a subsequent conversation with Curt Wilson, DCS and NCS D noticed some anomalies with the finish on the precast concrete panels. During an architectural site visit and subsequent report by DPS, BSC was notified that the finish on the precast concrete panels was not accepted. At this time, BSC has forwarded the rejection on to Stresscon (precast panel manufacturer/installer) and expects to have additional conversations this and next week. We are hopeful to have resolution as to the correction of finishes and a proposed final solution in a couple of weeks. As a result of the lower nighttime temperatures, it is unlikely a final solution will be implemented until warmer temperatures can be achieved. DCS will continue to monitor progress on a resolution and continue to report to the board on the progress.

Items for board consideration related to additional scope: (1) additional front entry concrete \$6,000 (2) changing asphalt to concrete R.O.M. of \$200,000 or less (3) open to structure commons ceiling to linear metal ceiling R.O.M. of \$90,000 (4) addition of snowmelt to West main entrance concrete R.O.M. of \$125,000 (5) marquee sign upgrade \$75,000 (6) gym floor stain and striping \$75,000 (7) digital displays \$30,000

ACTION ITEMS

Abatement Contract Award

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve All Star for abatement and Grant Mackay for demolition of the BEST high school project for the total amount of \$797,112.30, 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.

DCS Consulting Contract Extension

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the 11 month contract extension with DCS in the amount of \$156, 435, seconded by Steven Johnson.

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

The motion passed.

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 – 1st Reading

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve 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 – 1st Reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

Policies KB, LC, GBK-R, CBB, GDBC, IC/ICA, IHADA, JEB, JLCB, JLCB-R, JLCD, JLCD-R, JLCD-E, JLCDB, JLCDB-E – 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve policies KB, LC, GBK-R, CBB, GDBC, IC/ICA, IHADA, JEB, JLCB, JLCB-R, JLCD, JLCD-R, JLCD-E, JLCDB, JLCDB-E – 2nd Reading, seconded by Steven Johnson.

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

The motion passed.

Date for Board of Education Reorganization Meeting

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the date of December 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the board reorganization meeting, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Report

Please see attached reports.

BOCES Report

Chuck Finnegan reported that there will be no board meeting until December 15th. He will receive more information concerning the meeting via email from BOCES.

NCEA

No one present from NCEA to report.

Administration Report

Mr. Curt Wilson reported that approximately 1/3 of students attending North Conejos Schools are from out of district. There are 106 students from Alamosa, 25 students from Monte Vista, 65 students from Sanford, 67 students from Sangre De Cristo, 112 students from South Conejos, and 1 student from Upper Rio Grande.

Mr. Wilson asked if there were any board members wanting to attend the CASB Convention December 2-4 in Colorado Springs. The cost for registration doubled from past years. If anyone is interested, please contact Mr. Wilson as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

ESSER III has been submitted and we are waiting for feedback.

Mr. Wilson told board members that we teach Colorado State Standards and we work to get every child to the best position they can be. We strive to help them reach their goals in life rather on focusing on what they are or where they are born.

We will revisit the district COVID plan when we get to a place that we need to change it. Mr. Wilson said kids learn best by attending school and we want to keep them here.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**ESSER III Application**

Mr. Wilson reported on the ESSER III application in his administration report.

CHS Alternates for New Building

The board was shown the lettering choice of black acrylic for the lettering on the building, color selection of the sound barrier in the gymnasium, and color choices for room name plaques.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

The board will have a special reorganization meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

The next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.