

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

April 19, 2022

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 6:33 pm by Chuck Finnegan, President.

ROLL CALL

Nathan Coombs, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Harman Hostetter, aye; Steven Johnson, 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 Nathan Coombs to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

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

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no citizens to address the board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Report

Please see attached reports.

BOCES Report

Mr. Curt Wilson reported that the school district, along with Sanford, Centennial, & Antonito school districts, will be meeting with BOCES to discuss what is best for kids. Mr. Wilson reported that he is waiting on an OCR report and will be meeting with school attorneys to discuss conflicts.

NCEA

No Report

Administration Report

Mr. Curt Wilson reminded board members that April is a tough month. Testing is nearing completion and he commended staff and students for their best efforts. We have good people in this district.

CHS went to remote learning today (April 19th) due to some issues with the freezer. The freezer was checked and was found to be okay and safe.

There was a NCSD student expelled for assault. The student was referred to NCAP for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Wilson told board members that a paint color for the outside of the new high school needs to be selected. Mr. Wilson showed board members the four options and asked them to give their opinions to him as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BEST Update

A walk through was completed at the new school. The auxiliary gym will be complete soon with the main gym to follow. All issues with the new school are being addressed and expected to be completed

by May 12, 2022. There was a community good-bye to the old high school on April 12th and April 13th. Anyone interested was able to walk the halls and reminisce their days at CHS.

CHS Opening/Ribbon Cutting

Mr. Curt Wilson proposed the ribbon cutting for the new high school be the night before graduation on May 27, 2022. Mr. Wilson asked for board opinion on the program, refreshments, and tours of the new building. He would like to use CHS student council to help organize and run the open house/ribbon cutting. Mrs. Montague asked that the open house/ribbon cutting begin at 5:00 or 5:30 pm because the seniors have a slide show/movie scheduled to begin at 7:30 in Monte Vista that evening. Mr. Wilson will give the board more details as we get closer to the date.

CHS Teacher of the Year – Deborah Cruz

Ms. Deborah Cruz, La Jara Elementary teacher, is the NCSD teacher of the year. She will represent NCSD at the SLV teacher of the year banquet to be held tomorrow night (April 20th). Mr. Ricky Salazar reported that Ms. Cruz is an amazing teacher and she truly loves her kiddos. Deborah greatly appreciated teaching in this district.

Alternative Education Campus Renewal Application – Susan Hamilton

Mr. Susan Hamilton has been the NCAP director for 9 years. She reported that to renew its designation as an Alternative Education Campus she must submit an application yearly verifying that the school meets eligibility requirements. Based upon the school and student characteristic she certifies to the board that the North Conejos Alternative program meets the requirements specified in Section 22-7-604.5, CRS, and requests Colorado State Board of Education designate this school as an Alternative Education Campus for the 2022-2023 school year. She certifies that this school meets the following criteria: (1) has a specialized mission to serve special needs or at-risk populations (2) is an autonomous public school, meaning that the school provides a complete instructional program that allows students to proceed to the next grade level or to graduate (3) has an administrator who is not under the supervision of an administrator at another school (4) has a budget separate from another public school (5) has nontraditional methods of instruction delivery (6) has a public process to ensure accountability (7) more than 90% of students have either an individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to 22-20-108, C.R.S. and/or meet the definition of a “high-risk” student. She reported that 96% of her students have some form of an at risk situation and that 40% of students are parents themselves. She works to make sure students have what they need to succeed. The drop-out rate at NCAP should be less because of attending the program and she works to have students return to traditional school. She also has a credit recovery program. She tries to keep enrollment at less than 50 students per year. This year NCAP will hold their graduation ceremony with CHS student graduation.

Family & Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) Local Government Participation Vote

Mr. Wilson recommended the board oppose proposition 118 and he asks the board to have a resolution to not adopt FAMLI. He reports that our current policies take care of our own employees. Local school

boards must opt out of the program by a vote or they will be automatically enrolled. In this program both employer and employee will have to contribute monthly if we approve proposition 118. There will be an action item on FAMLI at next month's board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

E-Rate Resolution

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the E-Rate Resolution for the 2022-23 school year, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

ASP Approval

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the North Conejos School District ASP as presented, seconded by Harman Hostetter

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

The motion passed.

NCS D Staff Resignation

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the NCS D staff resignations of Rebecca Lopez and Hannah Cary, Manassa Elementary teachers, seconded by Harman Hostetter.

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

The motion passed.

NCS D Staff Retirement

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the NCS D staff retirement of Janice Price, NCAP teacher at the end of this school year. Krista Middlemist, LJE teacher, and Celeste Salazar, ME teacher at the end of the 2022-23 school year, seconded by Garth Crowther

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

The motion passed.

NCS D Superintendent Contract 2022-2023

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the 2022-2023 Superintendent contract for Darren Edgar beginning July 1, 2022, seconded by Harman Hostetter.

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

The motion passed.

2022-2023 Teacher Contracts

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the 2022-2023 NCS D teacher contracts with the addition of Michelle Woodward, LJE teacher and Clinton Huffaker, CHS Welding teacher, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

2022-2023 Sponsorship Contracts

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the 2022-2023 sponsorship contracts as presented, seconded by Nathan Coombs.

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

The motion passed.

2022-2023 CMS Coaching Contracts

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the 2022-2023 CMS coaching contracts as presented, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

2022-2023 CHS Coaching Contracts

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the 2022-2023 CHS coaching contracts as presented, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed.

2022-2023 Classified Staff Contracts

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the 2022-2023 classified staff contracts as presented, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

2022-2023 Administrator Contracts

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the 2022-2023 administrator contracts as presented, seconded by Harman Hostetter.

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

The motion passed.

NCS D Salary Increase

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the NCS D salary increase of \$3100.00 for all staff positions, \$300.00 for all coaches, \$350.00 for all bus drivers, \$130.00 for non-certified substitutes, and \$150.00 for substitutes with a teaching certificate as presented, seconded by Nathan Coombs.

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

The motion passed.

2022-2023 New Staff Hires

Mr. Wilson included the new staff hires in the teacher contracts so this item was not voted on.

Second Reading Policy GCBA, ADF

A motion was made by Harman Hostetter to approve the second reading of policies GCBA, and ADF, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed.

First Reading CASB Update Policies AC, DJB, GBI and Repeal Policy BEDA-E

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the first reading of CASB update policies AC, DJB, GBI and repeal policy BEDA-E, Seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

The next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.