

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

March 15, 2022

District Administration Building

7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm at the District Administration Office was called to order at 7:05 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 Garth Crowther to approve the consent agenda 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the agenda as presented, seconded Steven Johnson.

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

There were no citizens to address the board.

SLV BOCES Presentation

Jackie Phillips has been visiting all school districts in the San Luis Valley and just wants to let the board know what BOCES does.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Report

Please see attached reports.

BOCES Report

Chuck Finnegan reported that Jackie Phillips shared BOCES information in her presentation.

NCEA

No Report

Administration Report

Mr. Wilson reported to the board that our ESSER III application has been approved. All information for ESSER III criteria is on our district website.

Centauri High School and the North Conejos Alternative Program will be combining graduation this year.

Mr. Wilson told board members that Spring Break will be next week, March 21st – 24th.

Board members were also informed that the budget is balanced for the year and he will be bringing up raises for staff in April to keep and draw quality staff to the North Conejos School District.

April is a hard month for staff and students. There are generally conduct code issues, etc. that come to the forefront and Mr. Wilson told board members that the district will adhere to current policy and procedures.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COVID Update

COVID numbers are currently very low in the SLV. NCSD will keep their current COVID protocols that are on our district website at this time.

CHS Opening/Ribbon Cutting – March 28, 2022

After discussion it was decided to hold a more formal new Centauri High School ribbon cutting/opening ceremony before we have graduation on May 28, 2022. There will be a welcome ceremony/celebration for CHS students when they start their classes in the new high school on March 28th.

CHS BEST Update

Andy Fiamengo had Barbi Towne address the board concerning the updates on the new high school. Barbie reported that the ability to teach students will be in place on March 28, 2022. The two gyms will not be complete at this time. The building exterior and landscaping are waiting for weather conditions to improve and warm up. The new parking and drive way will not be complete until the old building is demolished. The marquee is approximately 2 months out and expected to arrive and be installed sometime in June. The total project completion is projected sometime in October 2022.

CASB Policy Update- AC, DJB, GBI, JICDE, BEDA-E, JICDE-E-1, JICDE-E-2

CASB periodically updates policies. These are the current CASB policy update recommendations. They will be presented for a first reading at the next board meeting.

District Phone Purchase Presentation – Brad Huffaker

NCSD is currently using CenturyLink for our phone system. This is an old analog system that costs the district around \$2,000 monthly. Brad told the board that it is time to look into a new VOIP system that will be more reliable. He checked into the VOIP system and got 5 quotes from Broad Voice, WSB, Nextiva, Rocky Mountain Fire & Security, and Netillegence. He recommends to the board going with Netillegence as they are local and can be readily available for any phone issues that may arise and they were one of two most reasonable quotes. Going with the VOIP system will save the district a good amount of money and should prove to be much more reliable than our current phone system.

ACTION ITEMS

First Reading Policy GCBA and ADF

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the first reading of policies GCBA and ADF, 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.

NCS D Phone System

A motion was made by Harman Hostetter to approve going with Netillegence for the district phone system update, 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.

NCS D Staff Resignation

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the NCS D staff resignations of Mike Rodriguez, CHS Spanish teacher, and Nikki Pepper, LJE teacher, 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.

NCS D Staff Hiring

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the NCS D staff hiring of Nikki Pepper, LJE teacher, Glen Harmsen, CHS Spanish teacher, and Debra Shawcroft, CMS 6th Science teacher, 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 April 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.