

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

January 25, 2022

District Administration Building

5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting scheduled for 5:30 pm at the District Administration Office was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chuck Finnegan, President.

ROLL CALL

Nathan Coombs, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Harman Hostetter, aye; Steven Johnson, 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 Steven Johnson.

Nathan Coombs, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Harman Hostetter, aye; Steven Johnson, 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 following additions 11b. approval of CMS Paraprofessional Position, 11c. NCSD Staff Resignation, 11d. Emergency Revision of Policy ADF, seconded by Harman Hostetter.

Nathan Coombs, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Harman Hostetter, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

NCSA Audit – Wall Smith Bateman

Kim Temple and Jenna Sowards presented the 2021 financial audit for North Conejos School District to board members.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Report

Please see attached reports.

BOCES Report

Chuck Finnegan reported that the December board meeting was basically an orientation for new members of the board. The next meeting will be January 26, 2022.

NCEA

No Report

Administration Report

Mr. Wilson showed board members the color choices for the Gym in the new high school. We will be staining the wood for durability. We want to do the floor right so we will allow the floor to acclimate, which may take more time in the floor installation process.

March 15, 2022 is still the tentative move in for students and staff at the new high school.

ESSER III monies will be geared toward catching students up that are behind due to COVID.

Remote learning is not as successful as in person learning. We will try to take everything in to account and make the best decision for our students. Our goal is to stay in person.

There are new lights in the shops and they make a big difference. Mr. Wilson invited board members to visit the shops and see the improvement.

Mr. Wilson let board members know there was an expulsion hearing for a student making a threat. Parents did not appeal the expulsion.

The NCSd calendaring committee will meet tomorrow, January 26 to work on the 2022-2023 NCSd calendar.

There will be safety training for those that need it again for next year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COVID Policies/Procedures

Conejos County Public Health has worked well with our district. Our school nurse does a great job in making the best decisions she can while following COVID guidelines in behalf of our students and staff. The school district, in consultation with school attorneys, offers enough days to staff to suffice for COVID exposure and leave days. We have a policy on donated days to staff to provide more days if needed.

New Superintendent Search

There are 2 ways the Board can go about this (1) a CASB search can be done with a cost of between \$10,000 - \$15,000 which is very pricey and invites many applicants that are just wanting to finish out somewhere to up their PERA (2) make a flyer with the required information and put it out there on the CASB website, in the newspaper, on the district website, etc. The Board opted to go forward with option 2. There was discussion on the timeline of this process. It was decided to get a draft of the flyer together with Mr. Wilson's help. The draft will be sent to board members to tweek and finalize so information can be put out there in 2 weeks. There was discussion on putting together a hiring committee consisting of staff, administrators, classified staff, community members, etc. The board would like to have a new superintendent hired by this April.

CHS BEST Update

Mr. Wilson told board members to contact him if they would like a tour of the new high school. DCS last 30 days activities: site concrete ongoing, lights energized in classrooms wing 2nd floor, storefront work ongoing, Library fins started, base coat of paint in gyms completed, flooring in the academic wing started, white/tack board started, RTU wiring underway and close to complete, kitchen equipment installation started, gas appliances in place, overhead MEP rough in ongoing, water, power, and gas to building and turned-on, underground flush of fire line was performed, fire tank was erected and complete, ceiling grid and tiles ongoing, finish paint ongoing, elevator rough in ongoing, bathroom accessories started, mechanical room build-out is close to completion, electric room build-out nearing completion. Next 30 days: site concrete should finish until existing school demo is complete, stucco should start and finish or close to complete, ice melt should deliver and complete or close to complete, RTU's will be up and running, interior lights should be up and running or close to complete, interior doors and hardware should be installed or close to complete, bathroom fixtures, partitions and accessories should be installed and or close to complete, plumbing fixtures throughout should be

installed and or close to complete, ceiling grid and tiles should be complete or close to complete, flooring should be complete or close to complete, paint should be complete or close to complete, casework should be complete or close to complete, pre-punch should get started followed by punch list from architect, gym flooring will get started, bleachers should get started at the end of February, life safety items should be getting inspected, fire alarm and sprinkler system should be getting tested (sprinkler system pending fire pump delivery and install), elevator should get installed, tested, and inspected, store fronts and curtain walls should be complete or near completion.

DCS was recently made award by BSC that their substantial completion date of March 3, 2022 may not be achievable. They sight 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, 2022, 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. The district has agreed to work with BSC on a phased turn-over to allow for a modified classroom date of March 14, 2022, and a gymnasium date April 21, 2022.

While reviewing the site and with a subsequent conversation with Curt Wilson DCS and NCSD 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. BSC has forwarded the rejection on to Stresscon and expects to have additional conversations this and next week. It is unlikely a final solution will be implemented until warmer temperatures can be achieved. It was brought to the team by the District Superintendent there are some interior walls that appear to have some form of “waving” in them. The team will review and ask DPS to weigh-in and provide guidance for direction on the corrections if necessary.

ACTION ITEMS

NCSD 2021 Audit Approval

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve NCSD 2021 Audit as presented by Wall Smith Bateman, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez Steven Johnson.

Nathan Coombs, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Harman Hostetter, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

CMS Para Position

Four individuals were interviewed for the CMS Paraprofessional position with Mindy Russell being recommended as the hire. A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve Mindy Russell as a CMS paraprofessional as presented, seconded by Nathan Coombs.

Nathan Coombs, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Harman Hostetter, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

NSCD Staff Resignation

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the resignation of Scott McCarroll, CHS Voc Welding teacher, at the end of this school year, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Nathan Coombs, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Harman Hostetter, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Emergency Approval of Policy ADF

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the emergency approval of policy ADF as presented, seconded by Harman Hostetter.

Nathan Coombs, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Harman Hostetter, aye; Steven Johnson, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

The next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.