NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 17, 2024
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 Mary Jane Valdez, President.

ROLL CALL
Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Tyler Buhr.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Kim Baroz to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Tyler Buhr.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
Paul Garel addressed the board concerning use of the CHS outdoor concession stand for Conejos County Youth Football games.

ACHIEVEMENT/ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

Principal's Report
Please see attached principal reports.

Each building Principal went over the results of the State Assessment for their school.

Manassa Elementary Principal, Denny Fringer, told the board that his students were right at or above the state in all categories of the state assessment. He plans to focus a little more on Science. Mr. Fringer is very proud of the staff and students at Manassa Elementary

La Jara Elementary Principal, Michelle Woodward, told the board the area of focus for this year is going to be growth. LJE plans to use the RACE strategy to help close gaps in growth. They will use data with interventions to focus on closing gaps as well. Anna Gearhart will be working with the gifted students at La Jara Elementary.

Centauri Middle School Principal, Brian Riccatone, told the board that they will be on an improvement plan this year. Some years are tough and he has confidence that CMS will do better next year. The trend is similar across the board with assessment scores. CMS is using a new cell phone policy to reduce distractions at school and CMS will be using school status connect to improve communication with home. Mr. Riccatone told board members that as a building we will be asking what areas are we lacking in and staff will be using rubrics and scoring guides as well.

CHS Principal, Katie Montague, told board members that CHS will look at data to see where we are with the results of the state assessment. There are up and down years, but even in down years CHS has been doing well. Mrs. Montague is very proud of her high school students. CHS will be using IXL for Math. We are a performing school and we will celebrate our successes.

NCAP Principal, Susan Hamilton, told board members that her focus is on student achievement and growth. With good attendance you will have good growth so she would also like to focus on attendance. Mrs. Hamilton now has two certified teachers and that seems to be helping already.

BOCES Report
Mr. Edgar shared that there will be a BOCES meeting tomorrow night, September 20th. Darren would like to revisit our current BOCES MOU which involves Sanford, South Conejos, and Centennial School Districts and our SSN classroom. He believes it needs to be reworked with a fair agreement for all schools involved. Mrs. Kim Baroz will be the NCSD BOCES representative at tomorrow nights' meeting.

NCEA
Misty Espinoza reported that she has received new materials from Marian Montoya that will be distributed to NCSD staff.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT
SLV Quality Concrete will be coming back in with the plumber to excavate the sewer line and attach it to the main sewer line. This should take place in the coming week and we are in hopes we have the new facility and restrooms open before the weekend. Mr. Edgar shared a copy of the CHS Restroom/Concession facility budget and spending report and we are over $6400.00 over what was originally budgeted.

Highland Cabinets has completed the wall boards and cabinets in the CHS Business room. Tinted windows in the business classroom and on the administration windows should be completed in the near future.

Darren met with Adam Robins from Robins Construction concerning the concrete at the CTE facility as well as the high school parking lot. After a thorough discussion on the parking lot and curb Darren has requested that Robins Construction submit another proposal on the parking lot and Adam has agreed. SLV Concrete will also be submitting a proposal for the parking lot and curbing.

October 4th will be our next teacher in-service. We will be going over Status Connect which will be replacing our current school messenger. All schools in the district will be using the same system.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2024-2025 Enrollment Study
Mr. Edgar went over the 10 year enrollment projections and state total program funding analysis. It is showing that enrollment numbers have been declining and that the Kindergarten classes are getting smaller. On-line programs are becoming more popular and taking some students from NCSD. The five year average for NCSD is 976.73 students. The negative factor where school districts weren't given a cost of living increase for a number of years has been an issue, however, we have been able to re-coupe those lost funds through PPOR of students. The PPOR has increased by $2300.00 per students and this

has helped a great deal. The State pays for ninety percent of our funding and ten percent comes from local taxes. Mr. Edgar reported that we currently have a strong fund balance.

2024-2025 Salaries and Benefits Analysis
Mr. Edgar completed the SLV school district salaries and benefit comparison for board review. He handed the board a summary of the salary increase recommendations. Darren would like to evaluate our days leave policy in the future.

ACTION ITEMS

2024-2025 Salary Percentage Increases
A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the 2024-2025 Salary Percentage Increases as presented, seconded by Kim Baroz.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

1st Reading Policy Updates: ACA, GBA, GBJ, GCE-GCF, GDE, GDF, IKFB, IKF, IKF-E, JB, JF, JICA, JICDD, JICDE, JICDE-E-2, JIH, JLCE, KDE
A motion was made by Tyler Buhr to approve the 1st reading policy updates: ACA, GBA, GBJ, GCE-GCF, GDE, GDF, IKFB, IKF, IKF-E, JB, JF, JICA, JICDD, JICDE, JICDE-E-2, JIH, JLCE, KDE as presented with option 2 for policy JIH, seconded by Jake Cary.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

2nd Reading Policy Updates: AC, AC-R-1, AC-E-1, AC-E-2, AC-R-2, AC-R-3, GBAA, JBB
A motion was made by Kim Baroz to approve the 2nd reading policy updates: AC, AC-R-1, AC-E-1, AC-E-2, AC-R-2, AC-R-3, GBAA, JBB, seconded by Tyler Buhr.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed

Resolution: 2023-2024 Amended Budget
A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the Resolution: 2023-2024 amended budget as presented, seconded by Tyler Buhr.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None
Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on October 15, 2024 at 6:30pm.