

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

August 22, 2023

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 6:50 pm by Chuck Finnegan, President.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

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

The motion passed

ACHIEVEMENT/ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

Principals Report

Please see attached Principals reports.

BOCES Report

Mr. Edgar reported that there was not a BOCES meeting this month. He told board members that we will share a new BOCES Director, Danelle LePlatt, with South Central Colorado BOCES. She will be the director for both BOCES. Darren is concerned about BOCES meeting the kids' needs.

NCEA

Misty Espinoza is the new NCEA representative. She wanted to know what she can and cannot do to recruit new members. She was directed to use out of school time to solicit new NCEA members.

Administration Report

There was a facilities 11 month walk through at CHS and it was about what Mr. Edgar expected.

Any ESSER funds that are tied to facilities will need to be completed by September of next year.

La Jara Elementary will need windows upstairs and restrooms replaced and/or repaired.

The CMS windows on the South side of the building need replaced.

Mr. Edgar shared a survey 'My Options Encourage' with the board that gave an indication of NCSD students' plans for their post-secondary careers, and to help educators achieve their goals. 35.70% plan to pursue a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math careers, 33.30% will be the first in their families to attend college, and 85.90% plan to attend a four-year institution. Please see attached hand-out.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Employee Tuition Reimbursement, Policy GCBE

The change in policy GCBD will help NCSD work on moving some staff towards master degrees. Mr. Edgar will be selective as to classes taken so they are not a waste of time for teachers, students, and their classes. This will be a fringe benefit.

Discuss Policies: JJJ-1, JJJ-1R

Changes to the policy include adding random sample drug testing policies. They include procedures and consequences that will fit our kids. A parent meeting was held and went well with most parents supporting the random sample drug testing policies.

CASB Special Policy Updates

Mr. Edgar went through the policies with the board and many of them are based on legislation that was signed into law. He asked the board to look through the J policies. Policy JK added language to make it tougher to suspend or expel a student. He feels that this does not make our schools safer and gives more rights to parents and students. It makes more grey area for administrators and teachers.

ACTION ITEMS**Staff Resignations**

A motion was made by Steven Johnson to approve the staff resignations of Luis Romero, CHS Auto Shop teacher; Alex Mondragon, District Transportation Director; and Danisha Martinez, LJE Kindergarten teacher, seconded by Nathan Coombs.

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

The motion passed.

2023-2024 New Staff Hires

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the 2023-2024 new staff hires of Rhonda Barr, LJE Special Education Paraprofessional; Tiffany Atencio, LJE/CMS Special Education Paraprofessional; Hayley Crowther, LJE 4th Grade teacher; Jordan Romero, ME 4th Grade teacher; Esaya Perez, 6th Science teacher; John Sowards, CHS Auto Shop teacher; Patrick Romero, District Transportation Director; Kathleen Lopez, CHS Custodian, seconded by Steven Johnson.

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

The motion passed.

2023-2024 Final Consolidated Federal Programs Application

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the 2023-2024 Final Consolidated Federal Programs Application as presented, seconded by Steven Johnson.

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

The motion passed.

Rio Grande Bank Signature Changes

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the removal of Mark Bahr and Debbie Buckman from the Rio Grande Bank account and to add the signatures of Gale Gallegos, District Finance Director and Mary Jane Valdez NCSB Board Secretary, to the Rio Grande Bank account, seconded by Steven Johnson.

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

The motion passed.

School Van Purchase for Special Needs

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the school van purchase for special needs students, seconded by Nathan Coombs.

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

The motion passed.

CTE Renovations: Dream Builders

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the CTE renovations: Dream Builders as presented, seconded by Steven Johnson

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

The motion passed.

CMS Gym Doors

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the purchase & installation of the CMS Gym doors, seconded by Nathan Coombs.

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

The motion passed.

1st Reading policies GCBD, JJJ-1, JJJ-1R

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the 1st reading of policies GCBD, JJJ-1, JJJ-1R, seconded by Steven Johnson.

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

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on September 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the district administration building.